



National Defense College

Background Information

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The INDC

The Israel National Defense College is intended to be a comprehensive and in-depth study of national defense, with all its components and interactions. INDC's curriculum is integrated with an academic curriculum, which is conducted both at the University of Haifa and at the Military Colleges base at Camp Dayan. The college's instruction branch is responsible for the overall operation of the INDC for all its derivatives.

Purpose

The INDC is Israel's highest institution for training senior staff in the IDF, the security, and government systems. This is according to a government decision of May 23, 1976.

Goals of the College Year

1. Study and research of Israel's national security components.
2. Analysis of the interrelationships between the various components of national security.
3. Developing strategic thinking tools that are appropriate for senior executives facing national security challenges.

About the Curriculum

The INDC academic year opened on September 2, 2019 and is scheduled to end on July 15, 2020. The academic year also includes a master's degree in political science on behalf of the University of Haifa. During the school year, the participants will take part in many courses, experiences and tours that deal with the general national security aspects of the State of Israel and that encompass the following four main areas: national defense, statesmanship, economy and society. Beyond these four main learning areas, the INDC provides participants with tools for thinking and planning at the strategic level.

The INDC academic year is split into four study seasons: The first season is the Global Season, in which the participants will be exposed to fundamental concepts of the national security aspect at a global perspective. The second season is the Israeli Season, in which the participants will delve deep into the national security components of the State of Israel. This season includes experiencing strategic investigation and ends with a political-security simulation dealing with the Palestinian

conflict as well. The third season is the Specialization Season, in which all the participants will take part in a course in the subject of The Digital World and its Influences on the National Security. In this season every participant will pick an additional two seminars that they will specialize in according to their choice. The Specialization Season will end in the Split-tour to the East. The fourth season is the Integrative Season, in which every participant will be required to make a final project that will contain all areas of learning from the INDC. In the end of the season we will go on a tour to the US that will allow the participants a better understanding of the American System, and the special connections with the State of Israel.

The INDC Staff

Commandant of the military colleges and the INDC: Major General Itai Veruv

Principal Instructor: Mrs. Merav Zafary-Odiz from the Atomic Energy Commission

Head of the Academic Program on behalf of the University of Haifa: Prof. Yossi Ben-Artzi

Instructor: Brigadier General Eran Kamin from the Israeli Police

Instructor: Mr. Amir Maimon from the Foreign Ministry

Instructor: COL Ret. Yehudah Yohananoff from the IDF

Instructor: Mr. Avi Almog from the Prime Minister's Office

Instructor: COL Amiram Jakira from the IDF

Academic Instructor: Dr. Anat Stern

Highlights of the Discourse in the INDC

1. In the INDC the rules of Chatham House apply. We also ask of the lecturers to respect these rules and not to quote or reference what was said during the lecture elsewhere.
2. The participants in the course are curious, so it is advisable to leave at least one third of the lecture time for questions and answers.
3. The INDC has a culture of honest and open discourse, even when it comes to difficult topics. We thank our guests for their patience to hear other opinions and ideas.
4. There are six international students (foreign army officers) in the INDC who hear the lectures in English through simultaneous translation.
5. In light of the class heterogeneity and diverse backgrounds of the participants, we will admit a minority of acronyms used during the lecture or alternatively annotated during it.

Participants Information

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
COL Amit Yamin	IDF - Infantry	Mr. Udi Shila	Prime Minister's Office
COL Idan Katz	IDF - Infantry	Mr. Bar Tzitzik	Prime Minister's Office
COL Ofir Livius	IDF - Infantry	Ms. Heli Contente	The Real Estate Authority
COL Roman Guffman	IDF - Armored Corps	Police Commander Moshe Edri	Israeli Police
COL Ido Mizrahi	IDF - Engineering Corps	Police Commander Shlomo Toledano	Israeli Police
COL Yossi Matzliah	IDF - Adjutancy	Police Commander Tzvika Hasid	Israeli Police
COL Haim Malki	IDF - Quartermaster Corps	Dr. Ram Erez	Ministry of Defense
COL Noorit Kadosh	IDF - Quartermaster Corps	Mr. Shahar Batz	Ministry of Defense
COL Beni De Levy	IDF - Air Force	Mr. Amir Sagi	Foreign Ministry
LTC Aviad Atia	IDF - Air Force	Ms. Simona Halperin	Foreign Ministry
LTC Omer Levin	IDF - Air Force	Ms. Nitzah Rogozinski	Electrical Company
COL Zvi Lekah	IDF - Court of Law	Ms. Sima Shpitzer	Bank of Israel
COL Avi Kenan	IDF - Intelligence	Commodore Nitin Kapoor	Navy - India

COL Nadav Turgeman	IDF - Navy	LTC Michael Smith	Marines - US
COL Guy Goldfarb	IDF - Navy	COL Randal Allen	Air Force - US
COL Shlomi Ben Mucha	IDF - Home Front Command	COL Davide Salerno	Air Force - Italy
Mr. Harel Sharavi	Finance Ministry	LTC Lars Maurischat	Air Force - Germany
Ms. Michal Mustey	Diaspora Ministry	LTC Wong Khiong Seng	Air Force - Singapore
Mr. Gal Shekel	Atomic Energy Commission		