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To whom it may concern,

We are pleased to accept you to the 2019-2020 class of the INDC. It is an honor to congratulate you on having been chosen to represent your military and your country at the Israel National Defense College during the upcoming academic year.

Based on previous experience, we have prepared a list of basic information that should be helpful in preparing you for both your administrative needs as well as your academic requirements. In addition to the information we have included, please feel free to contact us for any subsequent information you may need.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

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- 1) The Summer Course will begin on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 08:30 at the INDC Campus (Waze: <http://waze.to/li/hsv8yb70u9>).
- 2) The Summer Course extends from July 8<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday through Thursday, 08:30 – 16:00.
- 3) As part of the enrollment process into Haifa University, we ask that you bring with you a copy of your academic credentials (B.A. and M.A. diploma certificates including their respective grades sheets and list of courses.) These documents are required by the Haifa University, and are necessary for completing your M.A. studies.
- 4) For the purpose of P.E. activities during the course of the year, please bring a signed doctor's approval that you are fit to exercise in a gym setting. It would also be helpful if you could send us your P.E. shirt and pants size, so we can prepare your INDC P.E. uniform before your arrival.
- 5) Uniforms – In the IDF we usually only use two uniforms, a field uniform and our daily uniform which does not include a jacket or a tie. Wearing uniforms is divided into two categories – field tours which may require either a field uniform or a standard daily uniform; meetings with seniors (Major General and above, Ministers, etc.) which require a non-field uniform. Since we only have one standard non-field uniform in the IDF, it is suggested that you contact your own military attaché in regards to this. The only exception to this rule is when on foreign travel. If uniforms are required (not always) then we have specially tailored uniforms that do include a jacket and tie.
- 6) Academic Preparation
  - a. The following link is to a series called "Pillar of Fire" which in six chapters offers a very good background to the creation of the State of Israel in the modern era:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swGODDLTaWY>



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- b. Attached is a list of suggested reading materials aimed at reinforcing previous knowledge you may have with regard to the history of the Jews, as well as Israeli history and culture.
- 7) Tuition – The tuition for the entire academic year at the INDC is \$50,000. It's important that the payment is taken care of before commencement of the Summer Course. We also ask that you sign the contract that you received together with this letter and send it to us before your arrival. For both of these matters, we recommend that you contact your embassy for further assistance.
- 8) Traveling abroad - In order to start preparing for your year at the INDC we ask that you get your Israeli visa as soon as possible. We must emphasize that this is under your responsibility.

Furthermore, during your year at the INDC you will be traveling to eastern countries (India, China, Russia or South Korea.) In order to prepare for your trip to those countries we recommend that you check the necessary vaccinations necessary and make sure to receive them prior to your arrival, as well as checking the visa requirements for those destinations with your embassy.

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### Suggested Reading List

1. Martin Gilbert , *Israel: A History or Anita Shapira, Israel: a History*
2. Simon Schama, *the Story of the Jews* (you can watch the series instead)
3. Arthur Hertzberg, *The Zionist Idea*
4. Martin Fletcher, *Walking Israel* and/or Ari Shavit, *My Promised Land*
5. Amos Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness* and/or Meir Shalev, *The Blue Mountain* and/or Haim Sabato, *Adjusting Sights*
6. Dan Senor and Shaul Singer, *Start-up Nation*
7. James Michener, *The Source*
8. Yossi Klein Halevi, *Like Dreamers*
9. Shimon Peres, *Battling for Peace - A Memoir*
10. Avigdor Kahalani, *Heights of Courage*
11. Amos Elon, *The Israelis*