

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

Exploring the Modern International System

Lecturer:

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
4837	Seminar	3	3

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Exam	211483701	English

Course Description

This research seminar offers advanced BA students with a unique opportunity to explore the modern international system and to develop and write an individual research paper on the history, nature, or trajectory of international politics. The seminar begins with a discussion of the concept of order and an examination of the perpetual human quest for a stable and durable political order. It then traces the rise and fall of successive international orders and invites students to derive lessons from those historical experiences for our own time. In addition, the seminar challenges students to think about the defining features, advantages and disadvantages of the contemporary international system, and to imagine alternative orders suitable for 21st century realities.

Course Goals

The goal of the research seminar is to stimulate academic inquiry, active group learning, and future research among advanced BA students. Accordingly, the instructor does not intend to "police" student reading, but rather to provide opportunities for learning. Please note that as we progress with the seminar changes to the syllabus may be made at the discretion of the lecturer in response to new developments.

Grading

Seminar Presentation - 25% (in English)
Seminar Research Paper - 75% (the paper may be written in English or Hebrew)

NOTE: Attendance and quality of participation are not formal grading requirements, but experience shows they correlate very strongly with success in the seminar.


Learning Outcomes

Familiarity with the building blocks, evolution, and major emerging challenges of the modern international system; reading, analysis, research and writing skills; presentation and critical deliberations skills.

Lecturer Office Hours

By appointment

 Tutor Office Hours
N/A

 Teaching Assistant
By appointment

 Reading List

Since this is a research seminar there are no required readings per se. The reading materials posted in each seminar session are recommendations for further reading on particular themes of the seminar.