

# Institutional Information Sheet for Partners and Students

## Academic Year 2017/2018



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### Deadlines for Study Abroad Applications

Fall/Full Year Application Deadline: May 1st  
Spring Application Deadline: November 1st

### Academic Information

Summer Ulpan dates: July 30, 2017 – September 6, 2017  
OSP Fall term start and end dates: September 10, 2017 – December 21, 2017  
BGU Fall term start and end dates: October 29, 2017 – January 18, 2018  
Fall OSP term exam period: December 18, 2017 – December 21, 2017  
Fall BGU term exam dates: January 21, 2018 – February 15, 2018

Winter Ulpan dates: January 7, 2018 – February 14, 2018  
OSP Spring term start and end dates: March 11, 2018 – June 21, 2018  
BGU Spring term start and end dates: March 11, 2018 – June 21, 2018  
Spring OSP term exam dates: June 24, 2018 – June 28, 2018  
Spring BGU term exam dates: June 24, 2017 – July 19, 2018

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Number of weeks of study:	13-15 weeks per semester
Undergraduate degree Requirements:	Generally takes between 3-4 years and requires a minimum of 120 credits (max. 180)
Credit system:	Undergraduate full-time course load per Semester is approximately 20 credits Graduate full-time course load per semester is approximately 10 credits
Full-time course load per term:	20 BGU credits $\approx$ 20-25 hours per week
Average per course:	2-4 hours per week
Number of hours per credit:	1 BGU credit = 1 frontal hour
Grading system:	Grades are awarded in percentage (1-100), where the minimum passing grade is 56 for a Bachelor degree and 65 for a Master's degree
Language Courses:	Hebrew Language Courses
Summer Courses:	Intensive Hebrew Language Ulpan – 1,360 € / \$ 1,500 <a href="#">Internationale Sommeruniversität</a> – 1,800 €

### ***International Programs (Taught in English):***

Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program:

[http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Courses\\_in\\_English.aspx](http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Courses_in_English.aspx)

- Certificate in Sustainable Development & Environmental Justice
- Certificate in Global Health
- Certificate in Jewish & Israel Studies
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- General Studies

Internship Academic Program:

[http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Academic\\_Internship\\_Program.aspx](http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Academic_Internship_Program.aspx)

MA in Israel Studies:

<http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/ISIP/Pages/default.aspx>

Literature and Linguistics:

<http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/humsos/flit>

- BA in Literature and Linguistics
- MA in Literature
- MA in Linguistics

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The Faculty of Natural Sciences offers M.Sc. in the following departments:

[http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/natural\\_science/Pages/departments.aspx](http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/natural_science/Pages/departments.aspx)

- Mathematics
- Computer Sciences (only PhD)
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Life Sciences
- Geological and Environmental Sciences

The Faculty of Engineering offers M.Sc. in the following departments:

<http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/engn/Pages/Departments.aspx>

- MSc Communications System Engineering
- MSc Communications System Engineering
- MSc Biomedical Engineering
- MSc Chemical Engineering
- MSc In Information Systems with focus in Data Mining & Business Intelligence (BI)

The Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies offers the following degrees:

<http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/akis/Pages/default.aspx>

MA, MSc, PhD in Desert Studies:

- Agriculture & Biotechnology of Drylands
- Ecology of Drylands
- Solar Energy & Environmental Physics
- Irrigation & Plant Environment
- Environmental & Aquatic Microbiology
- Environmental Studies

MSc, PhD in Hydrology & Water Quality:

- Water Resources
- Desalination & Water Treatment
- Microbiology & Water quality

English Courses descriptions:

[http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Courses\\_in\\_English.aspx](http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Courses_in_English.aspx)

Hebrew Courses descriptions:

<http://bgu4u.bgu.ac.il/html/annual/>

Language of Instruction:

The University's main language of instruction is Hebrew, but there are courses and degrees throughout the faculties that are offered in English.

Orientation Information:

Orientation is included as part of the services provided by the Ginsburg-Ingberman Overseas Student Programs (OSP) Office in the first week of Ulpan language studies (Summer or Winter). In addition, at the beginning of each BGU semester there is an orientation event for international students.

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- OSP Admission Requirements:
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
  - Transcript of records
  - 1 personal recommendation letter
  - Personal Statement / Motivation letter
  - 1 digital photo

## **Social Activities**

The Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program offer students a wide variety of extra-curricular activities to enhance their academic experience in Israel.

- Study Tours: Based on the particular subject of study, the OSP endeavors to provide its students with a more hands-on experience through interactive learning.
- Weekly Activities: Organized in collaboration with Israeli students, weekly activities include film screenings, pot-luck dinners, campus events, musical performances, lectures and social outings in Beer Sheva.
- Monthly Activities: Consisting of one-day excursions or overnight trips, activities include hiking, parasailing, rappelling, white water rafting and general sight-seeing in places such as the Golan Heights, Masada, Ein Gedi, Eilat, Tel Aviv, etc.

## **Community Action Initiatives**

As part of its mandate for developing the Negev region, Ben-Gurion University is the most community-oriented and involved university in Israel.

Within this context, International students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of community action initiatives such as volunteering in community centers, Bedouin villages, with Darfur refugees, at Absorption centers and many other organizations.

## **Accommodation Information (Prices subject to change)**

- On-Campus residence: Yes
- Cost: Fall Semester – €2,035 / \$2,250  
Spring Semester - €2,625 / \$2,900  
Full Academic Year - €4,435 / \$4,900
- Meal Plan: No

## Health Insurance Information

Health insurance regulations:	Students need to acquire a health insurance plan. In case of need, students are welcome to purchase the health insurance plan offered for OSP students.
Health Insurance Plan:	Harel-Yedidim health insurance plan offered to the students is comprehensive and includes the possibility of paying an additional amount for pre-existing conditions.
Health insurance cost:	\$1.75 per day for the basic coverage, paid by the student

## Employment

Employment opportunities for International students:	None
Employment regulations & procedures:	Foreign students are not authorized to work in Israel

## Visas

Students are required to obtain a student visa **prior to their arrival in Israel**. Please contact your local Israel Embassy or Consular Office for further assistance. Students will not be able to enter the country with a tourist visa and process the student visa upon arrival.

## Estimated Overview of Costs (USD)

Books/Supplies (per semester)	\$250 ~
Expense Allowance per month (includes food, transportation and entertainment)	\$800-\$1000 ~
Residence/Rent (per month)	\$450-up
Flight Expenses	\$300-\$1800 ~