

Handbook for International Students  
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The Office of Student Exchange Program

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **The Buchmann Faculty of Law**

Located at the heart of Tel Aviv, TAU Law Faculty is Israel's premier law school. It offers an environment of excellence and educational intimacy in the form of renowned faculty, vibrant student life, ample opportunities for clinical training, and extracurricular activities. Small by design, the faculty's impact on the legal world is measured by its accomplished graduates and its ongoing scholarship and outreach through numerous centers and projects.

TAU faculty publish in the most prestigious law reviews and university presses and lecture regularly at leading law schools in the United States and Europe. Our faculty's scholarship has a significant and continuing impact on Israeli law and is widely discussed by academics abroad. At the same time, TAU is a pioneer in the Israeli legal academy in pursuing important social causes through its vibrant legal clinics as well as its innovative admissions procedures.

For students, the experience is unparalleled. The faculty offers a vast array of courses, seminars and opportunities for research. Students also get practical training by representing real clients in the framework of our excellent clinics. Outside the classroom, there are a rich variety of student practice organizations, professional interest groups, social groups, and student journals, which allow students to pursue every possible interest. It is no surprise that we enjoy a top-notch student body.

A TAU Law education prepares students for success in the practice of law, business, public service, and teaching. Through its faculty, students, and alumni, TAU Law Faculty is able to contribute solutions to the world's most complex legal and social challenges. Among the Faculty's graduates are Supreme Court Judges, premier law practitioners and Members of Parliament.

### **About the Student Exchange Program**

Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law offers about **50 courses in English** taught by permanent faculty members and Visiting Professors, all experienced in teaching courses in leading universities abroad. There is also a possibility of doing a two or three credits **supervised research paper**.

The Law Faculty has negotiated exchange relationships with law schools and faculties abroad. Under these agreements, the foreign schools send some of their students to Tel Aviv Law School for a semester, and we send some of our students to their schools in exchange. Presently we have about 35 such relationships in place. These include the following law schools: Duke, Virginia, Cornell, Boston, UCLA,

Northwestern, Fordham, Temple, Cardozo, Florida, Alabama, Queens, McGill, Bucerius, EBS, Sciences Po, Warsaw, Bergen, Basel, Leiden, Charles, Bocconi, Monash, Hong Kong, Jindal, Seoul, STL, SMU, Tsinghua, Fudan, KoGuan and more.

### **Academic Calendar**

The academic calendar in Israel is set according to the Jewish calendar (lunar calendar). This means that every year, the semesters run on slightly different dates. Generally, however, the first semester runs from October to January (13-14 weeks), and the second semester runs from March to June (13-14 weeks).

Each semester has two quarters, and each quarter includes its own exam period. In each quarter, a selection of law courses taught in English is offered. Student can participate either in one quarter or in a full semester. Some courses are "intensive" and last 3-8 weeks, with different start & end dates.

**Fall semester: October 30, 2016 – January 29, 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter: **October 30, 2016 – December 9, 2016**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: **December 18, 2016 – January 29, 2017**

**Spring semester: March 13, 2017 – June 29, 2017**

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter: **March 13, 2017 – May 8, 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter: **May 16, 2017 - June 29, 2017**

To check the academic calendar of the year that interests you, please visit:

<http://www.tau.ac.il/calendar-eng.html>

Hope to see you soon!

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## **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

### **Course Registration and Value of Credits**

Some of the courses are taught by faculty members of the TAU Faculty of Law. Others are taught by visiting professors both from other academic institutions in Israel, or from leading law schools abroad.

The courses are attended by Israeli students from TAU, which provides exchange students with the opportunity to engage with their Israeli peers.

### **Course List and Timetable**

To see the course list, course timetable and course description please refer to: [http://www6.tau.ac.il/law\\_exchange/](http://www6.tau.ac.il/law_exchange/) Please note that the list is subject to changes.

### **Course Registration**

Students should select up to 7 classes. Classes are 1-2 credits each. To sign up for more than 7 courses, you will need a special permission from the faculty member in charge of the Law Faculty's Student Exchange Program. Please consult your university as to your own requirements of credits.

