



International
School
Bar-Ilan University

Exchange Students Fact Sheet



Bar-Ilan University, founded in 1955, is one of Israel's leading institutions of higher education, uniquely combining cutting-edge scientific research with education steeped in Jewish values and social responsibility.

From 70 students to nearly 20,000, Bar-Ilan's milestone achievements in the sciences and humanities and all fields of human endeavor have made an indelible imprint on the landscape of the State of Israel.

The university has nine faculties: Medicine, Engineering, Law, Life Sciences, Exact Sciences, Social Sciences, Education, Jewish Studies, and Humanities. These faculties are active partners in Israel's national science, technology, and other initiatives.

Watch our video to find out more:
[Meet Bar-Ilan University >>](#)

Bar-Ilan University's Ideal Location

Thanks to its ideal geographic location in the center area of Israel, next to the vibrant city of Tel Aviv, Bar-Ilan University's campus is easily accessible to students arriving from all regions of the country. Conveniently situated within a 20-minute drive from Tel Aviv and a 45-minute drive from Jerusalem, the Bar-Ilan Campus provides easy access to public transportation.

[BIU's main website](#) for information on the university and the faculties.

[BIU International School's website](#) for information on our degrees and programs in English as well as the services we provide for our international students.

Address
Bar-Ilan University
Max and Anna Web Street
Ramat Gan, 5290002

Academic Information

The Academic Year starts in mid-October and finishes at the end of June. During the year, there are several holidays and a semester break around January/February.

Fall Semester

Lecture period
Mid October until mid/end of January

Exam period
End of January until mid March

Spring Semester

Lecture period
Mid March until end of June

Exam period
July until August

The academic calendar can be accessed [here >>](#)

Bar-Ilan University's Course Catalogue

Use our course catalog to search for everything related to your course, including department, course name, course number, lecturer, and more.

[Online Course Catalogue >>](#)

Important note: Under "Advanced Search", indicate the course language and Semester A (first semester of the year), Semester B (second semester of the year) or Yearly.

The final version of the course list is usually published in August/September for the fall semester and in January for the spring semester. Therefore, course information may change and you will need to check again before the next semester.

IN-BAR – Bar-Ilan's Student Portal

IN-BAR is BIU's student's portal for administrative services, course schedules, exam schedules and more. Your personalized account will be used to access academic articles and the BIU library system, among other information. In the IN-BAR system, you can find digitally signed official documents such as transcripts and balance sheets.

Click [here](#) for a tutorial in English on how to use the IN-BAR system.

General Credit Conversion from Israeli Credits to ECTS

Undergraduate Courses

1 Israeli credit equals 4-6 ECTS

Graduate Courses

1 Israeli credit equals 5-7 ECTS

The credit conversion can vary depending on the degree of study and course intensity.

An exact evaluation of points will be given in accordance with both the sending and hosting institutions.

The length of the semester is 13 weeks with three additional weeks devoted to examinations.

Grade Key

A+ 96-100%

A 86-95%

B 76-85%

C 66-75%

D 60-65%

F Failed

Nominations for Exchange Students

If you know of anyone who would like to become an exchange student at BIU, please feel free to send all nominations to **Students.Exchange@biu.ac.il** and copy **oz.nackar@biu.ac.il**.

Please include:

- First and last name as it appears in the passport
- Student's email address
- Semester/s for which student is nominated
- Field/s of study
- Level of study

Nomination Deadlines

Fall semester/Full academic year:

June 1st

Spring semester:

November 15th

Application for Exchange Students

Nominated students will receive instructions for the online application via email.

The application will include data entry and online uploads.

Application deadlines

Fall semester/Full academic year:

July 1st

Spring semester:

December 15th

Any further information will be sent directly to the students.



Practical Information

Visa Requirements

A student visa must be issued at the Israeli consulate of the relevant country before your flight is booked. Please bear in mind that visa requests and appointments should be planned well in advance to avoid any complications such as starting the semester late.

Please click [here](#) or contact visa.intl@biu.ac.il for further information.

Health Insurance

Exchange students are required to have full travel and health insurance covering their stay in Israel, including COVID-19 coverage.

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Arriving to Israel

Please be aware that the weekend in Israel takes place on Friday and Saturday. During that time the university offices will be closed.

Costs

Cost of living

Accommodation

The International School assists by renting several dorm rooms for international students, which can be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. If you can't find accommodation in our dorms, you will be able to rent an apartment alone or with friends in the surrounding areas. However, please be aware that monthly rentals throughout the Tel Aviv Metropolitan Area are high, so you will need to ensure you have the finances to cover these costs.

Please click [here](#) or contact dorms.intl@biu.ac.il for further information.

Dormitories on campus: PARK 100 dorms
Address: 512 Jabotinsky Street, Givat Shmuel

Please note that the official website for our dorms displays information for Bar-Ilan students only, which does not apply to exchange students. The International School is only responsible for accommodation booked through this email address: dorms.intl@biu.ac.il.

Students are required to arrange their own accommodation. Finding housing on and around the university campus can be difficult, so it is highly recommended that you arrange accommodation well in advance.

Shops situated in the PARK 100 dorms: Bakery, supermarket, electronic store, stationary store, store for sweets as well as a pizza and falafel place. An ATM machine is located next to the shops.



Bar-Ilan University Campus Map

You can [download the campus map](#) as a PDF to help you find your way around campus.

You are invited to take a 3-D tour on our [campus virtual map](#).

Transportation on campus

Bar-Ilan University provides a shuttle service within the campus (free of charge) including a special vehicle accessible to people with disabilities. Shuttle frequency is between 5-7 minutes.



Public Transport in Israel

Busses and trains are only accessible using a **Rav Kav card**.

This card can be charged with cash electronically and used on all public transport. Many bus and train stations also have charging stations, where the card can be filled using a credit card.

The Rav Kav card can be purchased in any Rav Kav service station. You can also order it online and it will be delivered to your address in Israel.

Please visit the [official Rav Kav website](#) for further information.



The [Rav Kav app](#) is available in the Google Play.



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Student Activities and Well-being

BIU's International School's Student Services Department ensures that there is always a vibrant social community on campus and consistently organizes social activities and other events for all the international students.





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