

**Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy
and Strategy**

BA in Government

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This Student Handbook has been specially prepared for the Raphael Recanati International School and includes translations of relevant sections of IDC Herzliya's Hebrew Student Handbook. If any discrepancies are found between the two, the Hebrew version will take precedence. Certain sections of the Hebrew version pertain specifically to law students and thus may be disregarded by students of the International School.

Introduction to the Program

The international program of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy offers specializations in the areas of International Affairs, Conflict Resolution, Counter-Terrorism & Homeland Security, Middle East, and Business Administration (subject to certain qualifications).

A total of 124 credits is required to complete the B.A. degree, as follows:

First Year

The first year consists of required courses (listed on pg. 5-6) and electives as follows:

- First year students who are not taking the course English for Government* may register to up to 4 credits of general elective courses (from the General Studies Unit) or Interdisciplinary elective courses.
- First year students who are taking the course English for Government* may not take Interdisciplinary electives in the first year, other than the Hebrew Ulpan course.

*The course English for Government (one or two years) is required for all students who are non-native English speakers and/or who did not study in high schools or academic institutions in which studies were conducted in English. At the end of one year, placement or exemption will be determined for the second year.

Second Year

The second year consists of required courses (listed on pg. 7-8) plus the option of no more than three electives (6 credits) from the following categories:

- Elective courses from 3rd year (no seminars)
- Courses from the General Studies Unit
- Interdisciplinary elective courses

Third Year

During the third year, students will complete their specializations. Each student is required to enroll in at least one (and no more than two) of the areas of specialization offered:

- International Affairs
- Conflict Resolution
- Middle East
- Counter-Terrorism & Homeland Security
- Business Administration (Enrollment pre-requisites: an average of at least 85 is required in Micro, Macro and Statistics).

Specializations and Electives

Students taking one specialization

- The specialization consists of 16 credits (10 credits of specialization electives + 1 specialization seminar + 1 additional seminar from another specialization). In addition, students taking one specialization are required to take 18 Government electives credits (courses from all specializations and additional elective courses - see page 14- may be considered as Government electives). Students who have studied English for Government for one year are required to take 12 credits of Government electives. Students who have studied English for Government for two years are required to take 8 credits of Government electives.

Students taking two specializations

- The specializations consist of 26 credits (10 credits of specialization electives for each specialization + 1 seminar for each specialization). In addition, students taking two specializations are required to take 8 credits of Government electives (courses from all specializations and additional elective courses - see page 14- may be considered as Government electives).
- Students who have studied English for Government for one year are required to take 2 credits of Government electives. Students who have studied English for Government for two years are not required to take Government electives.

General Electives

- 4 credits (from The General Studies Unit)
- Interdisciplinary Electives: 4 credits (courses from other schools or Hebrew Ulpan, Milluim, Dance, Sports, etc. or Gov't electives or General electives).

Program of Studies

First Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
4050	Academic Research and Writing # 3 Groups Dr. Orly Idan/ Dr. Isabel Berman	1*		1	Paper
7	Microeconomics 2 Groups Prof. Avraham Bertisch	4*		4	Exam
132	Introduction to Government Dr. Chaim Weizmann	3*	1	4	Exam
273	Introduction to International Politics Dr. Korina Kagan	3*		3	Exam
868	History of the Modern Era and Zionism Dr. Jonathan Fine	3*		3	Exam
869	History of the Modern Middle East 2 Groups Ms. Tzameret Levy	3*		3	Exam
870	Globalization and International Political Economy 2 Groups Dr. Yair (Aharon) MacClanahan	3*		3	Exam
8	Macroeconomics 2 Groups Prof. Abraham Bertisch	4**		4	Exam
395	Society and Politics in the Middle East Dr. Brandon Friedman	2**		2	Exam
689	Principles of Statistics 2 Groups Dr. Ran Elkon	3**		3	Exam
4026	Introduction to Political Theory 2 Groups Ms. Iris Nahum	3**	1	4	Exam

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
4069	International Politics II: Theory and Praxis of Security Dr. Korina Kagan	3**		3	Exam
871	Israeli Politics and Society 2 Groups Dr. Chaim Weizmann	3**	1	4	Exam
4519	Academic Writing Skills in English # Dr. Isabel Berman	1**		1	Paper
Total Credit Hours				42	
4004	English for Government ■	3*		3	Exam
4005	Dr. Isabel Berman	3**		3	

* First semester course

** Second semester course

Three groups, six meetings

■ Students who take English for Government may not take elective courses in the first year, except for Hebrew Ulpan.

