



האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

Dear HUJI international community members,

Further to the Rector of the Hebrew University to the entire university's community from December 10 please find below. a message from Prof. Oron Shagrir HUJI Vice President for International Affairs -

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Dear International Community,

We are writing to you in follow up to the University's recent announcement regarding the start of the academic year on 31 December 2023, and to provide you with important updates regarding international students at the University.

In general, despite the ongoing challenges in Israel, Hebrew University continues to operate, and daily life in Jerusalem and in Rehovot remains largely unchanged. Our staff is working diligently on our campuses.

With the upcoming start of the academic year, we recommend that students plan to arrive/return. Whilst we realize that some countries have travel advisories in place against traveling to Israel, in some cases, students' families are pressuring them not to return and some students may be still afraid to come back, please be reassured that the Hebrew university community is looking forward to opening its doors again and we are very much look forward to welcoming you and supporting you with your travel plans!

International Programs Academic Start Dates:

Following the decision to open the 2023-24 academic year on 31/12/2023, please note the following:

- **Rothberg International School Programs**– all undergraduate, graduate, preparatory programs have commenced and are currently being taught online. We recommend that you contact your academic program coordinator to inquire regarding the continuation of your program.
- **Faculty International Master Programs** – some have started online/hybrid. We recommend that you contact your academic program coordinator to inquire regarding the mode of continuation of your program.
- **PhD/Post Doc/VRF research students** – please be in direct contact with your research supervisor regarding the start/continuation of your studies.

In general, in the case of any academic queries, we recommend that you contact your academic programs/faculties.

2. Arrival/Return to Israel:

Currently, life in Jerusalem and Rehovot is routine. With the opening of the academic year, we will be very pleased to welcome students who wish to travel to Israel. Please be reassured that the University international community support services will make every effort to support students on arrival and beyond by providing 24/7 emergency services, emotional and crisis management, social programs and more.

To plan your return, please note the following:

Visas:

In the case that you do not have a current student or work visa, please contact the Israeli embassy/consulate closest to your current location to apply for a visa.

In the case of difficulty with visa issues, please update: intliaisons@savion.huji.ac.il razra@savion.huji.ac.il gallom@savion.huji.ac.il

Dorms:

In general, we recommend contacting the dorms ASAP to reserve your dorm rooms. The dorms will permit you to reserve dorms room up to 10/1/24 (10 days after the start of the academic year). Beyond that date,



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in the case that you are not in Israel, you will be expected to pay for your room.

Health Insurance:

Please note that you are required to purchase Harel Health Insurance prior to your arrival. More information [here](#).

3. Arrival in Israel

We kindly request that you update us on your arrival plans in Israel, including details on your location, mobile phone number and sign up for a practical orientation session, including safety and security measures - [here](#).

Dorm arrival – note that arrival at the dorms should be during working hours – see website for office hours and contact persons - [Jerusalem Student Dormitory \(huji.ac.il\)](http://Jerusalem Student Dormitory (huji.ac.il))

4. General Information and support

Send email to madrichimlife@savion.huji.ac.il

Latest safety and security information:

Keep up to date with our latest safety and security information through the Rothberg International School's dedicated [update page](#).

We look forward to welcoming you at the Hebrew University and again, please be assured that all the Hebrew University staff and community are making every effort to ensure that your stay at the Hebrew University will be an enjoyable and enriching one.

Best Wishes from Jerusalem

Prof. Oron Shagrir

Vice President for International Affairs