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The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy
M.A. in Government



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Specialization in Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies

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Since terror burst onto the world's public consciousness on September 11, 2001, there has been a growing need for expertise in Counter Terrorism (CT) and Homeland Security (HS) matters in government and the security sector as well as in academia and the business sector worldwide. Yet despite the countless books, articles and theories that have appeared since then, CT and HS as an academic field has remained in its infancy.

The specialization in **Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security** within the M.A. in Government* at The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya's Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, in collaboration with the **International Institute for Counter Terrorism (ICT)**, introduces a cutting edge graduate program which combines academic study, simulations and workshops to offer special tools for critical thinking in this field.

For the first time, qualified students may earn a Master's degree in Government from an Israeli institution of higher education, taught entirely in English (Hebrew speaking students will be able to complete tests and written assignments in Hebrew).

ICT is internationally renowned for its CT and HS coursework and educational opportunities. Many students from security agencies, police units, as well as decision makers, first responders, academic scholars, legal and security advisors, and professionals from the private sector and international corporations, have participated in its executive programs. In continuing to break new ground, Israeli and overseas students can now earn a fully Master degree in CT and HS in Israel from among the best faculty in the world.

Students in the Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies specialization will gain state of the art analytical tools for understanding the phenomenon of terrorism and the challenges of counter terrorism, based on the unique experience Israel has accumulated in the field.



Faculty

The Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies specialization features prominent members of the Lauder School faculty and scholars from abroad whose reputation and wealth of knowledge in the field provide invaluable and exciting resources for M.A. students.

Its Director, world renowned Counter Terrorism expert **Dr. Boaz Ganor**, is Deputy Dean of the Lauder School of Government as well as the founder of the Institute for Counter Terrorism (ICT) at IDC Herzliya.

The program will also provide dialogue and exchange opportunities with leading international institutions in the field of Diplomacy and Government, including the Maxwell School of Government at Syracuse University.

M.A. Compulsory Courses

Three core courses and choice of four additional courses (16 hours)

M.A. Courses in Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies (16 hours)

- National Security
- Terrorism, Guerilla Warfare and Insurgency Ideologies in the 19th – 21st centuries
- Democratic Dilemmas and Counter Terrorism
- Counter Terrorism Issues and Challenges for Homeland Security
- Post-Modern Terrorism – CBRN
- Negotiation with Terrorists – Workshop
- Psychological Aspects of Terrorism
- Terrorism Fundraising

Electives (10 hours):

All M.A. courses at IDC Herzliya may be taken as electives. Recommended electives for Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies include:

- Theories and Approaches to Politics
- The Political System of Israel
- Economic and Social Policy
- Political Leadership
- Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- Diplomacy and Conflict in the Era of Globalization
- Public Administration and Policy
- Marketing Foreign Policy



Learn from Experts at Israel's Prestigious International Institute for Counter Terrorism (ICT)

Students in the Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies specialization will benefit from its close collaboration with The International Institute for Counter Terrorism (ICT). Founded at IDC Herzliya in 1996, ICT was the first body of its kind to examine terror and how to fight it from an interdisciplinary approach, bringing together leading academic scholars with former senior members of Israel's security forces. ICT advises decision makers, initiates applied research and provides consultation and education to address terror and its effects.

Be among the students and young scholars from Israel and around the world who pool their knowledge and drive in monitoring media and other relevant sources during coursework and internships. The energetic atmosphere adds to ICT's appeal to members of the security and intelligence communities at the highest levels from Israel and overseas, who join its forums, think tanks and conferences. This fertile ground sets the stage for analyses and recommendations sought after by decision makers in governments and the private sector. As a student, you will learn from and network with the world's leading figures in this field.



Admission Requirements

Students whose B.A. degree is not in Political Science, Government, Public Policy, Public Administration or International Relations are expected to take 8 hours of prerequisite courses, in consultation with the head of the specialization. These courses must be completed by the end of the first semester. Prerequisite courses will be offered during the summer and at set times throughout the week during the first semester. These courses must be completed by the end of the first semester. In 2008 we'll offer pre-requisites in the summer (of 2008), not only in the first semester

The M.A. program in Government at the Lauder School of Government IDC Herzliya offers advanced interdisciplinary studies in government with an international orientation.

M.A. Specializations (3 semesters)

- Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies, Directed by Dr. Boaz Ganor
- Diplomacy and Conflict Studies, Directed by Prof. Galia Golan

M.A. with thesis program (4 semesters)

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*The Council for Higher Education has approved IDC Herzliya's request to offer this program. Permission to grant degrees is pending