

THE PORTER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Graduate Degree Program – M.A. or M.Sc.

The Graduate Degree is a multidisciplinary environmental studies program leading to a MA and MSC degree.

Priority is given to research areas with an interdisciplinary orientation demonstrated by the integration of different fields, most often from different faculties.

Academic responsibility lies with the Teaching Committee of the program, which is made up of representatives of the different faculties, and with the student's supervisors who will be selected in line with the chosen track (M.A. or M.Sc.) and the subject of the student's thesis.

The Porter School of Environmental Studies is responsible for administrative management of the program.

The program is comprised of 32 semester hours and a thesis. The program includes unique core courses taken by all students plus elective courses within the different tracks. The Teaching Committee together with student supervisors will create a study program for each student in line with the program's guidelines.

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- The study program for the Masters degree lasts two years. In special circumstances it is possible to extend the study program by one year. This extension must be approved by the Teaching Committee of the school.
- The program has two tracks, M.A. and M.Sc., both including a research thesis.
- Students in the program are required to have background knowledge in environmental areas, either from a first degree or from supplementary courses within the program. The supplementary

courses taken will not be included in the quota of hours needed to receive the Masters degree.¹

- Candidates for the Masters degree program must hold a Bachelors degree awarded by Tel Aviv University or another recognized university, in any field, with a final grade of at least 85. Admission to the program is subject to the approval of the school's Admissions Committee. The Committee may determine additional appropriate criteria for admission to the program.

All candidates interested in applying to the school should include the following documents in their university application pack:

1. Curriculum vitae including details of experience in the environmental field, if any.
2. Two references, including at least one from a referee in academia.
3. A document detailing research interests with areas of interest and research intentions. The letter should be typed with 1.5 line spacing and should be no more than one page in length.

Given that multidisciplinary research is an obligatory part of the program, interested applicants are advised to make contact with relevant supervisors as early as possible, and to formulate their research area together with their supervisors. Students who do not contact supervisors sufficiently early are at risk of not finding appropriate supervisors because they will already be committed to other students.

Further details on the application process, admissions and the study program can be obtained through the school secretariat: room 458 D, the Gillman building,

tel: 640 5154 (appointments to be made in advance) and the school website.

Details of the study program can be found on the school website:

<http://www.environment.tau.ac.il/Eng/Index.asp?CategoryID=143> (English – overview)

<http://www.environment.tau.ac.il/Index.asp?CategoryID=125&ArticleID=90> (Hebrew – detailed)

1 Up to 6 semester hours of supplementary courses can be counted towards the Masters degree as elective courses.