

HANDBOOK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2014-2015



THE OFFICE OF STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

The Buchmann Faculty of Law

Located at the heart of Tel Aviv, TAU Law Faculty is Israel's premier law school. It offers an environment of excellence and educational intimacy in the form of renowned faculty, vibrant student life, ample opportunities for clinical training, and extracurricular activities. Small by design, the faculty's impact on the legal world is measured by its accomplished graduates and its ongoing scholarship and outreach through numerous centers and projects.

TAU faculty publish in the most prestigious law reviews and university presses and lecture regularly at leading law schools in the United States and Europe. Our faculty's scholarship has a significant and continuing impact on Israeli law and is widely discussed by academics abroad. At the same time, TAU is a pioneer in the Israeli legal academy in pursuing important social causes through its vibrant legal clinics as well as its innovative admissions procedures.

For students, the experience is unparalleled. The faculty offers a vast array of courses, seminars and opportunities for research. Students also get practical training by representing real clients in the framework of our excellent clinics. Outside the classroom, there are a rich variety of student practice organizations, professional interest groups, social groups, and student journals, which allow students to pursue every possible interest. It is no surprise that we enjoy a top-notch student body.

A TAU Law education prepares students for success in the practice of law, business, public service, and teaching. Through its faculty, students, and alumni, TAU Law Faculty is able to contribute solutions to the world's most complex legal and social challenges. Among the Faculty's graduates are Supreme Court Judges, premier law practitioners and Members of Parliament.

About the student exchange program

We at Tel Aviv University Law School would like to encourage you to come and offer a variety of law courses taught in English. Each year we offer about 40 courses in English, most of them concentrated in the first half of each semester. Permanent faculty members, all experienced in teaching courses in leading universities abroad teach several of these courses. In addition, the faculty offers a variety of concentrated/intensive courses, taught in English by visiting professors from leading universities abroad. There is also a possibility of doing a two or three credit supervised research paper.

The Law Faculty has negotiated exchange relationships with law schools and faculties abroad. Under these agreements, the foreign schools send some of their students to Tel Aviv Law School for a semester, and we send some of our students to their schools in exchange. Presently we have 26 such relationships in place. These include the following law schools: Penn, Virginia, Cornell, Boston, UCLA, Temple, Cardozo, Queens, Bucerius (Hamburg), Monash (Melbourne), Seoul National University, Florida, Alabama, STL, SMU, Tsinghua, KoGuan and more.

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Working hours: Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. You are welcome to drop in at any time during those hours, however, it is better to call or email ahead to schedule an appointment.

Room 323, Minkoff Building (The Buchmann Faculty of Law)

Social Guide for visiting students – To be announced during July 2014

Exchange Program website

http://www6.tau.ac.il/law_exchange/

Application

The Buchmann Faculty of Law has negotiated exchange relationships with law schools and faculties abroad. Under these agreements, each school sends a few students to the other school for a semester of studying abroad. Presently we have such relationships with the following law schools. In the USA, in Penn, Virginia, Cornell, Boston, Temple, UCLA, Alabama, Florida and Cardozo and also throughout the world: Bucerius (Hamburg, Germany), Monash (Melbourne, Australia), Seoul

National University, Toronto University and Queen's University (Canada), in China; STL, Tsinghua, KoGuan and Fudan.

To enroll to our exchange program please contact the exchange student program coordinator at your university.

Students from universities who do not have exchange student's agreements with the Buchmann Faculty of Law can study at the Faculty through the Tel Aviv University School for Overseas Students, for a tuition fee. For more information please refer to: <http://www.telavivuniv.org> .

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).

We try to concentrate a significant number of courses in the first eight weeks of the each semester to allow foreign students to be back home for their next semester or graduation.

Each semester has two sessions. In each session a batch of law courses taught in English is offered. Student can participate either in one session or in both sessions. The courses taught in English are intensive courses lasting between 3 to 8 weeks. Some of the courses may start in different dates during the session.

Fall semester:

- **1st quarter: October 26th 2014 – December 12th 2014**
- **2nd quarter: December 14th 2014 – March 4th 2015**
- **All the semester: October 26, 2014 - March 4th 2015**

Spring semester:

- **1st quarter: March 8th 2015 – May 8th 2015**
- **2nd quarter: May 10th 2015 - July 11th 2015**
- **All the semester – March 8th 2015 – July 11th 2015**

***Each quartets includes it's exam period .**

To check the academic calendar of the year that interests you, please visit: <http://www.tau.ac.il/calendar-eng.html>

Hope to see you soon!