Generally, classes conducted in English do not overlap, but in the rare case of a conflict, it will not be possible to take classes with conflicting meeting times.

Please choose the courses you would like to take from the Exchange Student Program site: [http://www6.tau.ac.il/law\\_exchange/](http://www6.tau.ac.il/law_exchange/)

In order to register for the courses, kindly fill out a form and send it by email to the program coordinator at [exchange@post.tau.ac.il](mailto:exchange@post.tau.ac.il).

Please include the following information:

- Number of credits required by your university
- Estimated departure date
- Special request

**Fall semester:** September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**Spring semester:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

As an exchange student you are entitled to attend one course through the International School free of charge (excluding all Language courses). Any additional courses are offered for a tuition fee. The grade of such course will be posted in a different transcript. The registration for this course will be done during the first week of the semester. Kindly notify the program coordinator by email about your choice. Information for students who wish to enroll these courses may be found on the

International School website: <http://international.tau.ac.il/> or E-mail: [intl@post.tau.ac.il](mailto:intl@post.tau.ac.il)

### **Value of Credits**

1 credit point equals 13 academic hours.

Each academic hour is composed of 45 minutes. Accordingly, a 1 credit class will meet for a total of 585 minutes. A class of 2 credit points equals 26 academic hours, i.e. 1,170 minutes.

Students should be aware that most of the courses are intensive courses, running over a short period of time, and may contain two or three class meetings per week. This entails a heavy reading and work load during the duration of the course.

### **Drop/Add Period**

TAU Law's drop/add policy is:

- Semester-long courses: Add/drop during the first two weeks ONLY.
- Quarter-long & condensed courses: Add/drop must be done before the third lesson ONLY. (Class may meet twice/week, so the period is shorter).
- Maximum number of changes (either add or drop) is 4. More than 4 requests cannot be accommodated.
- In case of adding a course after it begun, it is the student's responsibility to complete the materials missed during the first class.

In order to drop/add courses, please complete the Add/Drop form and send it to Ms. Marie Madvil at [exchange@post.tau.ac.il](mailto:exchange@post.tau.ac.il)

### **Canceling a Class**

Students who wish to drop a class at any stage of the semester must notify the exchange program coordinator Ms. Marie Madvil. A course that is not cancelled will show a grade of fail on the student's transcript.

### **Exams**

Each course will have one of the following three final assignments:

- In-class final exam
- Take-home exam
- Final paper.

## **Exam Procedures**

Before each exam, students are required to sign a "letter of confidentiality" stating they agree to work on the exam by themselves, without the aid of any forbidden resource.

### In-Class Final Exams:

The date of the exam is published on the course list in the website: [http://www6.tau.ac.il/law\\_exchange/](http://www6.tau.ac.il/law_exchange/). The room number of the exam will be published one hour before the exam on the **Bulletin Board near room number 28** at the entrance floor of the faculty. **Students must present their student ID in order to receive the in-class exam.**

### Take-home Exam:

Students will find the instructions for the take home exam on Moodle on the day of the exam. Generally, students have 24-hours to complete the exam.

## **Appealing a Final Grade**

Appealing an exam grade is permitted no later than seven days from the day the grade was published. Appeals are done by completing an [appeal form](#) where students elaborate on the reasons for their appeal, at Ms. Marie Madvil's office. **It is not permitted to appeal directly to the professor.**

## **Transcripts**

Two copies of the official transcript will be sent to the contact person at the student's home university.

Students can see their final grades online using the following link: [https://www.ims.tau.ac.il/tal/Login\\_Eng.aspx](https://www.ims.tau.ac.il/tal/Login_Eng.aspx) and filling the necessary details (Idno is your student number).

## **Grading System**

The grades at Tel Aviv University are given in percentage points, according to the following scale:

95-100	Excellent
85-94	Very Good
75-84	Good
65-74	Fairly Good
61- 64	Fair
60	Lowest Passing Grade

### **TAU Email Account**

At orientation day, students will receive a TAU e-mail address and password. The password is secret. Do not lose it or share it with other students. For assistance, contact 03-640-8888 (computer helpdesk).

