

ISRAEL

HOST UNIVERSITIES

University of Haifa, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv University

WORLD WIDE WEB

University of Haifa:	http://www.haifa.ac.il/
Hebrew University of Jerusalem:	http://overseas.huji.ac.il/
Tel Aviv University:	http://www.tau.ac.il/overseas/

SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

Students who have majors strongly related to the course offerings at our partner universities in Israel will be most successful. These fields include international relations, political science, religious studies, anthropology (archaeology), history, psychology, and area studies (Middle East).

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

3.0 GPA requirement at all three campuses.

Students take courses in special programs designed for foreigners, with courses taught in English. While there is no language prerequisite for the Israel program, all students attend a preparatory language program (the Ulpan) and study Hebrew throughout the year. Students with the necessary proficiency in Hebrew may take courses in the regular university departments.

While specific courses may vary somewhat from year to year, they remain within the same general rubrics (e.g., Talmudic literature, Israel studies, Jewish thought, Middle Eastern studies). Students are encouraged to consult the web at the time when specific course titles and descriptions are needed.

Undergraduate students are required to carry a minimum of 15 units per term and a total of 30 semester/45 quarter units for the academic year. Units earned during the PLP are not counted in this courseload requirement.

ORIENTATION AND PREPARATORY LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Students begin their studies with a six to eight-week Summer Ulpan, depending on their university placement. This intensive Hebrew language program is designed to immerse students in an intensive language acquisition experience that is enriching as well as academically demanding. In addition, a brief orientation will acquaint students to the city and the university environment.

CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

Students without serious academic motives (e.g., those only in search of a religious experience) should definitely be discouraged from applying. It is important that applicants understand that this is a serious academic program. The continuing tensions between Israel and her Arab neighbors cause occasional incidents and isolated acts of violence. Students should observe obvious precautions. For example, access is restricted in certain border areas and former Arab lands now held by Israel because these areas have not been fully searched for land mines. The decision to study abroad is one that each student will have to make for him/herself after he/she has considered all of the risks related to living in the Middle East. Refer students to the US Department of State Travel Warnings, which can be found on the Web (link from the IP web page for Israel).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

There is a CSU faculty member in Israel with the IP students who serves as resident director and is responsible for managing the daily routine in the office. The faculty member provides the students with an orientation, arranges field trips, and is available to assist students with academic and personal matters.

Normally, it will take about two weeks to receive mail in Israel from the U.S. Students will need their U.S. passports to send packages to the U.S. and to receive packages that have been mailed to them.

All applicants should apply for a passport at the same time they apply to the IP Program.

HOUSING

In all three locations, Haifa, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv, students live in the university dormitories. Most dormitories are divided into suites of two or three rooms, a kitchen, large bathroom and a common room. Students can choose to have a private room or to share with a roommate. There are lounge rooms, laundry facilities, and places to study in the dorms as well. There is no meal plan so students can cook light meals in their suites. There are also university-subsidized cafeterias on campus.

CALENDAR (*APPROXIMATE DATES*)

Application deadline	February 1
Notification of acceptance	Early April
Program Start	Early August
Program End	Mid June