

# IP Academic Bulletin for Israel: 2015-16

## Introduction

The IP Academic Bulletin (also known as "IP Bulletin" or "Bulletin") is the International Programs (IP) "catalog" and provides academic information about the program in Israel.

The Bulletin must read in conjunction with the two publications listed below.

- [Academic Planning, Crediting and Reporting](#). This publication 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 year abroad.
- [Academic Policies](#). This publication contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option and Course Withdrawals.

To access the above publications, refer to the IP website under "Study Abroad", and "Academic Program Information" or click on either of the document names above which are linked to our website.

To access general information about your program and study center, refer to the IP website under "[Programs](#)" and click on the specific program to which you have been accepted.

## Academic Program

The International Programs in Israel is affiliated with the University of Haifa which is located along the Carmel Mountain ridge of the city of Haifa.

The Israel Program consists of three terms: Summer, Fall and Spring. IP students are expected to participate in all three terms and take either Hebrew or Arabic all three terms. This is a mandatory requirement in which a letter grade will be reported to the student's home campus.

Following the summer language program during most of September, students take an academic study tour called "Israel: A Mosaic of Culture, Religion and History". Considered part of the fall semester, this is a also required course which includes classroom seminars and visits to important historical sites in Israel.

During fall and spring semesters, students are required to take a minimum of 15 units each semester. In addition to taking at least one language course in either Arabic or Hebrew each semester, students take courses offered by the University of Haifa International School (UHIS). 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.

Below is the academic schedule for the year in Israel:

<b>Summer (August) Preparatory Language Program (PLP)</b>	<b>Units</b>
Intensive Hebrew Summer Upan or Intensive Arabic	5
<b>Semester 1: Fall Semester (early September to early January)</b>	<b>Units</b>
Study Tour: Israel: A Mosaic of Culture, Religion and History	3
Arabic or Hebrew Language	6
Other courses	<u>8-9</u>
Minimum number of units required:	17-18
<b>Semester 2: Spring Semester (end February to early Jun)</b>	<b>Units</b>
Arabic or Hebrew Language	6
Other courses	<u>9</u>
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.

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.

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 or 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 courses offered through the Department of English Language and Literature are lower division while third and fourth year 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
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

## Course Offerings

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To find course information for the required Hebrew and Arabic language courses offered during summer, go to <http://overseas.haifa.ac.il/> and place your cursor over "Academics" on the top navigational bar, and place your cursor over "Languages". Click on either Arabic Language or Hebrew Language.

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 "Study Abroad" then on "Courses" and click on "Course Catalog". Click on the International School Course List for Fall 2015. If the list is not yet available for Fall 2015, 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 "Study Abroad", then over "Courses" and click on "Course Catalog". Scroll down until you see the "English Language and Literature". 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.

For questions about course offerings or the registration process, email [infoint@univhaifa.ac.il](mailto:infoint@univhaifa.ac.il).