### **Student Identification Cards**

A student ID card will be issued – you should keep this with you at all times. Present the card at the security gates to facilitate your entry to campus. Lost cards can be replaced at a cost of USD\$10.

### **Hebrew Language Studies**

Tel Aviv University offers an Intensive Hebrew Course for beginners (ULPAN) twice a year, in the summer and in the winter prior to the beginning of each semester. The Hebrew course is not part of the Law Student Exchange Program and is offered by the TAU International for an extra fee. The TAU International also offers beginners and advanced Hebrew courses during the academic year for an extra fee. For more information regarding the Hebrew courses, please refer to TAU International website: <http://international.tau.ac.il/>.

### **Orientation Day**

An orientation day for incoming exchange students takes place the Thursday preceding the first day of each semester. Participation is mandatory. Social and educational activities are organized during the semester (including tours, social gatherings, and public lectures). Students are strongly encouraged to participate.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **About Israel**

Inhabitants: 9,281,900 (2014 estimate)

Area: 20,770 / 22,072 km, 8,019 / 8,522 m<sup>2</sup>

Capital: Jerusalem

Regions: Golan, Galilee, Center, Negev

Cities with over 200,000 inhabitants: Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa, Rishon LeZion, Petah Tikva, Ashdod

Official languages: Hebrew, Arabic, English

Ethnic groups: 75% Jews, 19.1% Muslims (Druze included), 2% Christians, 3.9% other.

Government: parliamentary democracy

Internet TLD: .il

Calling code: +972

### **Working hours in Israel:**

Regular business days are Sunday through Thursday, with a few offices also open on Friday mornings. The weekend is Friday – Saturday. At Tel Aviv University, courses are held from Sunday through Thursday with a few courses held on Friday mornings. However, administrative offices are closed on Friday.

Stores in Israel are generally open from Sunday through Friday afternoon. Some malls and stores also open on Saturday evening for several hours.

In the city of Tel Aviv, most of the kiosks, coffee shops, restaurants, bars and movie theatres are open on Friday nights and Saturdays.

### **Currency and Banks**

The Israeli currency is the New Israeli Shekel (₪) (NIS). The current exchange rate (as of May, 2016) is \$1~ 3.78₪ and 1€~ 4.32 ₪.

### **Banking Cards**

The easiest way to have immediate access to your bank account is with a bank card. We strongly suggest that you arrange an ATM card with your local bank that has a 4-digit PIN code (personal identification number). Make sure it can be used in Israel. We do not advise relying on ATMs as your only source of cash, though.

### **Credit Cards**

The most widely-used credit card in Israel is Visa, and Master Card and American Express are also widely accepted. Many businesses accept these cards for goods and

services, and banks offer cash advances. Transactions can be billed to an account back home.

### **Bank Accounts**

A bank account can be opened in any bank – make sure to bring your passport.

The following banks are located near the university:

**Discount Bank** Entin Square (Gate 7), the main entrance to the campus  
Phone 03-646-4222.

**Bank Hapoalim** Bart Street, opposite the Einstein dormitories  
Phone 03-6553-2407

### **Post Office**

In addition to sending letters and buying stamps, many extra services are offered by the post office: pay utility bills, send & receive money wires, exchange currency with minimum commission and good rates, and purchase phone cards. The nearest Post Office to the university is located opposite the main entrance to the campus.

67 Haim Levanon Street

Phone 03-642-5109

Sunday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Additional branches in Central Tel Aviv:

60, King George Street, opposite Dizengoff Center. Phone 03-620-4529

108, Ibn Gvirol Street, opposite Rabin Square. Phone 03-522-8009

For further information on services and locations, visit the Post Office site:

<http://www.postil.com/newmail.nsf/hompageEng?openform>

### **Cellular Phones**

A cellular phone can be arranged with:

