Course Description

The course will introduce students to the historical, cultural, political, and socio-economical aspects of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We will hear lectures from scholars of Israeli and Palestinian universities specializing in different aspects of the conflict. We will visit places and sites in Israel and the West Bank central to the understanding of the conflict. The focus of the course will be to meet individuals and organizations in Israel and the Palestinian Territories who are working together to bring an end to the Israeli -Palestinian conflict.

Course Location and Site Visits
Lectures at both Israeli and Palestinian institutions, including: Hebrew University, Al-Quds University, the Academic College of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Ben-Gurion University, and Bethlehem University.

The course will also include field trips and cultural excursions to Jerusalem, Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Jericho, Tel Aviv-Jaffa and Sderot, and to the Negev, Masada, and the Dead Sea.
Program Dates

May 5 - May 23  Overseas Trip
August 1  Final work completed

Who May Apply?
Undergraduate and graduate Wayne State and non-WSU students may apply.

Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement, a desire to learn about the region, and the ability to respect cultural and political sensitivities during overseas visits.

Prior coursework on the Middle East and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is highly recommended. For WSU students, recommended courses are the following: HIS 1800; HIS 1810; HIS 3320; NE 2030; NE 2040; NE 2060; NE 3040; NE 3225; PCS 5100; PS 3745; PS 3835; PS 5820.

Program Costs
Costs include:
  - Program fees of $3500 plus
  - WSU tuition

Program fees include airfare, accommodations, in-country travel, most meals, lectures, field trips, and international health insurance.

Not included: tuition, passport processing fees, some meals, and personal expenses.

Some scholarships may be available.

Passport and Visas
In order to travel to the Middle East, you will need a passport that is valid for 6 months after your return date.

Contact information and Deadlines
Students interested in additional information or downloading an application should visit the WSU Study Abroad office or website at:
  131 Manoogian Hall
  906 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201
  Tel: (313)577-3207
  http://studyabroad.wayne.edu/

For additional information, including videos of the program, please visit:
http://www.clas.wayne.edu/middleeast/

Applicant interviews will be conducted in November 2011. To ensure consideration for acceptance into the program, students should apply by November 1, 2011 to schedule an interview.

Students must pay their program fees shortly after acceptance to secure a position in the program.