

# אוניברסיטת תל-אביב TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY



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**Socially Speaking:**

Let's Party! With a world-renowned nightlife culture setting itself within the ranks of New York, Bangkok and London, Tel Aviv has everything needed to offer a culturally, socially, academically and spiritually rich lifestyle and social scene. Tel Aviv is known as the "City that never sleeps," and it doesn't disappoint. There's never a last-call at the clubs... because some bars don't close until sunrise and others open when the sun is just coming up. Most of the clubs are grouped into three areas: Lilienblum Street, The Port and the Promenade. Different areas encourage a different club culture from dancing to relaxing, it's all casual and fun.

**Culturally Speaking:** Are your interests leaning towards something more cultural? From pop and jazz concerts to opera, theater, dance and the arts, there's always a full calendar of events happening year-round in Tel Aviv. Holidays are a big deal here and are celebrated to the fullest, from costumed-themed Purim to the Festival of Lights...Israelis welcome you to participate or just observe. And then drink – L'Chaim...to life! In Tel Aviv!

**Academic Calendar:**

The calendar for the school year is set to the Jewish (lunar) calendar, so semester start dates will vary. The fall semester usually begins in mid-October, ending in mid-January. The second semester starts in the beginning of April and running through mid-June.

**Language of instruction:** Hebrew, English

The majority of classes at Tel Aviv University are taught in Hebrew. There's also an abundance of classes taught in English, for English speaking students studying in Tel Aviv. Check with the course catalogue for details.

**Admission Requirements**

There is a placement exam for the Hebrew studies program and you must place with a passing grade in the first level, before being admitted to the program.

**Student Demographics and Enrollment:**

With approximately 1,500 International students, there are 70% Post-Graduate International students to 30% Undergraduate International students at Tel Aviv University.

**Passport Requirements:**

In order to enter Israel, your passport needs to be valid for six months after the date you enter the country and throughout your visit. If you hold an Israeli passport, be prepared to present it upon arrival.

**Tourist Visa:**

If you plan to attend TAU for three months or less, you can enter Israel on a tourist visa. The visa will be issued to you upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport and is free of charge. If you plan on extending your visa, you may do so at a district office for the Ministry of the Interior. You can do extend your stay every three months, for up to one year and there's a fee for the extension.

**Student Visa:**

An A2 visa is required of every student prior to arrival in Israel, either through the Embassy of Israel or Israeli Consulate. The visa makes it possible for students to leave the country and travel, without requiring a new one. However, students with this visa are not permitted to work in Israel. In order to obtain an A2 visa, you must provide proof of

acceptance TAU, proof of funds sufficient to cover tuition and expenses, as well as other required documents – contact the embassy for details.

### **Brief History:**

Tel Aviv University was established in 1953 with just 24 students in its first year. Currently, Tel Aviv University is the largest university in Israel and home to around 28,000 students. TAU consistently ranks in the top 100 international schools as well as in the top 20 for scientific citations. There are over 125 departments and schools for the arts, humanities and sciences at TAU with 15 international studies programs. TAU is consistently the #1 choice of Universities in Israel for Israeli students.

### **What students need to know:**

- Let's be honest... Studying is one reason you're here. The other? Maybe the world-renowned Tel Aviv nightclub scene, which is second to none. The party doesn't get started until 11:00PM and the bars don't close until sunset – or when the last person leaves. Or... try out the bars that OPEN at sunrise and experience a different scene altogether!
- Underground scene – Who knew? There's a huge underground dance scene in Tel Aviv, along with some of the world's best DJ's and beach club hangouts.

### **What parents need to know:**

- **Security and Safety** –high security is something very commonplace in Israel. Parents can be rest assured that everything is being done to protect their students. TAU has a security presence on campus and in the dorms, 24/7. All international students are required to have a cell phone for security updates. The dormitories also have live-in counselors available, should your child need someone for support or guidance.
- **Career Prospects** – Israel leads the world in many fields including international & diplomatic relations, security studies & negotiation. TAU is also a technology hub for many world leading start-up companies. Finding an internship or even a summer job is easily accomplished, when working with school counselors, professors and connections in the workforce. Your student will get a head start in their field with the guidance from staff at TAU.



### **Language School Programs:**

There are four intensive language programs are offered at TAU : Hebrew, Yiddish, Arabic & English. While intensive programs in English, Yiddish and Arabic are offered over the summer semester, the Hebrew Ulpan program is offered in the summer and

then again in the winter, before the beginning of the semester. There are limited spaces available for visiting students.

At TAU, the Hebrew Ulpan is required course after every undergraduate semester or yearlong program. The Hebrew studies program puts its focus language as well as different parts of Israeli culture. Students will learn about current events, history, geography, Israeli life and the environment. There will also be tours and trips to places of interest and a focus on music, theater, art and Israeli dance, along with Hebrew literature and Israeli films.