- **Orange**, at the Dyonon Bookstore near the main entrance to the campus, Entin Square (Gate 7). Phone 03-6426656.  
You can find another store at Dizengoff Center Mall or Ramat Aviv Mall.
- **Pelephone**, Ramat Aviv Mall. Phone 03-641-5461  
You can find another store at Dizengoff Center Mall.
- **Golan**, Dizengoff Center Mall. Phone 03-670-5265
- **Hot mobile**, Dizengoff Center Mall. Phone 053-500-3000
- **You phone**, Dizengoff Center Mall in the "Mega Supermarket"
- **Cellcom**, Azrieli Mall. Phone 052-853-1050  
You can find another store at Dizengoff Center Mall Phone 052-661-2122
- **Celluline Ltd.**, Ramat Aviv Mall, Phone 03-643-7764

There are several options available - make sure the salesperson explains!

## **Cable TV**

Cable TV can be arranged with the following companies:

**Hot** cable company, phone \* 6900

**Yes** satellite company, phone \* 2080

## **Electrical Appliances**

Electrical current in Israel is 220 volts, 50 cycles. You may be able to use a transformer for low-power consuming appliances, such as your laptop. High power demanding appliances like as blowdryers require special high power converters. Be sure to check with an authorized electronics dealer for detailed information.

## **Health Care & Insurance**

Visiting students **are required to have health insurance from their home country.** This may be supplemented with policies for automobile, home, health, and life insurance by local companies:

- **Clalit medical clinic**, located on campus in the Sourasky Central Library building. Phone 03-641-5818 or 03-641-5780.
- **Klal Bituah agency**, Bela Lavon, located on campus in the Academy of Music building. Phone 03-640-8850
- **Shiloah agency**, Sahar. Tel. 03-640-8016
- **Yedidim agency**, Amos Gilboa. 052-325-0975

## **Visa Information**

Following new regulations administrated by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, students who are coming to study in Israel are obliged to obtain a Student Visa prior to their arrival to Israel through the Israeli consulate in their home country.

Please contact the Israeli consulate in your country and check which additional documents you need to provide.

## **Customs and Taxes**

Customs and tax information may be obtained from the following government website: <http://www.gov.il/firstgov/topnaveng/engoffices/engauthorities/engtaxes/>

## **Living in Tel Aviv**

### **Getting to Tel Aviv**

You can get to Tel Aviv from the Ben Gurion Airport (Israel's main international airport) by taxi or train. Taxis are available at the airport and there is no need to call ahead. Taxi fare from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv costs approximately 130 NIS and takes 20 - 60 minutes depending on traffic conditions. Train fare costs about 13 NIS and takes up to 20 minutes.

In case you decide to get to your place of residence by taxi, you might want to try booking a taxi ride in advance using the "Gett" app (available on the app store/google play), as they may offer special discounts.

For information regarding train transportation:

<http://www.rail.co.il/EN/Pages/Homepage.aspx>

There are four train stations in Tel Aviv (including Tel Aviv University). If you use the train, keep in mind that you will probably need a bus or taxi to get from the train station to your final destination. You could use the "Moovit" app (also available on the app store/google play) for planning your trip with public transport – also outside of Tel Aviv.

[Map of Tel Aviv](#)

### **Housing**

**Visiting students are required to find their own accommodation.** The Law Faculty Student Exchange Program cannot guarantee a housing solution for visiting student because of the excessive demand and limited supply for on-campus housing. Tel Aviv University will not be a party to lease apartments. It is the student's responsibility to contact a rental agency, to check the apartments, and sign and respect the contract (e.g. pay rent or leave the apartment in a timely manner).

**Regarding immediate accommodation.** The city is full of hotels and hostels at a very wide range of prices. You might find it useful to check with sources like [AirB&B](#), [hostels.com](#), [trip advisor](#).

A hostel dorm room should be around 100 NIS per night, and it goes up to 400-500 NIS per night in the 3-4 stars hotels.

**For long term accommodation, Facebook is your best option indeed.**

This is the largest group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/35819517694/>

People post there in Hebrew but everybody reads English so if you google-translate some of the posts and replay in English, you might find interesting stuff.

