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# Political Sciences & Middle East Studies

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## ❖ **INTRODUCTION**

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Galilee College, Israel has developed a summer programme for students from around the world who are interested in the Middle East. The programme focuses on the Israeli - Palestinian conflict, its roots, background and current situation.

The programme begins with an overview of the Land of Israel-Palestine region, presenting the historical background of the region, as well as an overview of social and economic conditions, ethnic and religious backgrounds. The lectures are supplemented by Study Tours to enable students to experience these issues at first hand.

A large part of the programme is dedicated to the Israeli - Palestinian conflict. Different aspects of the conflict are examined by Palestinian and Israeli lecturers and the different points of view are discussed. Additional processes in neighbouring countries, which affect Israel and the Palestinian Authority, are presented as well.

The programme seeks to deepen the participants' knowledge of conditions, developments and trends in Israel, the Palestinian territories and the surrounding lands and to highlight some of the diverse issues at the centre of the political, social and religious divides in the Middle East.

The duration of the programme is five weeks and it comprises 150 academic hours of lectures by Palestinian and Israeli academic and experts, offering their respective points of view. Study Tours to historical sites and Arab and Jewish settlements will offer the students additional first hand experience of the region.

## ❖ **OBJECTIVES**

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The programme aims to:

Present an overview of the history of the Land of Israel-Palestine. Acquaint the students with the different ethnic and religious groups in the region, their way of life, beliefs, views and inter-relations. Present different perspectives and views regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Deepen participants' understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and current issues.

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## ❖ *PARTICIPANTS*

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The summer programme is intended for graduate students preferably, though not essential, who are in the process of studying courses associated with the Middle East. All participants must be fluent in English.

## ❖ *CURRICULUM*

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### Overview and Background

- The Middle East: An Overview
- Milestones in the Region's History
- Arabs & Jews in the Israeli Media

### Palestinian Society

- Palestinian Society at the Times of The Ottoman Empire & British Mandate
- The Palestinian Society: Origin, Social Composition and Variety
- The Sunni-Shi'i conflict in the Modern Middle East
- Creating our Own Future: Fatah Rebirth
- Fatah: Embrace of Islam
- Hamas: Social Movement or Terror Organisation?
- Human Rights Under the Occupation and the Palestinian Authority
- The many Faces of Sharia (Islamic law)
- Islam Between The Past And The Modern World

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### Israeli Society

- Israeli Society: Sociological Structure, Trends and Prospects
- Israel Politics an Overview and Updated
- The Rise of Jewish Nationalism / Zionism - First, Second and Third Aliyot 1882 - 1923
- A Survey of Zionist Ideologies: Ber Borochov, AD Gordon, Zev Jabotinsky and Rabbi Kook
- The British Mandate and Embryo Jewish Nation State 1920 - 48
- Ingathering of the Exiles and the Institutionalisation of the State of Israel 1949 - 1967
- From Labour (Left) to Likud (Right) and Back. War and Peace 1968 - 1992
- Settlers Vs. The State - What Has Disengagement Done to the National-Religious and Settler Camp In Israel

### Israeli- Palestinian Peace Initiatives & Conflict

- Politics in the Contemporary Middle East - Dealing with Contradictions
- The War of 1948 and its Consequences
- Independence or 'Naqba'? The Historiographical Debate on 1948 and its Effects
- The Arabic Citizens In Israel as a National Minority
- Different Perceptions and Expectations in Understanding the Oslo Accords
- The Implementation of the Security Agreement of the Peace Accord (Oslo) Between Israel and the PA 1995-1998
- The Peace Process: Difficulties, Possibilities and Prospects

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- Processes of a Change Among Palestinians and Israelis
- Authority and Israel The Art of Scientific Collaboration in Conflict Areas
- The Israeli -Palestinian Conflict from a National Security Perspective
- The Oslo Legacy and its Implications for Obama's Middle East Policy

### **Middle East History & Political Sociology**

- Crusaders Kingdom of Jerusalem
- Jordan and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
- The Sunni-Shi'i conflict in Islam in Medieval Islam
- The Water Problem in the Middle East
- Islam And National Identity in Saudi Arabia
- Importance of Religion in the Middle East
- Jewish National Redemption after 60 years? Conflict Resolution with Palestinians. Oslo - Success or Failure? Existential Threats - Syria, Hezbollah and Iran 1993 - 2007
- Syria: History and Politics
- Iran at Crossroads: Between Iranism, Islamism and Modernism
- Islam in Africa, Dar Fur within the Sudanese Arena
- The US in Iraq: Between Sunnis, Shi'is, Kurds and Regional Player

NOTE: The above curriculum outline is intended as a guide only. The sequence of course offerings is subject to change at the discretion of the administration.

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### ❖ *STUDY TOURS:*

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- Golan Heights & the Lebanese Border
- Nazareth & Mount Tabor
- Visit to Shibli (Bedouin Village)
- The Crusaders: Kokhav Hayarden, Kalaat Nimrud & The Arbel
- Bethlehem & Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem
- Al-Haram Al-Sharif Plaza & the Islamic Museum and Aqsa Library
- Massada & the Dead Sea

### ❖ *SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:*

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- The Separation Wall in and around Jerusalem
- Visit to a Druze Village - The Druze Secret Traditions
- Visit to a Jewish Settlement - An Opportunity to Hear from the Right Wing Faction
- Al-Haram Al-Sharif (Aqsa Mosque)

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### ❖ *FEES:*

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Tuition Fees:	\$2,850
Local expenses Early birds - October 1st - April 1st:	\$4,200
Late registration -April 2nd - June 1st:	\$4,500

### ❖ *SCHOLARSHIPS*

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A limited number of tuition scholarships will be available to qualified candidates.

### ❖ *Cancellation Fee*

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Payment for the programme includes a registration fee which is non-refundable and equals 20% of the total sum of the living expenses fee. Should you decide to cancel your participation, payment will be refunded as follows:

20 days or more before date of course commencement - 80%

10 - 20 days before date of course commencement - 50%

No refunds are possible 10 days or less prior to course commencement.

### ❖ *CONTACT DETAILS*

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