

# Israel - IP Bulletin 2013-14

## Introduction

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The IP Bulletin is the International Programs "catalog" and provides academic information about the program in Israel.

## General Information

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The CSU International Program in Israel is affiliated with the University of Haifa which is located along the Carmel Mountain ridge of the city of Haifa, surrounded by the Carmel National Park. The University, established in 1972, has a diverse student population of over 18,000 and offers a wide range of courses specializing in education, humanities, law and social sciences.

IP participants take one language course each term: Hebrew or Arabic in summer and Hebrew or Arabic in fall and spring. In addition, students take other courses offered by the University of Haifa International School (UHIS) which are taught in English by faculty from a variety of departments within the University of Haifa.

IP students who take courses offered by the UHIS become part of an international classroom as students come from different parts of the world to attend the School. IP students have opportunities to become involved in Israeli culture both on and off campus throughout their year abroad.

The program at the University of Haifa is multidisciplinary in nature, and in addition to taking an intensive Hebrew language course in the summer, and either Hebrew or Arabic language and culture each semester, students can take courses from different academic disciplines during the year 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.

## Academic Calendar

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The program at the University of Haifa includes an intensive Hebrew language course or intensive Arabic language course in August followed by two semesters. Dates for summer and fall terms are listed below.

### Summer 2013

Intensive Hebrew or Arabic August 5 - August 29, 2013

### Fall 2013

International School October 7 - January 2, 2014

### Spring 2014

International School February 17 - May 29, 2014

## Academic Program

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The Israel Program consists of three terms: Summer, Fall and Spring. IP students are expected to participate in all three terms.

The summer term is held during the month of August in which all students take Intensive Hebrew Summer Ulpan or an intensive language course in Arabic. This is a mandatory requirement in which a letter grade will be reported to the student's home campus. Students who successfully complete the summer course earn five semester units of credit.

During fall and spring semesters, students are required to take a minimum of 15 units EACH semester. IP students take at least one language course in either Arabic or Hebrew each semester. This is a mandatory requirement in which letter grades will be reported to the student's home campus. To supplement the required courses, students take other courses from the International School.

Below is the academic schedule for the year in Israel:

**Summer (August) Preparatory Language Program (PLP)**      **Units**  
Intensive Hebrew Summer Ulpan or Intensive Arabic      5

**Semester 1: Fall Semester**      **Units**  
Arabic or Hebrew Language      6\*  
Other courses      9  
Minimum number of units required:      15

**Semester 2: Spring Semester**      **Units**  
Arabic or Hebrew Language      6\*  
Other courses      9  
Minimum number of units required:      15

\*Note that 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 Office of International Programs. To request an exception, contact the on-site Resident Director at the University of Haifa.

Students who are proficient in Hebrew can enroll in 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.

In the second semester, students have the option of taking an internship course which features directed work-study experiences related to the student's academic or vocational interests. The internship course is coordinated by an International School faculty member and supervised by on-site personnel who have academic or professional credentials. Most internships involve 10-15 hours of work per week at the internship site, and are worth three-four academic credits.

**Course Levels**

Except for first and second year language courses which are lower division, most courses offered at the International School are considered upper division courses with some exceptions, depending on course content. First and second year BA courses offered through the Department of English Language and Literature are lower division while third and fourth year BA courses are considered upper division.

**Unit Conversion Guidelines**

For every credit earned at the University of Haifa, an 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.

**Assessment and Grading**

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

| UHS Numeric Grade | UH Letter Grade | CSU Letter Grade |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 97-100            | A+              | A                |
| 91-96             | A               | A                |
| 86-90             | A-              | A-               |
| 82-85             | B+              | B+               |
| 77-81             | B               | B                |
| 73-76             | B-              | B-               |
| 65-72             | C+              | C+               |
| 61-64             | C               | C                |
| 55-60             | D               | D                |
| 0 - 54            | F               | F                |

## Academic Reporting

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In addition to units and grades, the OIP reports each course attended to the student's campus by reporting the title of the course taken and the CSU home campus department in which the course is closely related. This method of reporting means that students will need to furnish course descriptions, syllabi, and other course materials to their advisors in order to apply for credit towards specific major, minor, or general education requirements. Students should expect to complete campus-based forms (petitions or course substitution requests) with the assistance of their advisor(s). If courses are not needed for specific degree requirements, then it is usually not necessary to complete any other forms.

Academic Reports for students attending this program can take a minimum of four months to finalize, and sometimes longer. Graduating seniors should take this into account when submitting their graduation forms at their home campus.

## Course Offerings

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To find a course listing for the required Hebrew and Arabic language courses offered during summer, fall and spring semesters, go to <http://overseas.haifa.ac.il/> and place your cursor over "Academics" to access the drop down menu. Then click on appropriate link to access "Summer Programs" or "Languages" (for Hebrew and Arabic which is offered during the academic year).

To find the course list and information offered by the International School for the academic year, go to <http://overseas.haifa.ac.il/> and place your cursor over 'Academics' to access the drop down menu. Place your cursor on "undergraduate Program" then on "Courses" and click on "Course Catalog". Click on the 2013-2014 International School Course List. If the list is not yet available, keep checking the website for updates. (In the interim, you can view the course list for the prior year to get an idea of course offerings.)

Students who are proficient in Hebrew can enroll 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 may not always coincide with the semester at the general University. 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.

To find the course list and information offered by the English Language and Literature Department, go to <http://overseas.haifa.ac.il/> and place your cursor over 'Academics' to access the drop down menu. Then place your cursor on "undergraduate Programs" then over "Courses" and click on "Course Catalog". Click on the 2013-2014 Department of English Course List. If the list is not yet available, keep checking the website for updates. (In the interim, you can view the course list for the prior year to get an idea of course offerings.)

Courses are subject to availability and may have prerequisites.

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.