These are other Facebook groups of Sublet:

<https://m.facebook.com/sublet.israel/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/108784732614979/>

<http://www.homie.co.il/>

and other Facebook groups:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/188430365379/?fref=nf>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/telavivrealestate/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TLVAPT/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/secrettelaviv/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/676960712363338/?ref=bookmarks%D7%AA>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RealEstateTelAviv/>

The price range for a private room in a shared apartment starts from around \$700 per month, plus utilities.

Many Israelis use the above mentioned websites in their search for an apartment, but please note that these are private websites and TAU is not be accountable for any information posted on these websites.

If you have not found an apartment prior to your arrival, it is recommended to arrive in Israel about 7-10 days before the term begins, in order to find long-term accommodations. The housing in Tel Aviv is in high demand, much like any busy metropolis. With enough time and patience, you can find a suitable place to spend the semester. We highly recommend our students to get together to find apartments to share, but keep in mind that most apartments are either studios, one-bedroom or two-bedrooms. We will do all that we can to help answer questions.

### **Living Expenses**

It is hard to give a precise estimate of living expenses, but roughly you should plan to spend \$700 per month for food, transportation, going out, independent traveling, and incidental expenses. Of course, the amount you need varies according to your personal lifestyle. We suggest that you follow Israelis' eating habits: fruit and vegetables are delicious and inexpensive, as are dairy foods. Chicken is less expensive than beef and more popular in Israeli dishes.

### **Transportation**

#### Buses

The campus is served by numerous bus routes, listed below according to the two main bus companies, **Egged** and **Dan**. The campus was designed for pedestrians rather than vehicles, and it is generally more convenient to travel to campus using public transportation. Buses stop near all gates, providing easy access to campus buildings. Please note that city buses are the most convenient and inexpensive way to travel in Tel Aviv.

When living in central Tel Aviv (where most of our students choose to live), use Dan Bus lines #24 and #25 to travel to campus. You may get off the bus near the main entrance to the campus (gate 7). The Buchmann Law Faculty building is located at approximately 3 minutes walking distance from the main gate.

Here is a list of Buses you can use to travel to the campus:

[Egged](#) routes: 74, 86, 274, 270, 572, 604

[Dan](#) routes: 6, 7, 13, 24, 25, 49, 45, 89, 127, 189, 220

Bus schedules and routes are subject to change.

**Dan Bus** Phone 03-639-4444 <http://www.dan.co.il/>

**Egged Bus** Phone 03-694-8888 <http://www.egged.co.il>

**Download the Moovit app** for schedules and a trip planner.

### Tickets & Fares

All tickets can be purchased on the bus from the driver (in cash only). Within Tel Aviv, there basic fare is 5.90 NIS.

You can also arrange a bus pass called "Rav Kav" that offers discounted fares when purchased in advance (daily, monthly, or yearly subscription). Go to the bus company's offices at the Central Bus Station (*tachanat merkazit*) or the Central Train Station (*Arlozorov*) for details and to order the card, or do it on campus during the first week of the semester – only note that students from all across the university will be lining up to get their cards as well, so lines are very long. You must present an official letter from the program coordinator stating that you are a student plus your student ID card.

### Trains

The University Train Station is within walking distance from campus (on its southeast flank). You can also take Dan Bus # 7, #45 and #127 to the station.

Click here for a [detailed train schedule](#).

### Taxis

It is not customary to tip taxi drivers. For rides within Tel Aviv, you should make sure the driver is using the meter rather than agreeing on a price in advance.

**Download Gett Taxi app** – you can store your credit card information in case you find yourself without cash to pay for a taxi, and you can order a taxi based on your GPS. You will receive a message showing your taxi driver's name, phone number and license plate number.

### Car Rental

- **Eldan** <http://www.eldan.co.il>
- **Avital** <http://www.avital.co.il>
- **Europcar** <http://www.europcar.co.il>

Parking on campus is very limited, but if you manage to find a parking spot, you may get a discount by showing your student ID card.