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Academic Information

Course Registration and Value of Credits

Some of the courses are taught by faculty members of the TAU Faculty of Law. Others are taught by visiting professors both from other academic institutions in Israel, or from leading law schools abroad.

The courses are attended by Israeli students from TAU, which provides exchange students with the opportunity to engage with their Israeli peers.

Course List and Timetable

To see the course list, courses timetables and courses' description please refer to:

http://www6.tau.ac.il/law_exchange/ -please note that the list is subject to changes

Please make sure to check back for updates regarding courses timetables and room number on line prior to the first class of the semester.

Course Registration

Students should select up to 7 classes. Classes are 1-2 credits. To sign up for more than 7 courses, you will need a special permission from the faculty member in charge of the Law Faculty's Student Exchange Program. Please consult your university as to its own requirements of credit number.

Generally, classes conducted in English do not overlap, but in the rare case of an overlap, it will not be possible to take classes with overlapping meeting times.

Please choose the courses you would like to take from the English site of TAU Law Exchange Student Program: http://www6.tau.ac.il/law_exchange/

In order to register for the courses, send an email to the program coordinator at exchange@post.tau.ac.il.

Please include the following information:

- Name of the course
- Course Number
- Name of the professors.

Please send your course list for the 2014/15 academic year until the following dates:

Fall semester: September 8, 2014.

Spring semester: January 11, 2015.

As an exchange student you are entitled to attend 1 course at the International School free of charge (excluding all Hebrew Language courses). Any additional courses are offered for a tuition fee. The grade of such course will be posted in a different transcript. The registration for this course will be done **directly** through the International School, during the first week of the semester.

Information for students who wish to enroll these courses may be found on the International School website: <http://international.tau.ac.il/>

E-mail: intl@post.tau.ac.il

Value of Credits

1 credit point equals 13 academic hours.

Each academic hour is composed of 45 minutes. Accordingly, a 1 credit class will meet for a total of 585 minutes. A class of 2 credit points equals 26 academic hours, i.e. 1,170 minutes.

Students should be aware that most of the courses are intensive courses, running over a short period of time, and may contain two or three class meetings per week. This entails a heavy reading and work load during the duration of the course.

Drop/Add Period

Drop/add period is no later than after 3 class meetings. Students will not be able to join a class if they missed more than the first three meetings.

In case of adding a course after it begun, it is the student's responsibility to complete the materials he or she missed at the first classes of the course.

In order to drop/add courses please send an email to Ms. Netzer- Erlichmen with the details of the course (name, number, professor).

Canceling a Class

Students who wish to leave a class at any stage of the semester must notify Ms. Netzer-Erlichmnmen. **A course that is not cancelled will show a grade of fail** on the student's manuscript, and it would not be possible to cancel it after the end of the term.

Exams

Each course will have one of the following three final assignments:

1. In-class final exam.
2. Take-home exam.
3. Final paper.

Students can take the exams only once. There is no option to take a makeup exam.

Exams Procedures

In-Class final exams- The date of the exam will be published on the program's website: http://www6.tau.ac.il/law_exchange/. The room number of the exam will be published on the day of the exam, one hour before the exam, **at the Bulletin Board near room number 28 at the entrance floor of the faculty.**

Take-home exam – Students will receive an email with instruction regarding the exam dates and procedure before each exam.

Please note -- On the day of the exam/take home exam the students must present their students ID card in order to receive the exam.

Appealing a Final Grade

Appealing an exam grade is permitted no later than 7 days from the day the grade was published. Appealing is done by filling an appeal form, where students elaborate on the reasons for their appeal, at Ms. Yael Lewitus` office.

It is not permitted to turn directly to the class's professor for appeal purposes.

Transcripts

Two copies of the official transcript will be sent to the contact person at the student's home university.

Students can see their final grades online (with their password), at:

https://www.ims.tau.ac.il/tal/Login_Eng.aspx

Grading System

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

64-64 FAIR

61 LOWEST PASSING GRADE

Student Identification Cards and TAU Email Account

Upon arrival to Israel, students will receive a tau e-mail address, password, and a student ID. The password is classified: do not lose it or share it with other students.