Second Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
678	Theories in the Study of Terrorism and Guerilla Warfare Dr. Boaz Ganor	2*		2	Exam
799	Europe from 1948 to the Present 2 Groups Dr. Yair (Aharon) MacClanahan	2*		2	Exam
803	International Law Dr. Daphne Richemond-Barak	3*	1	4	Exam
801	American Foreign Policy Dr. Amnon Cavari	2*		2	Exam
4025	Conflict Resolution Dr. Yuval Benziman	3*		3	Exam
4338	Religion, War and Conflict Resolution Dr. Assaf Moghadam	2*		2	Exam
4164	Introduction to Constitutional Law Dr. Liav Orgad	2*		2	Exam
4140	Research Methods + SPSS 1 Group per semester Dr. Asaf Matskin	3* 3**	2	5	Exam
992	Public Policy in Democracies 1 Group per semester Prof. Eran Vigoda-Gadot	3* 3**		3	Exam
381	Economic Diplomacy 2 Groups Dr. Uri Ullmann	3**		3	Exam
532	Israeli Diplomacy and Foreign Policy Dr. Emmanuel Navon	2**		2	Exam
4558	E-Government and IT Policy Dr. Jennifer Shkabatur	2**		2	Exam
343	Arab-Israeli Conflict Dr. Reuven Paz	3**		3	Exam
726	Introduction to Defense and Security Strategy 2 Groups Dr. Oded Brosh	3**		3	Exam

4614	The Media in Conflict Zones Mr. Henrique Cymerman Mr. Itay Angel	2**	2	Exam
	Total Credit Hours		40	
492	English for Government	2*	2	Paper
493	Dr. Isabel Berman	2**	2	

* First semester course

** Second semester course

Third Year / Specialization in International Affairs

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
Choose five courses				
4312	Civil Wars/Ethnic Conflict Dr. Assaf Moghadam	2*	2	Exam
4247	Transatlantic Relations in the 21st Century Mr. Tommy Steiner	2*	2	Exam
4556	Nationalism, Fascism and Populism Dr. Alberto Spektorowski	2*	2	Exam
4345	China: Society and Politics Dr. Eyal Propper	2*	2	Exam
520	Russia: Politics and Foreign Policy TBA	2**	2	Exam
4595	Strategy and Negotiations in the Nuclear Realm Dr. Emily Landau	2**	2	Exam
4284	The Politics of Post-Colonial Africa Dr. Ella Keren	2**	2	Exam
872	Strategic Intelligence Dr. Barak Ben-Zur	2**	2	Exam
Choose one seminar				
4232	Ethnicity, Nationalism and International Conflicts Prof. Benny Neuberger	3*	3	Paper
4640	Seminar: Dilemmas of American Foreign Policy: from Isolationist Island to Hyper-powerful Globocop Prof. Gil Troy	3*	3	Paper
4225	Seminar: Military Interventions Dr. Galia Lindenstrauss	3**	3	Paper
	Total Credit Hours		13	
*	First semester course			
**	Second semester course			

Third Year / Specialization in Conflict Resolution

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
529	Negotiation Strategy ♦ Adv. Moty Cristal	2*	2	Exam
865	Cultural Perspectives of Conflict Management Prof. Ilai Alon	2*	2	Exam
876	Peacekeeping Operations Dr. Chen Kertcher	2*	2	Exam
4056	Human Rights in Conflicts Prof. Edy Kaufman	2**	2	Exam
4001	Psychological Aspects of Conflict and their Resolution Ms. Julia Elad-Strenger	2**	2	Exam
Seminar				
4002	Seminar: Track-Two and Citizen Diplomacy ♦ Prof. Edy Kaufman	3**	3	Paper
Total Credit Hours			13	

* First semester course

** Second semester course

♦ Intensive course

Third Year / Specialization in Middle East ♦

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
Mandatory courses				
880	Women in the Middle East Dr. Ruth Barzilai Lumbroso	2*	2	Exam
4597	Nationalism and Islam in the Middle East Dr. Ori Goldberg	2*	2	Exam
4603	Egyptian Government and Politics Dr. Ori Goldberg	2**	2	Exam
877	Palestinian Society and Politics ♦ Dr. Khalil Shikaki	2**	2	Exam
4602	Energy and Geopolitics in the Persian Gulf Dr. Yossi Mann	2**	2	Exam
Seminar				
4141	Seminar: Contemporary Iranian Politics Mr. Meir Javedanfar	3**	3	Paper
Total Credit Hours			13	

* First semester course

** Second semester course

♦ Intensive course

◊ It is recommended to take Arabic as an elective.

Third Year / Specialization in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
Choose five courses				
4486	Terrorism and Political Development Dr. Amichai Magen	2*	2	Exam
4518	Ideology & Doctrine of Islamic Radical Movements Dr. Reuven Paz	2*	2	Exam
993	History of Modern Terrorism and Guerilla Warfare Dr. Jonathan Fine	2*	2	Exam
4515	Global Terrorism: Al Qaeda and Hezbollah Dr. Eitan Azani	2*	2	Exam
4104	Modern Terrorism as a Global Phenomenon Dr. Barak Ben-Zur	2**	2	Exam
536	Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism: Regional and Global Aspects Dr. Jonathan Fine	2**	2	Exam
4502	Law and Terrorism Dr. Daphne Richemond-Barak	2**	2	Exam
4517	Theaters of Global Jihad Dr. Shaul Shay	2**	2	Exam
Choose one seminar				
753	Seminar: Israeli Counter-Terrorism Policy Dr. Shaul Shay	3*	3	Paper
4516	Seminar: Counter Terrorism & Governance Dr. Amichai Magen	3**	3	Paper
Total Credit Hours			13	

