This program is located in Jerusalem, an ancient city sacred to three major religions, and the capital of Israel. Students will take two courses, “The Emergence of the Modern State of Israel” (MC 290/IAH 211D/JS 390) examining contemporary Israeli history, politics and society, and “Immigration and Cultural Diversity in Israel” (ISS 330B/MC 390), examining the way Israeli institutions and people deal with the great diversity of its population.

Each course combines classroom instruction with multiple field trips, where students will observe and interview people in central areas in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, visit communities and institutions in different parts of the country, and learn about many of the political and social intricacies of this complex country. The program is intended for students who want to investigate issues related to their academic and personal interests, especially around historical, social, political, and equality issues. The program and all scholarships are open to students of all disciplines and majors, regardless of ethnicity, religion or nationality.

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