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Deadlines for Study Abroad Applications
Fall/Full Year Application Deadline: May 1st
Spring Application Deadline: November 1st

Academic Information
Summer Ulpan dates: July 29, 2018 – September 5, 2018
OSP Fall term dates including exam period: September 12, 2018 – December 21, 2018
BGU Fall term dates: October 14, 2018 – January 11, 2019
BGU Fall term exam period dates: January 13, 2019 – February 3, 2019

Winter Ulpan dates: January 6, 2019 – February 13, 2019
OSP Spring term dates including exam period: February 24, 2019 – June 28, 2019
BGU Spring term dates: February 24, 2019 – June 21, 2019
BGU Spring term exam period dates: June 24, 2019 – July 12, 2019
Number of weeks of study: 13-15 weeks per semester
Undergraduate degree Requirements: Generally takes between 3-4 years and requires a minimum of 120 credits (max. 180)
Credit system: Undergraduate full-time course load per semester is approximately 20 credits
                   Graduate full-time course load per semester is approximately 10 credits
Full-time course load per term: 20 BGU credits ≈ 20-25 hours per week
Average per course: 2-4 hours per week
Number of hours per credit: 1 BGU credit = 1 frontal hour
Grading system: Grades are awarded in percentage (1-100), where the minimum passing grade is 56 for a Bachelor degree and 65 for a Master's degree
Language Courses: Hebrew Language Courses
Summer Courses: Intensive Hebrew Language Ulpan – $1,500
                   Internationale Sommeruniversität – $2,100 incl. housing

International Programs (Taught in English):

Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program:
http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Courses_in_English.aspx

Internship Academic Program:
http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Academic_Internship_Program.aspx

MA in Israel Studies:
http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/ISIP/Pages/default.aspx

Literature and Linguistics:
http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/humsos/flit
- BA in Literature and Linguistics
- MA in Literature
- MA in Linguistics

The Faculty of Natural Sciences offers M.Sc. in the following departments:
http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/natural_science/Pages/departments.aspx
- Mathematics
- Computer Sciences (only PhD)
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Life Sciences
- Geological and Environmental Sciences
The Faculty of Engineering offers M.Sc. in the following departments:
http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/engn/Pages/Departments.aspx

- MSc Communications System Engineering
- MSc Biomedical Engineering
- MSc Chemical Engineering
- MSc In Information Systems with focus in Data Mining & Business Intelligence (BI)

The Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies offers the following degrees:
http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/akis/Pages/default.aspx

MA, MSc, PhD in Desert Studies:
- Agriculture & Biotechnology of Drylands
- Ecology of Drylands
- Solar Energy & Environmental Physics
- Irrigation & Plant Environment
- Environmental & Aquatic Microbiology
- Environmental Studies

MSc, PhD in Hydrology & Water Quality:
- Water Resources
- Desalination & Water Treatment
- Microbiology & Water quality

English Courses descriptions:  http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/OSP/Courses_in_English.aspx

Hebrew Courses descriptions:  http://bgu4u.bgu.ac.il/html/annual/

Language of Instruction:
The University's main language of instruction is Hebrew, but there are courses and degrees throughout the faculties that are offered in English.

Orientation Information:
Orientation is included as part of the services provided by the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Programs (OSP) Office in the first week of Ulpan language studies (Summer or Winter). In addition, at the beginning of each BGU semester there is an orientation event for international students.

OSP Admission Requirements:
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Transcript of records
- 1 personal recommendation letter
- 1 academic recommendation letter
- Personal Statement / Motivation letter
- 1 digital photo
Social Activities

The Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program offer students a wide variety of extra-curricular activities to enhance their academic experience in Israel.

Study Tours: Based on the particular subject of study, the OSP endeavors to provide its students with a more hands-on experience through interactive learning.

Weekly Activities: Organized in collaboration with Israeli students, weekly activities include film screenings, potluck dinners, campus events, musical performances, lectures and social outings in Beer Sheva.

Monthly Activities: Consisting of one-day excursions or overnight trips, activities include hiking, parasailing, rappelling, white water rafting and general sightseeing in places such as the Golan Heights, Masada, Ein Gedi, Eilat, Tel Aviv, etc.

Community Action Initiatives

As part of its mandate for developing the Negev region, Ben-Gurion University is the most community-oriented and involved university in Israel. Within this context, International students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of community action initiatives such as volunteering in community centers, Bedouin villages, with Darfur refugees, at Absorption centers and many other organizations.

Accommodation Information (Prices subject to change)

On-Campus residence: Yes

Cost: Fall Semester – $2,250
Spring Semester - $2,900
Full Academic Year - $4,900

Meal Plan: No

Health Insurance Information

Health insurance regulations: Students need to acquire a health insurance plan. In case of need, students are welcome to purchase the health insurance plan offered for OSP students.
Institutional Information Sheet for Partners and Students
Academic Year 2018/2019

Health Insurance Plan:

Harel-Yedidim health insurance plan offered to the students is comprehensive and includes the possibility of paying an additional amount for pre-existing conditions.

Health insurance cost:

$1.75 per day for the basic coverage, paid by the student

Employment

Employment opportunities for International students:
None

Employment regulations & procedures:
Foreign students are not authorized to work in Israel

Visas

Students are required to obtain a student visa prior to their arrival in Israel. Please contact your local Israel Embassy or Consular Office for further assistance. Students will not be able to enter the country with a tourist visa and process the student visa upon arrival.

Estimated Overview of Costs (USD)

Books/Supplies (per semester) $250 ~
Expense Allowance per month (includes food, transportation and entertainment) $800-$1000 ~
Residence/Rent (per month) $450-up
Flight Expenses $300-$1800 ~