FDU Study Abroad in Israel

The FDU Study Abroad in Israel Program provides opportunities for students from the United States to complete a semester or full-year year at Tel Aviv University or The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, both of which are fully accredited by the Israel Council of Higher Education and are among the best known and most prestigious universities in Israel, before returning to Fairleigh Dickinson University to complete their degree, often for less cost than enrolling directly in an Israeli institution.

FDU Freshman (Gap) Year in Israel Program

Every year thousands of high school graduates from the United States defer college in order to travel to Israel for one or two academic semesters. After their gap year, some students struggle with the challenge of transferring credits back to institutions in the US, many of which prohibit or strictly limit the transfer of credits earned at other institutions during a deferral period. Since students are not officially enrolled in a US institution during their gap year, they also are ineligible for state, federal, or institutional financial aid that might help defray the costs of their year abroad.

Under the FDU Freshman Year in Israel Program, students apply to and enroll at Fairleigh Dickinson University as freshmen prior to traveling to Israel for a one- or two-semester academic program for visiting freshmen. While studying in Israel, students can earn up to 18 college credits for one semester or up to 36 college credits for a full academic year. The program includes opportunities to travel in Israel, meet and socialize with Israeli students, and enjoy a vast array of cultural enrichment opportunities.

Transcripts from Tel Aviv University and The Hebrew University are sent to Fairleigh Dickinson University at the completion of a student’s program in Israel and credits automatically become FDU credits. No college deferral is necessary as with many gap-year programs. Since students enroll at FDU during their freshman year, they are eligible for state, federal and institutional aid to help defray the costs of their studies in Israel. Students pay the same tuition and fees as they would for a semester or academic year at Fairleigh Dickinson University minus their aid package.

Traditional Study Abroad

Fairleigh Dickinson University also offers students a traditional study abroad option at Tel Aviv University or The Hebrew University of Jerusalem during their sophomore or junior year.

Benefits

- No college deferral required
- Receive FDU credit for all academic credits earned in Israel
- Choose between Hebrew University of Jerusalem or Tel Aviv University
- Attend for one semester or full year
- Apply for federal and state financial aid, FDU scholarships, and MASA Israel grants
- Pay less to complete Israeli program through FDU depending on your total financial aid package
- Receive expert academic advising from FDU faculty while studying in Israel

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School for Overseas Students at Tel Aviv University

Tel Aviv University is the country’s largest academic institution, boasting a diverse and dynamic student body. Its faculty is comprised of nationally and internationally renowned scholars and scientists, many of whom are leaders in their fields.

The School for Overseas Students at Tel Aviv University present a unique opportunity for accomplished college students. Participants learn Hebrew and take college level courses in English for full academic credit while immersed in Israeli culture. International students may enroll in Tel Aviv University’s semester or yearlong study abroad program either independently or through their home school. The programs offer a rich variety of exciting courses in the fields of International Relations, Social Sciences, Arts, Environmental Studies, History, Religion, Business and many more.

Accomplished high school graduates may choose to spend their first year of college at Tel Aviv University’s School for Overseas Students. The Freshman Year Program fulfills Tel Aviv University’s preparatory year (Mechina) requirement of successful completion of 30 credits, or more. Students who complete this program may either apply for admission to the regular departmental programs of Tel Aviv University or transfer credits to their home school.

To enhance the study abroad experience, TAU offers exciting extracurricular activities and organized trips across Israel. The TAU campus also houses a wide array of social, cultural, and sports clubs, all of which students are invited to join.

Tel Aviv University is situated only a short distance from the magnificent Mediterranean coast and its beautiful beaches. Being the center of Israeli arts, culture and entertainment, Tel Aviv is the home of the Israel Philharmonic, Israel Opera, and the Tel Aviv Museum. Students can also walk along streets lined with world acclaimed Bauhaus architecture, cafes and clubs, open air markets, summer street festivals and the charms of old Jaffa and Neve Tzedek with their artist colonies.
Rothberg International School at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is Israel's first university and a symbol of the cultural rebirth of the Jewish nation in its ancestral homeland. Founded by such luminaries of the twentieth century as Martin Buber, Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud, the University has become a multidisciplinary institution of higher learning and research, as well as a scientific center of international repute. In 2005, Israel's Council for Higher Education ranked the Hebrew University as the nation's #1 university on a scale of "academic excellence."

Today, 24,000 students, from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, study on the University's four campuses, including some 1,200 visitors from abroad and new immigrants, who have come to its Rothberg International School to pursue degrees or earn credits for transfer.

One Year/Semester Program (OYP) students benefit from a diversified academic experience while earning credits that may be transferred to their home college or university.

A wide variety of courses, offered mainly in English, may provide credit in such areas as archaeology, business, history, literature, philosophy, religion, communications, international relations, political science, psychology, sociology and science.

Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, is well known for its abundant historical and holy sites and fascinating tourist attractions. A city sacred to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Jerusalem is a melding of past and present, of ancient roots and modern innovations. In addition, this thriving metropolis is rich in art galleries and museums, theaters and concert halls, restaurants and cafes, pubs and dance clubs.

From the hilltop of the Mount Scopus campus, through the windows of the classrooms and dormitories of the Hebrew University, the incredible panorama of Jerusalem unfolds, confirming the Talmudic statement: "Of the ten measures of beauty allotted to the world, nine were given to Jerusalem."
About FDU

Founded in 1942, Fairleigh Dickinson University is a coed, independent, not-for-profit, non-sectarian institution. FDU was the first American university to own and operate an overseas campus (Wroxton College in Oxfordshire, UK) and is dedicated to promoting responsibility in the global community and success in the global marketplace. We are New Jersey’s largest independent university, serving 8,585 undergraduate students and 3,527 graduate students. With one of the largest international student bodies in the region and its strategic proximity to New York City, FDU’s two stateside campuses offer a unique and diverse educational and cultural experience. In all FDU is proud to host close to 1500 international students (more than ten percent of the overall student population) from nearly 100 countries.

Fairleigh Dickinson’s College at Florham emphasizes residential living, a strong liberal arts based education, graduate and professional school preparation, and customized educational offerings - all framed by a global perspective. The College at Florham offers a broad range of strong undergraduate and graduate liberal arts, sciences, and business programs in the Maxwell Becton College of Arts and Sciences and in the Silberman College of Business. The campus emphasizes an academically challenging learning environment with an enhanced residential experience.

Fairleigh Dickinson University’s Metropolitan Campus, in Teaneck, NJ, offers a broad array of liberal arts and professional programs and degrees, ranging from the associate to the Ph.D. The Metropolitan Campus is located in the midst of one of largest and most vibrant Jewish communities in the world. The campus is surrounded by services and amenities, including kosher restaurants, cafes, markets, shops, synagogues, community centers, and social activities, as well as potential host families for students wishing to live in a kosher home while studying at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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