



# *Your Academic Home in Israel*



אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב  
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



## *About BGU*

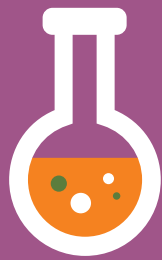
Since its founding in 1969, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) has transformed this stunning desert region in the southern part of Israel. Named after David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, BGU is dedicated to fulfilling his vision of making the desert bloom with agriculture, science, technology and innovation.

BGU has approximately 850 senior academic staff members who initiate, lead and implement research projects with institutions, companies and foundations worldwide, in addition to maintaining a strong commitment to teaching and working with graduate-level researchers.



## Fast Facts about BGU

- There are roughly **20,000** students at BGU – 1/3 in master's and doctoral programs
- Israeli undergrads have ranked BGU the **#1** university for student experience for over a decade
- BGU ranked **#18** in the global QS ranking of universities under 50 and **#259** overall
- **115,000** alumni
- BGU ranks among the top **100** global universities for the number of US utility patents awarded annually
- BGU was declared **#39** among the world's top technological universities
- BGU placed **#24** on the UI GreenMetric world university rankings and **#1** among Israeli universities
- Among the world's **100** leading institutions in cyber research, according to a new system evaluating universities by their publications in this field
- BGU's Department of Hotel and Tourism Management ranked **#6** worldwide in tourism research and **#11** on the *Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research's* overall ranking
- BGU's Department of Information Systems Engineering placed **#64** in the world in terms of publications. It is the only Israeli university ranked among the world's top **100** universities in this field
- Beer-Sheva was identified as one of the **7** up-and-coming hubs of technology and life sciences, thanks to BGU and the Advanced Technologies Park, by Brandeis University and the T3 Advisors consulting firm
- Most BGU faculty members completed significant professional training outside Israel



## *Research*

Major interdisciplinary research centers and institutes include: the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev, the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology, the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, Heksherim – the Research Institute for Jewish and Israeli Literature and Culture, the Homeland Security Institute and the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

Our 30+ research institutes and centers explore new ideas and conduct revolutionary research that has a local and global impact.



## *Faculties*

BGU is a comprehensive university engaged in research across the entire spectrum of human intellectual endeavor. It is comprised of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Pinchas Sapir Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Engineering Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management, and the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

### *Beer-Sheva Research Triangle*

The new R&D center of Israel is quickly developing in Beer-Sheva and BGU is an important part of it. All public and private research facilities, including the Soroka University Medical Center and the Advanced Technologies Park, are located within a one-mile radius of each other, creating a robust R&D triangle.

### *Main Campus*

Most students will study on the modern and lively Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva, the capital of the Negev region. A multicultural, metropolitan city with half its population under the age of 34 and over 20,000 university students, Beer-Sheva is located on the edge of the Negev Desert.

Beer-Sheva is an ideal place for international students to advance their studies and experience Israel. It serves equally well as a springboard to explore the rest of the country, with convenient transportation options making it possible to easily reach all areas of Israel.

### *Satellite Campuses*

The campus in Sede Boqer, with its outstanding research infrastructure, comfortable accommodations, and wonderful location overlooking the spectacular biblical Zin Canyon, guarantees a unique academic environment and an unparalleled learning experience. Students studying at BGU's campus in Eilat, Israel's premier Red Sea resort town, focus on the area of marine biology.



## ***Vibrant Campus Life***

BGU is the top university of choice for Israeli students, many of whom cite the active campus life – along with the excellent academics – as the major draw. Students enjoy the many clubs and activities on campus, as well as the movie theaters, state-of-the-art sports centers, pubs, restaurants, libraries, cafes, and 24-hr computer labs.

## ***Housing***

BGU students find affordable and convenient accommodations within walking distance of campus, either in student dormitories or in private apartments. With Israeli students as roommates, you'll have the chance to immediately become friends with local students and be immersed in the "real" Israel.

## ***Extracurricular Activities***

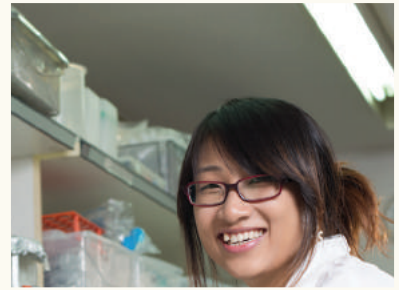
Over 6,000 BGU students are actively involved in extensive community outreach programs to strengthen the underprivileged communities surrounding the University and in the region. From mountain climbing to museum-hopping to political engagement, there's something to suit every interest!

## ***Why study at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev?***

- Our faculty members are both approachable and available to students and researchers at all levels.
- We offer a comprehensive suite of services to ensure that all international students have a successful stay at BGU.
- You'll experience the "real" Israel by living and studying alongside Israeli students.
- With affordable tuition, scholarships for international students, and a low cost of living, you can earn a degree at BGU without breaking the bank.

*BGU is a very welcoming and young university. The campus, the student community, and the excellent help provided to international students are all excellent reasons to come here.*

Antonia Delago, Austria  
Post-doctoral Researcher in Chemistry



## Academic Programs in English

### Doctoral Programs

Doctoral programs are available in all 72 departments and can be completed entirely in English, depending on your area of research.

For a list of research fields, see:  
[http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/kreitman\\_school](http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/kreitman_school)

### Medicine

MD in International Health

### Master's Degree Programs

- MSc/MA in Desert Studies
- MSc in Hydrology & Water Quality
- MSc in Biomedical Engineering
- MSc in Information Systems with a focus in Data Mining & Business Intelligence (BI)
- MSc in Chemical Engineering
- MSc in Communication Systems Engineering
- MSc in Mathematics
- MSc in Physics
- MSc in Chemistry
- MSc in Life Sciences
- MSc in Geological and Environmental Sciences
- MA in Israel Studies
- MA in Linguistics
- MA in Literature

### Undergraduate Degree Programs

BA in Literature and Linguistics

### Short-Term Programs

Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program

- Israel Studies
- Sustainable Development and Environment
- Global Health
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation

### Summer University

Sample programs:

- Global Health
- Data mining and Business Intelligence
- Innovation and Leadership
- Sustainable Agricultural Solutions
- Archaeological Dig
- Intensive Hebrew Language Program
- Internationale Sommeruniversität (taught in German and English)

Full-Time Research Internship Program  
(3-12 months)



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