

SPECIAL PROGRAMS DIVISION

Hebrew Studies

Hebrew Placement Examination

See details in General Information (page 25) and Entrance Examinations (colored pages) of this booklet. Examination results are graded as Fail, level Aleph, level Bet, level Gimel and exempt.

Any candidate who has not written the exam, or who has not achieved a minimum of "Level Aleph" will not be admitted to the University even if all other University and departmental requirements have been fulfilled. Any student who does not receive an "exempt" on the placement exam must complete the requirement of reaching "Bet" level till the end of the first semester of studies and of being "exempt" until the end of his 3rd semester at the University.

Values for the Hebrew levels:

Fail	- grades 1-58
Level "Aleph"	- grades 59-83
Level "Bet"	- grades 84-106
Level "Gimel"	- grades 107-131
Ptor (exemption)	- grade 132+

For examination dates and registration information see the Entrance Examinations (colored pages).

Exemption from the Exam

Candidates may be exempted from the Hebrew Placement Exam if they can provide documentation certifying:

1. Israeli Matriculation – Bagrut.
2. The Psychometric Entrance Exam taken in the Hebrew language.
3. A degree from an Israeli university, or a recognized college in Israel.
4. Exemption in Hebrew from other universities in Israel.
5. Completion of three years of study in an Israeli school of nursing.
6. Successful completion of the Jerusalem examination (upon submitting an official Diploma).

7. Ten consecutive years of study in Israeli schools in which the language of instruction was Hebrew.
8. Graduates of Shazar Institute for Education and Jewry in Argentina.

Courses during the academic year

The university doesn't offer Hebrew courses, as part of the compulsory studies towards a degree. It is the student's decision where he prefers to study Hebrew.

One of the options is courses given by "The Center of Hebrew Studies" (Registered society), to which the university has given permission to teach in its premises. Tuition fees for the courses have to be paid directly by the student to the Center. (The cost of the courses will be published in the tuition fee booklet).

Different "Ulpanim" also offer Hebrew courses.

Intensive Summer Course

The Center of Hebrew Studies (Registered Society) offers an intensive summer course (during August and September) in all levels. Students have to pay for this course. (Cost of the course will be published in May)

Students that are eligible for tuition funding by "Minhal Hastudentim" and haven't studied in the Preparatory Program, their tuition fee for the course will be paid by Minhal Hastudentim.

Students are asked to check, their eligibility for tuition funding, with Minhal Hastudentim at their office, 6 Esther Hamalka st, Tel Aviv.

Registration for the summer course will start in June and will be held in the University office of the "Center of Hebrew Studies" (Registered Society).

The University does not oblige students to participate in this course. The course is designed for candidates and students that haven't reached "level Aleph" in the "Yael Test", or for those who need to study towards "exemption" before the beginning of the academic year.

The office of the "Center of Hebrew Studies" (Registered Society) at Tel Aviv University is in 30 Chaim Levanon St. Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv, Room 140.

Tel: 03-6408947

Reception: Sunday-Thursday, 08:30-13:00

Website: <http://hebrew-learning-center.com>

Email: Hebrew@post.tau.ac.il

Preparatory Program for Olim (Mechina)

Tel: 03-6406681/2, Fax: 03-6409783

E-mail: doritst@tauex.tau.ac.il

Web Site: www.tau.ac.il/mechina

The mechina is a one-year program designed for newcomers and foreign students, high school graduates, who are not eligible for direct registration to Tel Aviv University.

Studies commence in August and end in July.

Goals of the Mechina

- To bridge the gap between overseas and Israeli high schools study curricula.
- To familiarize students with Hebrew, the teaching language of the University.
- To provide intensive preparation for academic studies.
- To provide basic knowledge of Israel and Jewish history.
- To acquaint students with study tracks at the University.
- To provide accreditation that will enable students to pursue degree programs at the university.

Academic Program

The program of study in the Mechina is a full-day program – mornings and afternoons. Full participation in the lessons is required – according to a fixed time-table. There is no possibility of studying part of the time-table or a few subjects (like Hebrew etc.)

The Mechina offers four tracks of study:

- Exact Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Humanities

The candidates choose the track of study in accordance with the Faculty in which they intend to study at the University, and on condition that they pass the Mathematics Entrance Examination.

Admission Requirements

- High School Diploma or Matriculation Certificate recognized by institutes of higher education in the country in which they were issued. Registration to the Mechina is also possible for candidates who have

studied no more than one academic year at a university abroad. The certificates have to be evaluated by the Registration office of the University.

- Mathematics Entrance Examination (for certain tracks).
- Hebrew Ulpan (Aleph) is recommended for all students but is not obligatory for non-resident applicants who live abroad until the beginning of the Mechina.

It is strongly suggested that students learn Hebrew prior to their arrival for studies in Israel.

