

Study Abroad at BGU

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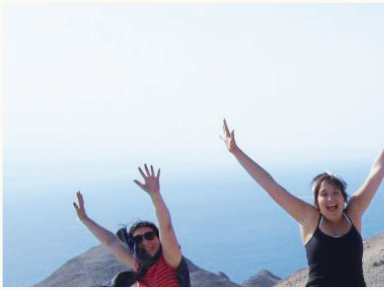
אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



Experience the Authentic Israel at BGU

"The OSP semester offers smaller class sizes than I'm accustomed to at my home university, and allowed for much more hands-on learning. In each of the courses I took, there was at least one class field trip where we were able to tangibly and physically see the subjects we were learning about sitting in the classroom."

Alyssa Wolk, USA
Fall 2013 intensive language course
and semester program at BGU



Your Time in Israel

Whether you're looking to improve your Hebrew language skills, learn about Israel's innovations in sustainability, or observe global health practices firsthand, you'll discover a range of opportunities at BGU. Beer-Sheva is conveniently located within Israel to explore major historical and tourist sites.

Campus Life

At BGU, you will be fully immersed in the local student community. You will live on campus together with Israelis and students from around the world, enjoying a rich and vibrant campus life. Thanks to its friendly, intimate environment, BGU for over a decade has been rated the #1 choice by Israeli undergraduates for student experience. Come join us!

Community

As a member of the diverse campus population of 20,000 students, you'll find many opportunities to engage with the local community along with the 6,000+ BGU students who are active in social engagement projects.



Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program for a Semester or Year

Dive deeper into your current area of study or explore a new field by joining the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program.

Each semester, you can enroll in one of our specialized tracks, all of which take advantage of our location in Israel and the globally recognized expertise of BGU faculty. You can also create your own program of study by mixing and matching courses from among the wide variety of courses and disciplines – from Anthropology to Theology – offered in our comprehensive general studies catalogue. Students in their third or fourth year of undergraduate studies may also attend select graduate courses in English.

All programs begin with an intensive Hebrew language course; language study continues throughout the semester.

Specialized Tracks

Certificate options available

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

This track combines courses from several academic fields as well as practical skills and theory, providing students with useful tools and training them in innovative thinking and entrepreneurship. Participants in this track, who come from all fields of study, develop career skills that will be fundamental to their future as entrepreneurs or employees.

Global Health

In this track, students get an inside look at global health, an emerging field that incorporates both theory and social involvement and interweaves disciplines such as medicine, sociology, economics, politics, and ethics. Through guided tours of medical facilities in Israel, at the forefront of medical technologies, students observe emerging aspects of global health firsthand, as well as participate in a field practicum.

Israel Studies

Israel is a modern and progressive country, yet steeped in tradition – a leader in technology and entrepreneurship yet protective of customs and rituals. In this multidisciplinary track, students work in world-renowned archives, participate in current field research, and get to know people and places, thus discovering Israel's dynamic society.

Sustainable Development and Environment

BGU – a leader in environmental studies and the sustainable use of limited natural resources in the desert – is the ideal place to explore sustainability and environmental management. Led by top researchers in the field, this track examines the challenges of sustainable development in the Middle East and their implications in other parts of the world.



Summer Programs

BGU's Summer Program, which hosts international and Israeli students each year, features a combination of language learning, trips and excursions, volunteer opportunities, social activities, and lectures by highly regarded BGU professors.

Global Health

A comprehensive learning experience in this interdisciplinary field through a program that combines classes, professional field trips, and placement in clinics for hands-on practical training. Students are assigned to an Israeli institution or organization that applies Israeli innovation in global public health.

The Soil-Plant-Atmosphere Continuum in Arid Regions

This innovative and multidisciplinary course offers exceptional opportunities to pursue research in agricultural and environmental sciences; you will learn about cutting-edge agricultural technologies that improve food and water use.

Archaeological Dig

Join Ben-Gurion University archaeologists on a dig to uncover the history of the region. Previous program excavation sites have included an Egyptian estate from the 12th century BCE, a Philistine village, and a Late Iron Age settlement.

Intensive Hebrew Language Program (also available in winter)

Rapidly develop your Hebrew language skills in this fun and interactive program. It combines reading, writing, and conversational exercises with field trips and media – such as Israeli music, newspapers, and movies. Many levels are available, from beginner to advanced.

Internationale Sommeruniversität

This program gives native German speakers an opportunity to participate in a Hebrew language course, along with a lecture series focused on Israel and Jewish studies given in both German and English.

Full-Time Research Internship Program

Earn credits and gain hands-on research experience working alongside a BGU faculty member during a three to twelve-month internship. We'll help you find a project that matches your academic background and goals. Your responsibilities may involve reviewing literature, collecting information, organizing data and documents, and participating in ongoing research projects. Internships can begin at any point during the year, provided the timing is suitable for both the intern and faculty member. Open to undergraduate and graduate students.



Student Life

Student Dormitories

As a student in a semester or yearlong program at BGU, you'll live in a student dormitory or shared apartment within walking distance of the main campus, the train station, and our state-of-the-art sports facility. With Israeli students as roommates, you can immediately experience the "real" Israel by sharing friendships and building memories.

On-Campus Dining

In addition to preparing food in your dormitory kitchen, you can dine in a number of on-campus cafeterias, all of which are reasonably priced, kosher, and offer a variety of Mediterranean and international options.

Excursions & Activities

Among the highlights of studying or interning at BGU are the outstanding trips, tours and outdoor adventures. In any given semester, your group will

travel to diverse sites throughout Israel. You can also take part in the rich variety of student clubs and community service opportunities, so your evenings may often require you to make a choice between one of several organized events on campus — or just hanging out with new friends.

Support Network

At BGU, you'll be fully supported by our friendly staff members, who are available to ensure you have a safe and successful stay. You can always stop by the office or visit the resident advisor in the dorm if you have any questions. We are available 24/7 in case of emergency.

Scholarships

International students may be eligible for scholarships or other forms of financial aid.



"My six-week stay at BGU was the best decision I've made in a while. It extended my horizons and gave me an international network of smart, open-minded people."

Thomas Dorner, Germany
BGU Summer University 2011



About Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Beer-Sheva

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), ranked #18 in the 2015 QS ranking of global universities under the age of 50, has an international reputation for multidisciplinary research. It offers a modern campus and a dynamic population of 20,000 students from Israel and around the world, spread across five campuses. Students come to BGU both for academic opportunities and for our vibrant campus atmosphere.

Students enjoy on-campus housing, a full calendar of activities and events, and a variety of clubs and organizations. Our location in Beer-Sheva, Israel, a multicultural city on the edge of the vast Negev Desert, is an ideal place for international students to advance their studies and experience Israel. It serves as a springboard to explore the rest of the country, with convenient transportation options to reach all areas of Israel.

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