

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM GUIDE

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

This semester study abroad program sends Penn Carey Law students to Hebrew University, the flagship of legal research and education in Israel.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Description

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) is the oldest and most reputable university in Israel. Their law faculty (established in 1949) was the first at an Israeli university. Most of the leadership of the Israeli legal system, including most past and present Supreme Court Justices, have graduated from this law faculty or taught at HUJI. Two students from Penn Carey Law will be nominated annually for this exchange program.



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ACADEMICS

Credits at HUJI

Prior to their departure, students must ensure they are on track to complete the necessary upper-level semester hours to meet their [JD degree requirements](#). Penn Carey Law students will receive 12 credits for their semester at Hebrew.

You will be given registration instructions approximately one month before the start of the academic semester and will register via email with the administrative coordinator. During the first two weeks of the semester, you can also add and drop courses.

Sample of English-Language Courses

- » Israel and International Law (seven weeks)
- » Introduction to the Law of Israel (seven weeks)
- » International Regulation of Trade and Investment (eight weeks)
- » Human Dignity in Comparative Perspective (seven weeks)
- » The Laws of War (eight-session intensive in December)
- » Human Rights and the Law of Territory (four sessions in Oct/Nov)
- » Health Policy (five sessions December/early January)
- » Contracts: The Economic Structure of Transactions and Contracting (five sessions December/early January)
- » Mergers and Acquisitions — From Theory to Practice (five sessions in November)
- » International Dispute Settlements (four sessions in November)
- » National Security and Individual Rights (five sessions in November)
- » Autonomy and Responsibility (four sessions in December)

Requirements

While most classes are taught in Hebrew, many classes are offered in English each academic year. The teaching program in English was developed in conjunction with Hebrew University's Rothberg International School. The Faculty of law offers an outstanding assortment of classes specializing in International Law and Human Rights, and this collaboration offers students participating in the exchange program a broad choice of courses in English.

Grading and Evaluation

The intensive English-language courses at the Hebrew University are usually based on a take-home assignment of 5–8 pages. As at Penn Carey Law, larger courses include various assignments and a final exam, with the grade mainly based on that exam. (Note: End-of-term, in-class exams are not viable for exchange students due to the academic calendar.) Seminars mainly rely on an extensive seminar paper.

Grades are given on a numerical scale of 0–100. A grade of 60 and above is passing. All classes must be taken for a grade (i.e., not pass/fail) but will not be factored into your Penn Carey Law GPA.

Academic Calendar

The fall semester runs from mid-October to mid-January. The spring semester runs from early-March to late-June.

A three-day orientation program for international students will take place one week prior to the start of the semester. During the orientation, you will tour the Hebrew University campus, the Supreme Court, and the city of Jerusalem, as well as receive academic information regarding courses and regulations.

INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS

Cost of Living

Students' financial requirements can vary significantly, depending on how much is spent on housing, travel, and living expenses, but you can estimate an overall budget of approximately \$1500 per month:

- » If staying in the Student Village, the cost per room is estimated at \$500 per month, with an additional \$150 per month for utilities.
- » If you choose to purchase a HUJI health insurance policy, the cost is approximately \$1.50 a day (see below for more information).
- » We advise that you plan up to:
 - \$400 per month for food
 - \$100 for local travel
 - \$200–\$400 for entertainment and supplies
- » You are not required to purchase books.

An optional (pre-semester) intensive course for Hebrew language instruction is also offered during the summer break at an additional cost.

Visa Information

You must secure a student visa (A/2) before arriving in Israel for programs of one semester or longer. The A/2 visa is a multiple-entry student visa (making it possible to leave Israel for a vacation and return without requiring a new visa) valid for up to one year. Recipients of this visa are not permitted to work in Israel. You must appear in person at the Israeli embassy or consulate to apply for your A/2 visa.

Health and Safety

All students at the Hebrew University, including part-time and external students, must have health insurance coverage for the period of their studies. Unless otherwise noted, all non-Israeli, full-time students can purchase health insurance for the period of their program, provided they meet the criteria.

Please review the Health and Safety information available on the [Penn Global Support Services](#) website. Details on Travel Warnings, if relevant, are posted under International Travel Guidance.

Disability Access and Special Needs

The Hebrew University has an [Accessibility Services Center](#) that provides on- and off-campus resources and assistance for those with disabilities. The website is in Hebrew, but you can email the center directly or ask the Office of Student Life for translation assistance. The university reserves space for students with disabilities in all lecture halls and maintains an FM system for those with hearing disabilities. They provide an [accessibility map](#) of the Mount Scopus campus.

Housing Information

Student housing is provided to all exchange students in the Mount Scopus Student Village. All students are guaranteed student housing.

The Office of Student Activities (OSA) is responsible for organizing extracurricular programs specifically designed to introduce students to Israel — its people, geography, culture and politics. OSA employs a team of specially selected students (called madrichim) who reside in the dormitories to assist international students in adjusting to campus life at the Hebrew University.