## **What to do in "the city that never sleeps"**

With 14 kilometers of white sandy beach and 300 days of sunshine a year, Tel Aviv's friendly and liberal vibe is unbeatable. The city offers a rare blend of world-class culture and global innovation, and boasts one of the world's leading nightlife scenes. Home to hundreds of theatres, music venues and galleries, the world's largest grouping of Bauhaus architecture, and some of the world's best parties, it's no wonder the New York Times declared Tel Aviv the 'Capital of Mediterranean Cool'. Tel Aviv's young energy is contagious and between the bars, cafés, restaurants, and street parties, the city runs on full energy 24/7. Surfers, trendy boutiques, sizzling beaches, gourmet cuisine, parks and green spaces – the city thrives on the unexpected, the diverse and the spontaneous. From its citywide bike-sharing system and charming boulevards, to its markets, culinary scene, world-renowned museums, and celebrated nightlife scene, Tel Aviv truly is the Nonstop City.

### **Culture and Entertainment**

For an excellent source of information about local museums and other cultural institutions, visit the English-language site of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality. <http://www.tel-aviv.gov.il/english/home.asp>

The best English-language newspapers for extensive listings of cultural events and news are the [\*Jerusalem Post\*](#), [\*Ha'aretz English Edition\*](#) and the [\*Times of Israel\*](#).

Tel Aviv University students may buy **discounted tickets** to a large variety of cultural events. Visit the Student Union in the lobby of the Mitchell Student Center or call 03-640-7662 or 03-640-5909 for information.

Gratuity: While you can pay your bill with a credit card in most restaurants and bars, the tip is left in cash. In order to leave tip on the card, ask the waiter to add it before your card is charged.

The customary rate in restaurants is 12-15% and in bars 15-20%.

### **Tel Aviv Food and Nightlife**

The [Tel Aviv Guide](#) or [Timeout](#) websites provide excellent information and tips on Tel-Aviv clubs, restaurants, cafes, sites, beaches, shopping, entertainment & art and attractions.

Clubs and bars in Tel Aviv are frequently closing and reopening. Make sure that the place you are planning to go to is still open!

The best day for bar hopping in Tel Aviv during the week is usually Tuesday. Students also prefer to go out on Thursday (party atmosphere) and Saturday nights (more relaxing – remember we work on Sundays!) Friday nights usually attract a somewhat younger crowd (the legal drinking age in Israel is 18). Israelis usually go

out late – bars are often half empty at 10:00 p.m., but will be packed by midnight. Most bars are open until the last customer leaves, and there is no "last call."

The dress code in Tel Aviv is very relaxed. "Dressed up" usually means upscale casual... you can leave your suits at home.

There are several bar areas in Tel Aviv:

- Dizengoff, Ben Yehuda and Ibn Gavirol Streets
- North Tel Aviv's Port
- Lilienblum Street
- Florentin neighborhood and Jaffa
- Sarona <http://saronatlv.co.il/?lang=en>
- Hatachana <http://www.hatachana.co.il/Home>

#### North Tel Aviv's Port

In Tel Aviv's rebuilt port on the sea you can find the most popular venues where you can satisfy your drinking, dancing and socializing needs. Most places are loud and crowded mega-bars which differ in decoration and style. A lot of cafes and bars are on the beautiful deck and have a view of the Mediterranean Sea.

#### Lilienblum Street

This area in southern Tel Aviv encompasses the region between Lilienblum Street, the southern end of Rothschild Boulevard, Nahalat Binyamin Street and the Neve Tzedek area. These are all within walking distance from one another.

#### Florentin

The neighborhood is located between the ancient biblical port of Jaffa and Tel Aviv's first Jewish neighborhood Neve Tzedek. Florentin is renowned as Tel Aviv's bohemian bastion and has drawn comparisons to Berlin's Kreuzberg and New York City's Lower East Side. It's a hub of creative activity and a hipster's paradise featuring tattoo parlors, vegan kiosks and a Bedouin cafe.

#### Sarona

Sarona combines a unique architectural history with a dynamic urban experience. Together they create a center of culture, leisure and shopping in a relaxed and upscale atmosphere. The renewed colony includes an urban park and the accurately restored original 37 buildings of the Templar settlement. These have been transformed into elegant cafes, ritzy restaurants, high-end art galleries and specialty shops.