Please see supplemental pamphlet for instructions on how to activate your university account and how to use the wireless connections in TAU

Hebrew Language Studies

Tel-Aviv University offers an Intensive Hebrew Course for beginners (ULPAN) twice each year, in the summer and winter prior to the beginning of each semester. The course is not a part of the TAU faculty of Law exchange program and is being taught by the School for Overseas Students for an extra fee (approximately 1,200\$). The School for Overseas Students also offers advanced Hebrew Courses during the academic year (for an extra fee). For more information regarding the Hebrew courses, and for registration to these courses, please refer to the TAU School for Overseas Students website: <http://www.telavivuniv.org/>.

Orientation Day

An orientation day for international exchange students will take place during the first week of each semester. After the students are admitted to the Buchmann Faculty of Law, they will be informed of the exact date of orientation day. Participating in the orientation day is compulsory.

Other organized social and educational activities take place during the semester (such as tours, social gatherings, and public lectures). Students are strongly encouraged to take part in them.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Before You Arrive

About Israel

Inhabitants: 8,012,000 (2013 estimate)

Area: 20,770 / 22,072 km, 8,019 / 8,522 sq mi

Capital (and largest city): Jerusalem

Main regions: Golan, Galilee, Center, Negev

Main cities: Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa, Eilat

Official languages: Hebrew, Arabic, English

Ethnic groups: 75% Jewish, 17% Muslims, 2.5% Christian Arabs, 5.5% other

Government: parliamentary democracy

Internet TLD: .il

Calling code: +972

Working hours in Israel:

The Israeli work week is from Sunday through Thursday, with a few offices also open on Friday mornings. The weekend for most office workers is Friday and Saturday. At Tel Aviv University, courses are held Sunday through Friday. However, administrative offices are usually closed on Friday.

Stores in Israel are generally open from Sunday through Friday afternoon. Some malls and stores also open for Saturday-evening shopping.

In the city of Tel Aviv there are many 24/7 kiosks and grocery stores. Additionally, most of the coffee shops, restaurants, and movie theatres are open on Friday nights and Saturdays.

Currency and Banks

The Israeli currency is the New Israeli Sheqel (₪) (ILS). \$1 ~ 3.6 NIS and 1 Euro ~ 4.8 NIS.

You can check the daily exchange rate for the US Dollar, Euro, or other currencies at: <http://www.bankisrael.gov.il/eng.shearim/index.php>.

You should not travel with a large sum of cash, although you may want to have a small amount of cash (\$100-\$200) for your first days in Israel.

Banking Cards

The easiest way to have immediate access to your money from your account back home is with a bank card. We strongly suggest that you arrange for an ATM card from your local bank, one with a 4-digit PIN (personal identification number). Make sure it can be used in Israel. However, we do not advise relying on ATM's as your only source of cash.

Credit Cards

The most popular credit card in Israel is Visa. Master Card and American Express are also widely accepted. Many businesses accept these cards for goods and services, and banks offer cash advances. Transactions may be billed to an account back home.

Bank Accounts

Bank accounts can be opened at all banks using details from your passport.

The following banks are located in the vicinity of the university:

- **Bank Discount**, at Antin Square (Gate 7), the main entrance to the campus, tel. 6464222.
- **Bank Hapoalim**, opposite the student dormitories, Bart St., tel. 65532407.

There are branches of other banks nearby in Ramat Aviv, Ramat Aviv Gimmel and Neve Avivim, and of course in the center of Tel Aviv.

Post Office

In addition to sending letters and buying stamps, many extra services are offered by the post office: you can pay your utility bills, send and receive money wires, exchange currency with minimum commission and good rates and buy phone cards.

The nearest post office to the university is located at 67 Haim Levanon St.,

opposite the main entrance to the campus, Antin Square (Gate 7),

Tel.03- 6425109

Sunday and Thursday: 8:00AM- 6:00PM.

Monday and Tuesday: 8:00AM- 12:30PM, 3:30PM- 6:00PM.

Wednesday: 8:00AM- 1:30PM.

Friday: 08:00–12:00.

Additional branches in Central Tel Aviv:

60 King George St., opposite Dizengoff Center

Tel. 03- 6204529

Sunday through Thursday: 8:00AM- 6:00PM.

Friday: 8:00AM- 12:00PM.

