Overview
Woodrow Wilson School students are eligible to apply to the fall-term program at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya, Israel. Students will take a course load of 15 credits and complete the Woodrow Wilson School task force. The number of courses a student takes will depend upon the credit value of the courses taken.

The Setting
Founded in 1994, IDC is the first private, non-profit institute of higher education in Israel. For four years, it has been rated first in student satisfaction of all 66 Israeli universities/colleges, according to the Student Satisfaction Survey. The WWS program is hosted by the Lauder School of Government, which accounts for 1,100 of the 6,500 students enrolled in IDC. The student body is international with 25% coming from overseas. Of the international students, 34% come from the U.S. and 28% come from Europe.

IDC is connected to leading research institutes, including the Institute of Policy and Strategy (IPS), which organizes and hosts the Herzliya Conference, the Institute of Counter-Terrorism, the Center of European Studies, and the program in Political Psychology, Behavioral Decision Making and Reforms in Government.

Herzliya is an affluent city on the central coast of Israel, six miles north of Tel Aviv. It has a population of 87,000 residents. In a quality of life survey in 2008, Herzliya ranked second highest among Israel’s 15 largest cities.

Academic Program
In addition to the WWS task force, students will choose from a range of courses and seminars that have an international focus and deal primarily with the Middle East. Students may take MA seminars and courses as well as undergraduate courses. Students may also study Arabic or Hebrew language. The Lauder School’s BA adviser will assist students in selecting courses based on their interest.

The Program in Government, Diplomacy and Strategy offers a broad-based perspective on local, regional, and global politics, dealing with the impact of political forces, social issues, business interests, and economics policies, alongside factors such as the media, culture, and technology. The program also offers a series of comprehensive courses on Israel, covering all facets of the Israeli polity – from issues of democracy to foreign policy to questions of national security. The students examine the inner workings of the Middle East in all their complexity, while viewing the regions within the context of globalization. Course descriptions are available in the course catalog: http://portal.idc.ac.il/en/main/services/handbook/yedionsystem/pages/default.aspx.
Student Life
The Raphael Recanati International School (RRIS) offers support to students. IDC is a small campus and fosters a friendly and open environment for students to meet one another and to get to know staff and faculty. There are social events throughout the year, including hiking and bike trips, holiday parties, comedy shows, contest and festivals. Extracurricular opportunities include debate, dance, choir, sports, Hillel House, trips, model UN, campus radio station, film club, community service, and more.

WWS students will also be invited to events such as Lauder School conferences, symposia, and the Herzliya Forum for Diplomacy

Housing
Students live in apartments near IDC and can usually walk or bike to campus. IDC arranges for the apartments in advance and oversees the apartment maintenance.

Application Process
Before you begin the application process, please check that your passport is valid for the entire time that you plan to be living in Israel and renew it if necessary. If you do not yet have a passport, you should apply for one immediately.

Applications are due by March 14, 2014 in the Office of International Programs (36 University Place, Suite 350).

A complete application consists of:
• Application form
• Official Princeton transcript
• Letter of recommendation from a faculty member

In addition to a program application, students must also complete the Princeton Study Abroad Course Approval Form, which is due on November 1 for spring programs and on May 1 for fall programs (see http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/process/academicyear/forms/approval). This form is reviewed by the Committee on Examinations and Standing, which grants final approval to participate in the program. Students who meet the university eligibility requirements to study abroad and who have the support of their department are normally approved by the Committee.