#### Hatachana:

The New Station compound in Tel Aviv-Yafo is located between the sea shore and the Neve Zedek neighborhood. It is an exciting culture, entertainment and leisure place full of shops and cafes. It used to be an old railway station and two rail cars are still permanent fixtures in the complex.

## **Restaurants and Cafes**

The choice of restaurants and cafes in Tel Aviv is simply huge, each with its own particular atmosphere and style. Each Israeli has their own favorite place for *street food* like falafel or hummus. Some of the best places for *authentic food* aren't the fancy decorative restaurants but the simple family eateries serving grandma's recipes. Israel is a melting pot of different cultures and nationalities, and there is no better way to enjoy this diversity than tasting it. Most of these restaurants are located in poorer neighborhoods like the central bus station and the markets, and these restaurants and cafes become the center of the city's social scene on Friday mornings, when it seems that the entire population is having a rich breakfast or just drinking coffee to see and be seen before the Sabbath.

## **Religious Life**

Though Tel Aviv-Yafo has a predominantly Jewish population, the city is also home to vibrant [religious life](#) in a variety of other sectors.

## **Sports and Leisure**

[Information about gyms, fitness centers and dance companies](#)

- Elite Sports Center on Campus  
The TAU Sports Center offers a variety of sports facilities including three swimming pools (two of them are heated), weight rooms, aerobics, Pilates and yoga classes, group sports, and more. You can buy daily ticket or multiple-entry ticket for the sport center's swimming pool at discounted student prices.  
Phone: 074-710-0200
- Jimmy Fitness Center  
Location: Dizengoff center, north building B, floors 3-4 (roof)  
Phone 03-620-4116 or 03-620-1130
- Shape Yarkon  
Location: 75 Hayarkon Street  
Phone 03-517-0070
- Great Shape  
Location: 68 Ibn Gvirol Street (corner of Shaul Hamelech Street)  
Phone 03-695-5353
- Holmes Place Dizengoff  
Location: Dizengoff Center, floor -1 (next to Dizengoff Cinema)  
Phone 03-621-7000
- Holmes Place Yarkon  
Location: 75 Hayarkon Street  
Phone 03-517-0070
- Pure Gym  
Location: 77 Ben Yehuda Street  
Phone 03-527-2782

You can purchase a second-hand membership through sites like [www.yad2.co.il](http://www.yad2.co.il) or [www.homeless.co.il](http://www.homeless.co.il).

[Park Hayarkon](#) is Tel Aviv's largest public park and is within walking distance of the university. Features include extensive picnicking areas, gardens, a man-made lake, a bicycle path along the Yarkon River, boats for hire, a small children's zoo, and more.

- Sportek, Park Hayarkon Sports Center  
Phone 03-642-2828 or 03-699-0307
- Meimadion Water Park (summer only)  
Phone 03-642-2777
- Tsapari Park, exotic birds in a beautiful tropical garden  
Phone 03-642-2888
- Minigolf, 56 Rokach Boulevard at the corner of Haifa Road  
Phone 03-699-0229
- Luna Park, amusement park in Ganey haTa'arucha  
Phone 03-642-7080

#### **Other Attractions:**

- Bowling Tel Aviv, 124 Ibn Gvirol Street, Floor -3, Tel Aviv  
Phone 03-523-1222 or 03-523-7004 or 03-523-7005
- Safari Park, spacious safari park with zoo and petting corner, Ramat Gan  
Phone 03-631-2181
- Tennis Courts, Rokach 73, Ramat Aviv  
Phone 03-744-8844

#### **Beaches**

Tel Aviv has excellent [public beaches](#) with changing rooms, restrooms and cafes right on the sand. Beach chairs and parasols are available for a small fee.

#### **Shopping**

The closest shopping center to the campus is the Ramat Aviv Mall, which is a five-minute walk from the university's main gate (gate 7) at 40 Einstein Street. The mall has two large supermarkets and two levels of shops, restaurants, cafes and cinemas.

