



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים



Rothberg International School
בית הספר לתלמידים מחו"ל

Preparatory Program – Mechina

The year-long Mechina at the Rothberg International School (RIS) is designed to help international students acquire the language and study skills needed to pursue undergraduate studies at the Hebrew University—which is ranked among the top 100 universities in the world—and other institutions of higher learning in Israel. The program not only fosters academic success, it also serves as a gateway to Hebrew-speaking Israeli society.

Initially, students from around the world meet at RIS and study together in a two-month, intensive Modern Hebrew language course called the Summer Ulpan. During the academic year, Hebrew language instruction continues and the students also take courses in a variety of subjects, depending on their study interests, including survey courses. Students with a good command of the language study primarily in Hebrew. Courses include:

Academic Writing • Biblical Archaeology • Biology • Calculus • Economics • International Relations • Israeli Society • Jewish and Israeli History • Middle Eastern Studies • Physics • Probability • Psychology • Statistics for Social Sciences

A multilingual staff of experienced advisors offers personal support and facilitates the students' acclimation to life on campus and in Israel. Both academic and career counselling are provided.

Admission: The RIS Mechina is open to recent high school graduates who hold a National Senior Certificate that qualifies them to begin bachelor's degree studies at a university in their home country. New immigrants (*olim*) can also apply after completing their army service or *Sherut Leumi*. Applicants are not required to submit results of psychometric exams or any other standardized test.

Reasons to Attend the RIS Preparatory Program – Mechina

- » **Become fluent in Hebrew** by learning from the best Hebrew-language teachers in Israel.
- » **Earn academic credit** for introductory courses taken in the Mechina and recognized by Hebrew University departments in the faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences and Science.
- » **Experience living in Jerusalem**, an incredible city renowned for its abundant historical and holy sites, where you can enjoy exciting festivals, sports competitions, and a wide array of special events throughout the year.

Admission Requirements to the Hebrew University (post-Mechina)

Preparatory Program – Mechina graduates are admitted to undergraduate programs at the Hebrew University based on a combination of their final grade average in the Mechina and psychometric examination scores. Note that each Hebrew University department has its own specific requirements for admission. <http://info.huji.ac.il/overseas>

Financial Aid

- » Financial aid based on demonstrated need or merit is available. <https://overseas.huji.ac.il/financialaid>
- » The program is Masa approved for eligible candidates. www.masaisrael.org/grants
- » The Israel Government Student Authority awards tuition scholarships to eligible new immigrant students. <http://www.studentsolim.gov.il>

Applications must be submitted online between January 1–June 30 <https://overseas.huji.ac.il/apply>

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