* First semester course

** Second semester course

Third Year / Specialization in Business Administration#

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
Mandatory courses				
43	Principles of Marketing Management Dr. Gado Tamir	4*	4	Exam
40	Organizational Behavior Dr. Galit Dayan	4*	4	Exam
2150	Entrepreneurship and Business Management Dr. Uri Aizik	3**	3	Exam
Seminar				
4207	Seminar: Economic Peace Dr. Uri Ullmann	3**	3	Paper
	Total Credit Hours		14	

registration to the Specialization in Business Administration is conditional upon an average of at least 85 in Micro, Macro and Statistics

* First semester course

** Second semester course

Third Year

Additional Elective Courses

Course Code	Course	Lecture Hours	Credit Hours	Final Course Assignment
4175	Internship Program Dr. Lesley Terris***	2	2	Paper
833	Beginning Arabic Ms. Aliza Raviv	3* 3**	2 2	Exam
4098	Leaders and Leadership - Traditional Models and New Paradigms Ms. Jill Reinach	2**	2	Paper
*	First semester course			
**	Second semester course			
***	A select number of third year students may participate in a one-semester internship chosen from a list of organizations (NGO's) or institutions. The internship will involve a minimum of eight hours per week plus three meetings with an academic supervisor and submission of an academic paper relevant to the internship experience. Two credits will be awarded for successful completion of the internship. These 2 credits may be used in lieu of one government elective course. Details about the internships and registration information are available through the Assistant RRIS Government Academic Director.			
#	The Third-year Honors Seminar will count as a seminar. An overall grade point average of 85 is required.			

Exam Schedule

The dates of the examinations can be found on the IDC Herzliya website under Students → Course Catalogue, student regulations and Syllabi → Search Exams

A personal examinations schedule for each student appears on the Student's information website (My IDC).

Argov Fellows Program in Leadership & Diplomacy

Building on the legacy of former Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov, the Argov Fellows Program in Leadership and Diplomacy strives to prepare approximately 20 exceptional IDC students in their final year of studies in government and other fields for future leadership positions for Israel and the Jewish people. Through a year-long, challenging interdisciplinary curriculum, the program strives to help students acquire the knowledge, tools, and skills necessary for working towards meeting the many challenges that Israel faces in today's complex global environment.

The program, conducted entirely in English, combines academic training and practical skills. Its unique curriculum includes courses, seminars and "hands on" workshops taught exclusively to Argov Fellows by leading academic and professional experts. The students participate in study tours to Europe, the United States and within Israel. The fellowship year concludes with the public presentation of capstone group projects in which the fellows propose their solutions to pressing problems facing Israel and the Jewish people. The Argov alumni have carried on to, among others, eminent fellowship programs such as Fulbright and Chevening, prestigious graduate programs at leading universities including Yale, Georgetown and Oxford, and leading positions in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Program of Studies

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
4606	Political Strategy in Israel Dr. Maoz Rosental	2*		2	Paper
4626	New Media, New Society, New Politics? Critical Issues in Digital Communication Prof. Paul Frosh	2*		2	Paper
4222	Spoken Arabic Dr. Yair Maclanhan	2*		2	Exem
4015	Topical Issues in the EU Dr. Yair Maccalahan	2*		2	Paper
4316	Judaism as a Civilization: An Introduction for Leaders Rabbi Beller	2*		2	Final Paper
873	Leadership in Practice: Rhetoric, Public Speaking, and Debate Ms. Jill Reinach	3*		2	Paper and Class Work
4628	Diplomacy and Communication: Practical Diplomacy Workshop Mr. Lior Weintraub	2*		2	Paper
4100	Study-Tour to Europe & U.S. Dr. Alisa Rubin Peled	3*		3	Paper
4298	Foundations of American Political Thought ♦ Prof. Peter Berkowitz	1*		1	Paper
4643	Capstone Project Research Workshop Mr. Gidon Sher	2* 2**			Class Work
4238	Current Challenges facing Israeli Society Dr. Alisa Rubin Peled	1* 1**		1	Class Work
4016	Argov Seminar Dr. Alisa Rubin Peled	2* 2**		4	Capstone Policy Project
4651	From Ideas to Impact ♦ Mr. Lior Shoham	2**		2	Paper
4463	Seminar: Decision Making Prof. Uzi Arad	3**		3	Seminar Paper

4549	US Grand Strategy in the Middle East ♦ Prof. Michael Doran	1**		1	Paper
4239	Israeli Public Diplomacy and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Ms. Miri Eisin	2**		2	Class Work
4301	The Arab Sector in Israel ♦ Dr. Dalia Fadila	1**		1	Final Paper
158	Simulation Games and Negotiation Processes ♦ Dr. Chanan Goldchmidt	2**		2	Simulation
4019	Media Skills Workshop ♦ Headline Media	2**		2	Class Work
4300	International Political Economy Dr. Alisa Rubin Peled	2**	1**	3	Home Exam
4183	The US Political and Legal System ♦ Adv. Ira Reiner	1**		1	Paper
	Total Semester Hours			40	

* First Semester Course
** Second Semester Course
♦ Intensive course