Other shopping malls in Tel Aviv:

- Dizengoff Center, 50 Dizengoff Street
- Azrieli Center, Menachem Begin Street 132
- Gan Ha'ir, 71 Ibn Gvirol Street

Tel Aviv has a number of colorful and lively open-air markets called "*shuk*", which are open from early morning to early evening Sunday through Friday. It is less customary to bargain on food prices, but negotiate prices on clothes and housewares!

**Shuk haCarmel** is largest and best market for fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, meat, specialty foods, cleaning supplies, inexpensive clothes and every other consumer item under the sun. Begins at the corner of Allenby and King George Streets.

**Nahalat Binyamin** is an arts & crafts market held every Tuesday and Friday with live music and entertainment. On the Nahalat Binyamin pedestrian-street, right off Allenby Street, and parallel to Shuk Hacarmel

**Shuk Bezalel** has discount clothing. Off King George St., very close to the corner of Allenby Street

**Levinsky Street** is a wonderful street market for spices, nuts, and dried fruit.

**Shuk Hapishpishim** is a flea market with second-hand clothes, furniture and general household items.

### **Tourism**

[Official Israeli Ministry of Tourism website](#)

If you are thinking of traveling outside of Israel, you can use one of these travel agencies located on campus:

**ISSTA**, Mitchell Student Center, Phone 03-641-5960

**Ophir Tours**, Academy of Music building, Phone 03-642-9001

## **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

### **Emergency numbers**

Campus Emergency	03-640-5555
Police	100
Ambulance (Magen David Adom)	101
Fire Department	102
Ichilov Hospital	03-697-4444
Sheba Medical Center	03-530-3030
Local Telephone Information	144
International Operator	188
Flight Information	03-973-1111 <a href="http://www.iaa.gov.il/Rashat/en-US/Rashot">http://www.iaa.gov.il/Rashat/en-US/Rashot</a>

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### **University Book Store**

The Office Depot bookstore on Entin Square at the main entrance to the campus (Gate 7) has a large selection of academic and popular books, study and office supplies, backpacks, toys, cards, maps, and more.  
Phone 03-745-7000 or 03-745-7044.

### **Campus First Aid: 03-640-8666**

First Aid is located on the east side of the Sourasky Central Library building.  
Sunday–Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

### **Dental First Aid on Campus: 03-640-9551**

Emergency dental treatment is available in Room 117 at the Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine. Non-emergency treatment and dental hygiene performed by students, under supervision, are also available for reduced fees.  
Sunday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### **Law Library**

The [David J. Light Law Library](#) is on the lobby level of the law faculty.  
Library hours: Sunday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **University Map**

In your Welcome Kit you will find a printed [campus map](#).

## 2016-2017 Academic Calendar

<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>Oct 30, 2016 – Jan 29, 2017</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Oct 30 – Dec 9, 2016
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter exams	Dec 11 – Dec 16, 2016
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Dec 18, 2016 – Jan 29, 2017
FALL SEMESTER EXAM PERIOD	Jan 30 – March 10, 2017
<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>	<b>March 13 – June 29, 2017</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	March 13 – May 8, 2017
<i>Tuesday course schedule on Wednesday</i>	<i>Wednesday, April 5, 2017</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter exams	May 9 – May 15, 2017
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	May 16 – June 29, 2017
SPRING SEMESTER EXAM PERIOD	June 30 – July 21, 2017
<b>END OF THE YEAR CEREMONY</b>	<b>August 17, 2017</b>
<b>VACATION DAYS – CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED</b>	
Rosh Hashanah	October 2 – 4, 2016
Chanukah & Christmas holiday	December 25, 2016
Purim holiday	March 12, 2017
Passover holiday	April 6 – April 18, 2017
Remembrance Day holiday	May 1, 2017
Independence Day holiday	May 2, 2017
Shavuot holiday	May 30 – 31, 2017
<b>CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED 12:00 – 13:00 FOR CAMPUS CEREMONIES</b>	
Rabin Memorial Day	November 13, 2016
Holocaust Remembrance ceremony	April 24, 2017
Ceremony for fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism	April 30, 2017