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Program for Study in Israel



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Why study in Israel?

In a world becoming ever smaller and more interconnected, study abroad provides the opportunity for personal and intellectual growth and prepares students to take their place in the emerging global village. Israel offers a unique opportunity for such foreign study. An ancient land that witnessed some of civilization's most significant moments, it is also one of the world's most exciting modern democracies. The birthplace of Judaism and the center of Jewish national identity throughout the ages, its many religious sites also link it to the origins and contemporary concerns of Christianity and Islam. Its population is multi-ethnic,



coming from all around the world, from many cultures, diverse political systems, and varied religious orientations. Probably more than anywhere else, Israel is a place where the ancient and the modern, the religious and the secular, East and West meet. Students at its world-class universities enjoy the best in academic learning while at the same time experiencing a vibrant, dynamic, and creative society.

Where in Israel can you study?

Students in PSI can choose any one of five universities in Israel: Bar Ilan University, Ben Gurion University, Haifa University, Hebrew University, or Tel Aviv



University. Each one's program is somewhat different from the others, and each offers students unique benefits. If you do not already know which Israeli university you wish to attend, the PSI director will be happy to meet with you to explain the differences among them and help you decide which one will best fulfill your interests.

Who is eligible for the Program for Study in Israel?

PSI is open to students throughout CUNY. It is designed primarily for sophomores and juniors, but seniors are also eligible if their programs allow it. Upper freshmen in community colleges are considered as well. Since graduate work is offered, masters and doctoral students are also invited to participate. Applicants must have good academic records and be making appropriate progress toward their degrees.

For how long can you go?

PSI students can study in Israel for a year or a semester. A summer session is also available, and intensive internships in a student's special field (e.g., laboratory science, business, archeology, comparative criminal justice) can sometimes be arranged.

Do you need to know Hebrew?

No. All five universities in Israel offer courses taught in English especially for students visiting from English-speaking countries. However, you will also learn Hebrew, or improve the Hebrew you already know, through Israel's effective "Ulpan" method of language instruction.

What courses can you take?

The courses offered in English for students from abroad emphasize the Middle East, Israeli society, and Judaic Studies; they include a good selection of general liberal arts courses as well. If you know enough Hebrew to follow lectures given in that language, you can take virtually any course in the university. PSI will arrange supervised with a the Israeli that is for your needs and interests. There are special programs in business and in psychology, and Brooklyn College offers a summer archeological dig.



you attend. also help to individual study for you member of faculty where appropriate

Will you get credit for your courses in Israel?

Yes. Israel's universities are distinguished accredited institutions. You will get a transcript from Brooklyn College listing the courses you took and the number of credits awarded for each course. Your own college within CUNY will determine how those credits are allocated toward fulfillment of specific degree requirements in general liberal arts and in your major.

Are there activities in addition to the course work?

Yes. The universities in Israel arrange optional tours, site visits and other special programs for you to become familiar with Israel and to meet Israelis.



Where would you live in Israel?

All five universities set aside rooms in their dormitories for students from abroad. If you would prefer to share an apartment near campus, that is usually possible.

How much does study in Israel cost?

Tuition for study in Israel varies among the universities and is affected by other variables (flight, food and personal expenses, etc.). Each university provides figures on its website. The average is about \$12,000-15,000 per year; \$7,500-9,000 per semester.

Are scholarships available?

Yes. There are some scholarships based on merit, and, in addition, some financial aid based on need may be available from the host university or other sources. PSI will offer students guidance in this process.



How can you get more information and applications?

Contact the Director of PSI:

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Students should be in touch by March for the following Summer or Fall; by October for the following Spring.