NATO- History and Current Developments

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Online Module

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Thursdays, 12:00-14:00

2 BGU credits

Language: English

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The module will discuss the history of NATO, and its current developments. The module will be focused on institutions and structures, modes and methods of action and decision making. The module will examine the contemporary challenges the Alliance is facing. The module will host guest lecturers from NATO HQ.

Each lecture will be composed of a one-hour talk delivered by a guest speaker (on behalf of NATO HQ) including Q&A, followed by a 30-minute discussion with BGU’s lecturers.

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

Demonstrate decision making process in NATO.

Explain in detail different areas of NATO activities.

Explain and elaborate NATO’s partnerships, and relations with different allies.

Evaluate Israel’s relations with NATO.

Offer a critical review of NATO’s partnerships.

**Evaluation:**

* Attendance: 10%
* Particiaption: 20%
* Final paper (to be written in English or Hebrew): 70%

Total: 100%

**Content (TBA):**

1. Introduction: NATO 101: History, Washington Treaty, The Cold War, The Internal Decision Process.
2. Legal Basis of Operation and how disagreements between allies affects NATO and its actions.
3. Partnerships (methods, framework, Operations)
4. East Med area and NATO
5. MENA Region (and specific countries)
6. NATO and the EU- Multilateralism
7. NATO and Russia
8. NATO and US
9. NATO and Israel
10. NATO China
11. The Mission in Iraq
12. Counter Terrorism (policies, areas, partners)
13. Cyber and Hybrid Threats
14. Disinformation Campaigns (Communication)

**Reading materials**- to be sent.

**Final assignment:**

Course participants are required to submit a home assignment of up to 2,000 words (size 12, spacing 1.5), according to the instructions (to be sent). The grade for the work will constitute 70% of the final grade.