Mathematics Entrance Examination

Candidates who wish to study in the Social Sciences track (Math level parallel to 4 units), Life Sciences Track and Exact Sciences Track, will have to pass this test as an admission requirement. Candidates to the Social Sciences trend (3 units) will have to take a Math placement test.

The tests will be held in April and June 2010.

Candidates living abroad will take the entrance test during the Ulpan. In case of failure they will have to study in the Humanities or Social Sciences (Math level parallel to 3 units) tracks.

Placement Tests

Hebrew and English placement tests are mandatory for Mechina students.

Candidates living abroad will take the tests upon arrival in Israel.

Registration to the Mechina

Registration will be held from February 2010 to June 2010, on Sunday and Wednesday, from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Mechina office – Handasaim building, 30 Chaim Levanon st. , Ramat Aviv.

Candidates living abroad can apply directly to the Mechina office at Tel Aviv University, Handasaim Building, 30 Levanon st. Tel Aviv, Israel

Final Certificate

In order to be eligible for the Mechina final certificate, students must pass all final examinations and fulfill all academic requirements of the program. The passing grade is 60.

The Final certificate is always valid for Tel Aviv University.

Admission to B.A. Programs at Tel Aviv University

The Mechina office arranges the collective registration for students who intend to study at Tel Aviv University. Achievements in the Mechina are taken into account by the University Admission Committees, but graduates must meet all regular requirements for admission, including Hebrew and English proficiency levels, the psychometric entrance examination, and any departmental requirements.

It is emphasized that the University is not obliged to admit Mechina students.

Mechina students may, of course, apply individually to any other institution of higher education.

The Mechina does not grant credits towards academic studies.

Academic Advisory and Counseling Service

Academic advisors are assigned to all students for personal assistance as well as academic guidance relating to the various tracks of study in the Mechina and future studies in Israel.

Social Activities

In order to provide a deeper knowledge and understanding of Israel and its people, the Mechina offers field trips, educational tours, and a range of other social and cultural activities.

Medical Insurance

All students should carry comprehensive medical insurance.

The School for Overseas Students

The School for Overseas Students provides qualified undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to study at Tel Aviv University for a year, a semester, or summer as part of their home university studies. Each semester Tel Aviv University faculty members teach over forty courses.

The various sessions – one year, one semester and summer – are for students in their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year. Courses are taught in English. Students fluent in Hebrew and who meet course requirements may choose courses from the regular studies framework.

An intensive Hebrew language program is offered prior to the start of each semester. Students live on-campus in dormitories. An extensive program of University-sponsored tours and extra-curricular activities is an integral part of the program.

The freshman year of the School for Overseas Students fulfills the University's preparatory year (Mechina) requirements (30 credits at least). Students completing this program may apply for admission to the regular departmental programs of the University.

Graduate Middle Eastern Studies Program

The Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies and the Department of Middle Eastern and African History, in cooperation with the School for Overseas Students, offers graduate studies in Middle Eastern History as well as a one-year and single semester program granting graduate credit in this field.

The academic year starts in October and ends in June.

Candidates should apply to:

1. ISRAEL

The School for Overseas Students

Carter Bldg., Room 108.

Tel Aviv University

Ramat Aviv 69978

Tel. 03-640-8639, 03-640-8118.

Fax. 03-640-9582.

E-mail: osptau@post.tau.ac.il

Web site: <http://www.telavivuniv.org/>

2. UNITED STATES

American Friends of Tel Aviv University
Office of Academic Affairs
39 Broadway, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10006
Tel. (212) 742-9030, (800) 665-9828
Fax. (212) 742-9031
E-mail: quest@telavivuniv.org
Web site: <http://www.telavivuniv.org/>

3. CANADA

Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University
Overseas Student Program
Lawrence Plaza
3130 Bathurst Street, Suite 214
Toronto, Ontario M6A 2A1
Tel: (416) 787-5692 or 1-800-ONLY-TAU
Fax: (416) 787-1762
E-mail: coptau@interlog.com
Web site: <http://www.telavivuniv.org>

3. AUSTRALIA

Australian students should submit their **complete** application forms in two copies.

One should go to:

Rachel Bar-El, Director
The School for Overseas Students
Dormitories Bldg. B.
Ramat Aviv, Israel 69978
Fax: 03-6409582
E-mail: aftau.vic@gmail.com

The second should go to:

Australian Friends of Tel Aviv University
Tok Corporate Centre
Level I 459 Toorak Rd.
Toorak Vic 3142, Australia
Tel: 00-613-9296-2065
Fax: 00-613-9262-2165
E-mail: aftau.vic@gmail.com

The committee in Israel will check the candidate's academic suitability. The committee in Melbourne will recommend a scholarship where needed.