



Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Israel

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The University of Michigan Law School offers a semester study abroad opportunity with Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law for up to two students per academic year. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, 300D Legal Research, or on the Law School web site at: <http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx>. Please consult the General Guidelines along with this document. They contain important information, including how to apply.

Curriculum

Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law is described on its web site: www.tau.ac.il/law/. Information about the course offerings for a particular academic year will be available in August immediately preceding that academic year. Fall 2007-Spring 2008 list of courses may be found at: <http://www.law.tau.ac.il/Eng/?CategoryID=186&ArticleID=151&Page=1>. A more detailed handout regarding course offerings is also available in the Center for International & Comparative Law. One TAU credit equals 720 minutes in class, that is slightly more than the 700 minutes required by the ABA.

The biographies of members of the faculty at the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law may be seen at: <http://www.law.tau.ac.il/Eng/?CategoryID=146>.

A student's course selection at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School, through Assistant Dean Virginia B. Gordan, prior to the student's departure for Tel Aviv. Any subsequent requested changes must be approved in advance by Assistant Dean Virginia Gordan (vgordan@umich.edu; TEL: 734-764-5269). Acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School. Students may not receive credit for courses at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law which have overlapping subject matter with Michigan courses already taken.

In addition to the course requirements at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, students will be responsible for fulfilling all the requirements for the transfer of credit described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International & Comparative Law, Room 300D Legal Research.

Advice

Professors Reuven Avi-Yonah (aviyonah@umich.edu) and Omri Ben-Shahar (omri@umich.edu) are available to advise students interested in studying at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law. Prior to submitting a proposal to study abroad at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines, students are required to be interviewed by either Professor Avi-Yonah or Professor Ben-Shahar.

Language

There currently is a limited number of appropriate courses offered in English at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law. Therefore, fluency in Hebrew may be helpful.

Calendar

For details, please consult Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law's web site at <http://www.tau.ac.il/calendar2007-eng.html>. The first semester at Tel Aviv generally goes from October through February. Because it overlaps with both the fall and winter semesters at University of Michigan Law School, it is not an option for most Michigan students. The second semester at Tel Aviv generally starts in February with classes ending in mid June. Normally, the exam period ends at the end of July. Tel Aviv has indicated a willingness to be flexible about scheduling final exams, with various possibilities for foreign students such as taking exams shortly after classes end; faxing or emailing exams to the students with students returning them by fax or email; or offering a paper option instead of a final exam. However, students must consult with Professor Yoram Margalioth, the Tel Aviv professor responsible for Michigan exchange students, to determine specifically what their exam schedule will be.

Students who wish to be back in the U.S. by the second week of May (possibly earlier, depending on exam dates) may choose from the courses offered in the first part of the Spring semester, or write a research paper for two or three credits.

Tuition

Students must pay full tuition and fees to the University of Michigan Law School as described in the General Guidelines. Students will not be charged tuition by Tel Aviv University. Tuition structure and amount are subject to change.

Housing

Students rent their own apartments either next to the campus or in other parts of Tel Aviv. Administrative staff at Tel Aviv (please see "Contacts" below) will provide information on housing costs and help students in finding apartments.

US State Department Travel Warning for Israel

Please note that the US Department of State has issued a Travel Warning for Israel. Students must educate themselves about, and give careful consideration to, the risks associated with study at Tel Aviv before deciding whether to go. As part of this process, students must review the University of Michigan's Overseas Travel Guidelines at <http://www.umich.edu/~itoc/guidelines.html> and the US State Department's Travel Warning for Israel at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_922.html. Each student must make his or her own risk assessment in deciding whether to go. Students will need to seek permission from the University's International Travel Oversight Committee (umitoc@umich.edu) to

study at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law for credit towards their JDs. The student may be asked to sign a waiver.

Contacts

Professor Yoram Margalioth of Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law is the academic and overall coordinator for Michigan students at Tel Aviv. His biography can be found at <http://www.law.tau.ac.il/Eng/?CategoryID=146> . His email is margalio@post.tau.ac.il, and his telephone number is (972)-3-6407014. Please contact Professor Margalioth with your questions, in particular, academic issues and for questions and advice about safety concerns.

Carmen Oszi is the administrative contact at Tel Aviv University, in particular for questions about housing, student life, visa, and insurance. Her email is Cegal@post.tau.ac.il.

For advice about studying in Israel, course selection, life in Tel Aviv, please see University of Michigan Law School Professors Avi-Yonah (341 HH, aviyonah@umich.edu) and Omri Ben-Shahar (900 LR, omri@umich.edu).

General University of Michigan Law School contacts for study abroad are Virginia Gordan, Assistant Dean for International Affairs (300C LR, vgordan@umich.edu, 734-764-5269) and Stephanie Wiederhold, Program Coordinator (300D LR, wls@umich.edu; 734-764-0535).

For further information

Please also see the following web page from the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law web site: <http://www.law.tau.ac.il/Eng/?CategoryID=186>

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports available at <http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx>. The reports contain invaluable information about courses, professors, library, computers, housing and so on. They identify the pluses and minuses of the students' study abroad experiences and what aspects they enjoyed and what they found problematic while studying at Tel Aviv.

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The information about the overseas program contained herein is provided by the host institution and is subject to change. Interested students should confirm all information with the host institution prior to departure to ensure that the opportunity meets their goals.