

## Hebrew University of Jerusalem: The Law Faculty – HU

### a. General Information

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is the oldest and most reputable university in Israel. There are 23,500 students enrolled at the University, including 11,700 undergraduates, 6,900 master's degree students, 2,700 doctoral candidates, and 2,200 other students. There are 1,200 tenured academic faculty members and 1,500 full-time administrative and technical members of staff.

The Faculty of Law of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is the oldest law school in Israel. Established in 1949, the Faculty is the alma mater of almost all the Justices on the Supreme Court of Israel, and among its alumni are many of Israel's most prominent legal academics, Attorneys-General, senior government officials and representatives and practicing lawyers. The Faculty's Bernard G. Segal Law Library is the largest law library in Israel. It contains some 300,000 volumes (80,000 titles) and holds several unique collections of Jewish, Israeli, and Roman law and the philosophy of law.

The Faculty of Law is composed of 40 full-time professors, 150 adjunct professors and over 50 instructors. The Faculty also welcomes more than a dozen leading international Visiting Professors who spend time at the Hebrew University teaching and carrying out research. The result is a dynamic curriculum spanning all the major areas of law and offering the students a broad variety of law-related and interdisciplinary subjects.

The Faculty admits some 250 LL.B. students each year (for a four year program) and 100 students studying towards the LL.M. degree. In addition to these, about 60 graduate students are working on Ph.D. degrees under the supervision of Faculty members and over 200 students are studying towards M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the Institute of Criminology. The Faculty encourages its students to broaden their formal legal education by taking joint degrees, interdisciplinary courses and practical courses in clinics offering services to disadvantaged communities in Jerusalem. In addition, we encourage our students to conduct part of their legal education abroad and for that purpose we have numerous programs for international collaboration and student-exchanges with law schools around the globe.

The Faculty of Law strives for excellence in research at an international level. Many of our Faculty members have advanced degrees from leading foreign universities, and all spend time teaching or conducting research abroad. Research at the Hebrew University has a theoretical and interdisciplinary focus, and scholarly work produced by our Faculty figures prominently in leading legal journals and publishing houses. Members of the Faculty are actively involved at university interdisciplinary centers such as the Centre for the Study of Rationality and the European Forum. The Faculty of Law itself has also established a variety of legal and interdisciplinary research forums: the Aharon Barak Centre for Legal Interdisciplinary Research, the Forum for Law and Economics, the Forum for Law and Philosophy, the International Law Forum, the Institute for Jewish Law, the Minerva Centre for Human Rights, and the Intellectual Property Law Forum. The Faculty of Law is also the home of the Hebrew University's Institute of Criminology and the fruitful collaboration of lawyers and criminologists is reflected, among other things, in the Jerusalem Criminal Justice Study Group (Crime Group).

### b. The Exchange Program

The Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem maintains exchange programs with law faculties abroad, providing students registered in partner universities the opportunity to study in English in our Faculty for a semester.

Exchange agreements have so far been concluded with law faculties of the following universities: Stanford, UCLA and Georgetown University (U.S.); the University of ESADE (Barcelona, Spain); the University of Lyon (France); the University of Trento (Italy); the University of Zurich (Switzerland); the National University of Singapore; the University of Hong-Kong; the University of Aarhus (Denmark); the University of Rotterdam (the Netherlands); and Monash University (Australia). The faculty is also a founding member of the reputable Center for Transnational Legal Studies (London).

Our exchanges provide visiting students the access to a vibrant and exciting community, coupled with the experience of visiting and living in Israel and Jerusalem.

A two-day induction program is offered to the exchange students. In addition, they are supported by our Academic Director of the exchange programs who will assist them in every challenge that they may encounter. Socially, the exchange students are accompanied by representatives of our Law Students Union and our visiting students are very satisfied with the social life in the campus.

Most of the classes combine traditional lecture with an open debate based on the reading materials for the relevant class. Smaller, elective courses or seminars are more heavily based on such a dialogue.

Student life is lively. The exchange students are allocated to Israeli student mentors who accompany them and support them throughout their stay at the Hebrew University. The students join social activities in the student village and those activities organized by the Law Faculty's students Association as well as those arranged by Rothberg School of international students. In addition, a very advanced sports center is situated one minute walk from the Students Village.

