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”, examining contemporary Israeli history, politics, and society (MC 290 / IAH 211D / JS 290) and “Israeli Politics, Cultures, and Society”, examining the way Israeli institutions and people deal with the great diversity of its population (ISS 330B / JS 400 / MC 335 - or 4 credit MC399 for those who have already taken MC335. Those students will work on an independent research project guided by the professor, but will also attend field trips and classes with outside speakers.)

The course will present the many facets of Israel. We will cover Israeli history, the Israeli-Arab conflict, the Palestinian-Israeli relationship, the geography of the country, demographic and ethnic diversity inside Israeli society, salient aspects of Israeli society, Israeli culture, the Israeli political system, and recent trends and developments in Israeli culture, politics, and society. There will be regular field trips to hear from local think tanks, experts, and locations that will enrich the course.

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