

Academic Bulletin for Israel 2023-24

Introduction

The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in Israel. This bulletin supersedes any previous bulletin(s) published.

CSU IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the *Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants* (also known as the “*Academic Guide*”). The Academic Guide contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants while abroad. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option, Course Withdrawals and other policies. The *Academic Guide* also contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your studies abroad.

To access the *Academic Guide*, go to our [website](#) and click the year which pertains to your study abroad period. For general information about the Israel Program, refer to the CSU IP website under “[Programs](#)”.

Academic Program Information

CSU IP in Israel is affiliated with the University of Haifa (UH) in the city of Haifa.

The Israel Program is offered as a semester program in fall or spring, or two-semester program which starts in the fall. Regardless of the length of study, students are required to:

- Take one language course in either Arabic or Hebrew per semester,
- Take courses offered by the Study Abroad Program at the International School (UHIS), and
- Enroll in at least 15 semester units per semester.

Most language courses are worth six units. In cases when less is given, students will be expected to take additional units in order to meet the minimum CSU course load requirement of 15 units. Any exceptions to the above schedule must be approved by the CSU IP Office.

Courses are taught in English by faculty from different academic disciplines including business and economics, communications, English language and literature, history, Israel and Middle East studies, Jewish and religious studies, peace and conflict studies, political science, psychology and sociology.

Students who are proficient in Hebrew may be permitted to take courses in academic departments at the University of Haifa, depending on course prerequisites and availability. See the last section of this Bulletin for additional information.

Students have the option of taking an internship course which features directed work-study experiences related to the student’s academic or vocational interests, subject to availability. The internship course is coordinated by an International School faculty member and supervised by on-site personnel who have academic or professional credentials. Internships are 10 to 15 hours of work per week at the internship site and are worth three academic credits.

Any exceptions to the above schedule or any exception to academic policy must be approved by the CSU IP Office. To request an exception, email the CSU IP Office at: IPacademics@calstate.edu.

Course Numbering System

Courses are assigned a unique identifier of seven numbers (### #####). The first three numbers indicate the University department. The code for the International School is 702.

The second set of numbers indicates the course level:

1000-1999: Lower-division undergraduate courses

2000-2999: Upper-division undergraduate courses

3000-3999: Research seminar courses for upper division undergraduate students and beginning graduate students

4000 and above: Graduate courses.

Note that all internships are given undergraduate credit regardless of the course code assigned.

Grading and Units

Below is the grade conversion table that is used to convert grades earned at the University of Haifa International School (UHS) to the CSU.

UHS Numeric Grade	UH Letter Grade	CSU Letter Grade
97-100	A+	A
93-96	A	A
90-92	A-	A-
87-89	B+	B+
83-86	B	B
80-82	B-	B-
77-79	C+	C+
73-76	C	C
70-72	C-	C-
67-69	D+	D+
63-66	D	D
60-62	D-	D-
Below 60	F	F
	INC (Incomplete)	WU*

*The CSU grade of WU (Withdrawal Unauthorized) may be given in some circumstances, e.g., for uncompleted courses. Refer to the *Academic Guide* for additional grade information.

Course Withdrawal Policy

In compliance with UHS's policy, students may withdraw from a course within the first week of the semester without a grade of "W" (withdrawal). Course withdrawal requests after the first week must follow CSU IP academic policy. Refer to the *Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants* found your Academic Toolkit (through the CSU IP portal.)

Unit Conversion Guidelines

For every credit earned at the University of Haifa, a CSU IP student earns one CSU semester unit. To convert the value of CSU semester units into CSU quarter units, multiply the CSU semester units by 1.5.

Course Offerings

To find the course list and information offered by the Study Abroad Program of the International School for the academic year, go to <https://uhaifa.org/academics/study-abroad>. Click on "Semester/Year Abroad" and then click on "Read More" to access the program description, course catalog and course schedule. Note that course information for each semester is available a few months before the semester begins. Courses

will be very similar to the current year's course offerings although the course list is subject to change slightly from year to year. Please check the website regularly for updated information.

Students who are proficient in Hebrew can enrol in courses in other departments at the University of Haifa, depending on course prerequisites and availability. The International School has an agreement with the University that students who enroll in a course taught in Hebrew can write the required papers and exams in English.

Students with or without prior knowledge of Hebrew may enroll in classes offered by the [English Language and Literature Department](#) as well as in the Fine Arts Department (pending art portfolio review by department head). Please be aware, however, that the International School semester does not coincide with the semester at the general university whose classes begin and end one to two weeks later. Therefore, students who elect to study in courses outside the International School should be prepared to remain on campus long enough to complete their coursework. This entails extending their health insurance and dormitory contract.

Courses are subject to availability and may have prerequisites. Also note that not all of these courses are offered every semester and are subject to change. The number of courses offered for visiting students is dependent upon the number of students enrolled, academic planning must be flexible.

For questions about CSU IP academic policies or academic program requirements, email IPacademics@calstate.edu.