**Tel-Aviv University- Exchange Students Fact Sheet**

| **About Tel Aviv University:** | Tel Aviv University (TAU) is Israel's largest and most comprehensive institution of higher learning. With over 30,000 students studying in nine faculties and over 125 schools and departments across the spectrum of sciences, humanities and the arts, TAU attracts the best minds from across Israel and the world. 

Situated in Israel's cultural, financial and technological capital, TAU shares Tel Aviv's unshakable spirit of openness and innovation and boasts a campus life as dynamic and pluralistic as the metropolis itself. Tel Aviv the city and Tel Aviv the university are one of the same – a thriving Mediterranean center of diversity and discovery |
| **Website:** | [http://english.tau.ac.il/](http://english.tau.ac.il/) |
| **Institutional Collaborations:** | [http://new.tau.ac.il/international-agreements](http://new.tau.ac.il/international-agreements) |
| **Academic Calendar:** | The academic calendar in Israel is set according to the Jewish calendar (which is lunar calendar), which means that every year, the semesters run on slightly different dates. Generally, however, the first semester runs from approximately mid-end of October, to mid-end of January (13-14 weeks), and the second semester runs from approximately beginning-mid march to beginning-mid June (13-14 weeks).  

**Academic Calendar 2012-2013** |
| **Registration Deadline for Exchange Students:** | Fall term: July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spring term: November 15<sup>th</sup> |
| **Contact Details for Exchange Students:** | The Office of International Academic Affairs  
Room 220, the Senate Building  
Tel-Aviv University, P.O.B 39040  
Tel-Aviv 69978, Israel |
Courses and Programs: In general, the language of instruction at TAU is Hebrew. However, there is a large variety of English-taught courses available for exchange students at TAU. In addition to over 60 English taught courses in the regular curricula of the university, exchange students may choose a number of courses taught at the international ex-curricular programs, as follows:

Undergraduates: 2 courses from the OSP program and 2 courses from the Liberal Arts program.

Graduates: 2 courses from the various special international MA programs.

Grading: The grades at Tel Aviv University are given in percentage points, according to the following scale:

95 – 100 = EXCELLENT
85 – 94 = VERY GOOD
75 – 84 = GOOD
65 – 74 = FAIRLY GOOD
60 – 64 = FAIR

LOWEST PASSING GRADE = 60

Value of Credits
1 credit point equals 1 Semester hours and is equivalent to 14 hours. Each academic hour is composed of 45-50 minutes. Accordingly, a 1 credit class will meet for a total of 630 minutes – 700 hours. A class of 2 credit points equals 28 academic hours, i.e. 1,260 – 1,400 minutes.

Language Courses: A Hebrew or Arabic Language course is available with additional cost.

Accommodations: Tel Aviv University cannot guarantee a housing solution for visiting student because of the excessive demand and limited supply for on-campus housing. Visiting students are required to find their own accommodation. The price range for a shared room in a rented apartment is approximately $700 per month.

Assistance in applying to the dormitories may be found here.
**Living Expenses:**
The tuition fee is paid by the exchange students to their home university.

As for the other expenses, those are not included in the fee. Students are required to arrange their own budget for purpose of accommodation, living costs, travel and entertainment costs. The costs, *accommodations excluded*, can be estimated in about 600US$ per month, varying, of course, from one person to another according to your personal habits.

**Insurance:**
Visiting Students are required to have full health insurance covering their period of stay at TAU. This may be supplemented with policies for automobile, home, health, and life insurance by local companies.

**Visa:**
Currently, Israel holds visa agreements with 65 countries (including Germany, U.S.A, Australia and Canada). Nationals of these countries do not need to obtain an entry permit or visa prior to their arrival in Israel; they automatically receive a B2 Tourist Visa, valid for one-three months, upon entering the country. A student visa shall be obtained within the student’s time of staying in Israel.

Please contact the Office of International Academic Affairs to find out more on the subject.

**Usual Links with Further Information:**

Accessibility on Campus:

[http://english.tau.ac.il/accessibility](http://english.tau.ac.il/accessibility)

Arts and Culture in Tel-Aviv:

[http://english.tau.ac.il/entertainment](http://english.tau.ac.il/entertainment)

Entertainment on Campus:

[http://english.tau.ac.il/entertainment](http://english.tau.ac.il/entertainment)

Other activities are available upon registration.