### **c. Academic Calendar**

#### *First Semester*

Commences: October 21, 2012

Ends: English courses for exchange students – around December 25, 2012

Hebrew courses – January 25, 2013

#### *Second Semester*

Commences: February 26, 2013

Ends: (most) English courses – April 28, 2013

Hebrew courses – June 21, 2013

### **d. Language of Instruction**

Most courses offered by our Faculty are taught in Hebrew. However, we also offer close to twenty courses in the English language annually. The English-taught courses and the academic calendar are structured in such a manner that North American, European, and students from Eastern Asia may take part in our exchange scheme.

In addition, our teaching program in English is developed in conjunction with the Rothberg International School at the Hebrew University. See Section e below.

### **e. Eligible courses**

Exchange students may elect courses offered by our Faculty. We offer close to twenty courses in the English language annually. (The English-taught courses and the academic calendar are structured in such a manner that North American, European, and students from the Eastern Asia may take part in our exchange scheme.)

In addition, the exchange students may elect courses offered by our LL.M. program in human rights and international law, a degree taught in English.

In addition, our teaching program in English is developed in conjunction with the Rothberg International School at the Hebrew University. The Rothberg International School is a well established academic school within the Hebrew University which offers an impressive number of academic programs to more than 1,300 students annually. Many of these students are one-year or one-semester students. This collaboration offers the students participating in the exchange with the Faculty of Law a broad choice of subjects that pertain to law, as well as a chance to participate in the social activities of the Rothberg School, in addition to the activities we will plan from within our Faculty (meetings, participation in our clinics, etc.).

The Rothberg School also offers pre-semester and summer language courses – a chance to study some Hebrew before the beginning of the academic year.

In addition, those with good command of Hebrew may follow our courses offered in Hebrew.

For the courses offered this academic year, see the link at the bottom of this [webpage](#).

#### **f. English language courses**

See Section e above.

#### **g. Academic Requirements for Admission to Exchange Program**

Exchange students will be required to successfully complete at least one year of studies at their law faculty prior to their stay in our law faculty.

#### **h. Standard course loads**

Our courses offer 1 credit, 2 credits and 3 credits (2 Israeli credits are equivalent to 3 ECTS and 3 Israeli credits are equivalent to 2 U.S. (semester-based) or Australian credits).

As to the typical reading load in classes, around 25 pages per one academic hour. Thus, for example, a 2 credit course including a weekly meeting of two academic hours will be based on 50 pages reading material.

#### **i. Course enrollment and registration**

There are no compulsory courses which we require to follow although our induction program is obligatory. Students may indicate prior to their arrival at Hebrew University their preferences regarding courses but actual registration will be made following the induction program to enable students to make more informed choice about courses.

#### **j. Grading system**

Large courses include various assignments and a final exam. The grade is mainly based on that exam. Seminars mainly rely on an extensive seminar paper. Intensive English-language courses are usually based on a take-home assignment of 5-8 pages. The average grade is around 80% and 60% will provide the student with a Pass.

### **k. Application Procedure**

The partner university will provide us with the names of the students nominated by it. We will then contact them and send them forms that they will be required to complete. The forms can be sent by e-mail together with:

- A declaration about the student holding health insurance
- Two passport photos
- A copy the student's passport
- An official letter from the nominating university confirming the nomination.
- An official transcript

### **l. Application deadline**

First semester: July 1, 2012

Second semester: December 15, 20120

### **m. Housing Information**

There is sufficient dormitory space for all overseas students in the Student Village, a newly-opened modern facility within walking distance of the Campus. An excellent sports center situated close to the Law Faculty is also available.

### **n. Visa/Immigration information**

A visa is also required. Information about the visa application process is available [here](#).

### **o. Fees**

Exchange students continue to pay their normal tuition to Stanford for the quarter during which they study at Hebrew University and are not required to pay the Hebrew University tuition.

### **p. Estimated Cost of Living**

Below are some of the estimated expenses for international students at Hebrew University. However, please note that students' requirements can vary significantly, depending on how much is spent on housing, travel and living expenses.

Housing: US\$ 650-700 per month (in the Student Village)

Other expenses: Approximately US\$ 400-600 per month

### **q. Health Insurance Requirements**

The visiting student will be required to purchase insurance from the Hebrew University unless he/she brings with him such insurance.

**r. Program Contacts/Advisors at Hebrew University**

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