*The program levels are as follows- (there are 11 levels in the Ulpan curriculum):*

*Beginner's:* This level is an intensive-only course.

*Basic:* Levels 1, 2, and 3. These levels are eight (8) hours per week and taught as intensive or semester courses.

*Intermediate:* Levels 4,5, and 6 are eight (8) hours per week and taught as intensive or semester courses

*Higher:* Levels 6 and 7 are 6 hours per week and taught as semester or intensive courses

*Advanced:* Levels 8-11 are 6 hours per week and taught as semester or intensive courses

### **Ulpan Fees and Expenses:**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Intensive Hebrew Program - Ulpan	seven weeks	\$1,700
Short Intensive Hebrew Program - Ulpan	four weeks	\$1,450
Housing (program)	four-weeks	\$800
Housing - Ulpan	six to seven-week	\$1,200

**Social Activism:** Being a culturally diverse country, Israel is home to many different ethnicities, socio-economic and religious backgrounds. Tel Aviv embraces the differences, providing a great outlet for TAU students to become very socially and politically active. In fact, there are even scholarships available for part-time involvement! *The Department of Social Involvement* directs social programs including tutoring high school students, working on campaigns for the prevention of teen drug and alcohol abuse, mentoring incoming freshman. Contact the Dean of Students in the department for more information.



**International Student Network:** The Student Union at TAU brings together students from all over the Middle East and the world. In the hope of uniting different cultures, building trust, mutual respect and improving relationships, students can explore the differences



that often bring them together, at the Union and through the Anna Lindh Foundation or ALF.

Phone: (972) 3- 6405130

<http://www.student.co.il> (In Hebrew)

<http://www.annalindhfoundation.org/members/student-union-tel-aviv-university>

**Hebrew Language Scholarships:** Scholarships are available through many different resources ([https://international.tau.ac.il/scholarship\\_programs](https://international.tau.ac.il/scholarship_programs)). Language program funding is also available for five European students through *The Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv)*. Each grant is worth up to \$1,450 USD and available to graduate and post-doctoral Jewish Studies research students, attending the TAU Summer Ulpan program. The purpose is to improve or gain necessary language skills for the completion of your research. The scholarship covers the tuition of the program, however, certain stipulations do apply. Please contact the language studies department for details.

**Email:**

*Admissions Desk* - Ms. Tamar Grushka Shtern: [intl@post.tau.ac.il](mailto:intl@post.tau.ac.il)

*General Questions* - Mrs. Jesica Blumenfeld: [study@tau.ac.il](mailto:study@tau.ac.il)

**Housing:**

On campus housing is available for students and ranges in cost from \$600-\$800, depending on the length of time, the semester or if you're staying for a summer program. There are fully furnished shared rooms available as well as laundry and cleaning services nearby. Some international students choose to live off campus. Those who do usually prefer to live in the center of the city. The cost for housing in apartment/off campus living is usually higher than on campus.

For questions regarding on-campus dormitory living, contact:

Mr. Tal Mordoch - [housing@tau.ac.il](mailto:housing@tau.ac.il)

**Sports and Athletics:** The Elite Sports Center is the venue for all the Israeli league and intercollegiate competitive activities at TAU. The center holds tennis courts, an Olympic size swimming pool, basketball court, running track and a soccer stadium. Students also have access to the Goldreich Multipurpose Sports Building, equipped with fitness and weight rooms, gymnastics arena and squash. For a small fee, you can purchase a sports pass, which entitles students access to all the sports facilities. Interested in joining a football league? TAU is host to the Tel Aviv Pioneer Football



Team, which are founding members of the IFL (Israeli Football League). If interested in joining, send an email to: [contact@tlvpioneers.com](mailto:contact@tlvpioneers.com)

**Campus Life & Extracurricular:**

In Israel, the end of the workweek is on Thursday. This is the beginning of the Israeli weekend and campus celebrations before Shabbat, which go from Friday through Saturday, at sundown. The beginning of the weekend is called “*Campus Thursdays*” and they lead to cultural activities, art shows, musical performances and guest lectures. Check the website for *Campus Thursdays* activities.

There are film festivals year-round – in fact, there’s an internationally known festival every two years in Tel Aviv. Hundreds of students participate and enter their film into the festival as well as other filmmakers from around the world. Wednesdays are musical, complete with live rock bands and many of Israel’s own artists participating...so much to do at TAU!

**Internship and Research Opportunities:**

Whether you’re in a language program, MBA program, medical, technology, research or politically active... there are so many internships to choose from at TAU, it’s almost too difficult to pick one! Speak to your Department head to decide which direction would best fit your goals. Internships are highly recommended and encouraged at TAU!



**Location, Location, Location!:**

Tel Aviv, also known as the “city by the sea” is a great place to relax or party... depending on your moment. There are beaches to visit, exciting nightlife, open-air shopping, galleries, parks, restaurants... you get the picture. So come to Israel and make Tel Aviv your international study abroad home for Hebrew studies!