108 Even Gvirol St., opposite Rabin Square

Tel. 03-5228009

Sunday through Thursday: 8:00AM- 6:00PM.

Friday: 8:00AM- 12:00PM.

For further information on services and locations, visit the Post Office site:

<http://www.postil.com/newmail.nsf/hompageEng?openform>

Cellular Phones

A mobile phone account can be arranged with the following companies:

- **Orange**, at the Diyonon Bookstore near the main entrance to the campus, Antin Square (Gate 7), tel. 03-6426656. And also Dizengoff Center Mall, Ramat Aviv Mall.
- **Pelephone**, Ramat Aviv Mall, tel. 03-6415461, Dizengoff Center Mall
- **Hot mobile**, Dizengoff Center Mall tel. 0535003000
- **You phone**, Dizengoff Center Mall – "Mega Supermarket"
- **Cellcom**, Azrieli Mall tel. 052-8531050, Dizengoff Center Mall tel. 052-6612122
- **Celluline Ltd.**, Ramat Aviv Mall, tel. 03-6437764.

There are several options available to you, make sure to ask the salesperson to explain you the various options.

Cable TV

Cable TV at your place of residence can be arranged with the following:

- **Hot** cable company, tel. * 6900.
- **Yes** satellite company, tel. * 2080.

Electric Appliances

Electrical current in Israel is 220 volts, 50 cycles. You may be able to use a transformer for appliances consuming low-power, such as your Lap-Top. High power demanding appliances such as hair-dryer require special high power converters. Be sure to check with an authorized electronics dealer for detailed information.

Health Care & Insurance

Visiting Students are required to have health insurance from their home country. This may be supplemented with policies for automobile, home, health, and life insurance by local companies.

- **Bela Lavon—Klal Bituah agency**, located on campus in the Academy of Music building, tel. 03-6408850.
- **Sahar-Shiloah agency**, tel. 03-6408016.
- **Amos Gilboa—Yedidim agency**, tel. 052-3250975.
- **'Clalit' medical clinic**, located on campus in the Sourasky Central Library building (opposite Beit ha-Tfuzot), tel. 03-6415818/ 03-6415780

Visa Information

Following new regulations administrated by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs students who are coming to study in Israel are obliged to issue a student Visa prior to their arrival to Israel through the Israeli consulate in their town.

Please contact the Israeli consulate and check which additional documents you need to provide.

Customs and Taxes

Customs and tax information may be obtained from the following government website: <http://www.mof.gov.il/customs/eng/>.

Living in Tel Aviv

Arriving at Tel Aviv

Student can arrive in Tel Aviv from the Ben Gurion Airport, Israel's main international airport, by train or taxi. Taxis are available at the airport and there is no need to call ahead. Taxi fare from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv costs approximately 130 NIS and takes 20 to 60 minutes depending on traffic conditions. Train Fare costs 13 NIS and takes up to 20 minutes.

For information regarding transportation using the Train go on:

<http://www.israrail.org.il/english/index.html>

(Departure from: Ben Gurion air port, Destination: choose from list).

There are four train stations located in Tel Aviv (including Tel Aviv North). If you choose to use the train keep in mind that you will probably need to use a bus or taxi to get from the train station to your final destination.

Housing

The Law Faculty Student Exchange Program 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.**

However, the University has reached an agreement with "Holiday 2000" rental agency in Tel Aviv under which **Tel Aviv university's visiting students will be able to rent apartments at special rates.** For more information (including the rental price list for apartments in Tel Aviv, based on the above mentioned agreement) please email Ms. Yael Lewitus at: exchange@post.tau.ac.il. Students should be advised that TAU's agreement does not guarantee the availability of an apartment, only the rent rate. Additionally, please note that these apartments belong to a private company and are not under the University's supervision. Tel Aviv University will not be a party to lease apartments. It is the student's responsibility to contact the rental agency, to check the apartments, and to sign and respect the contract (e.g. to pay rent or to evacuate the apartment in a timely manner).

If you choose to look for an apartment on-line (and not to rent an apartment from the above-mentioned agencies) you might want to use the following web-sites:

<https://www.airbnb.com/s/Tel-Aviv--Israel>

<http://telaviv.craigslist.org> (English)

www.madas.co.il (the Student Union's list of rental apartments) (Hebrew)

www.homeless.co.il (Hebrew)

www.yad2.co.il (Hebrew)

<http://www.hostels-israel.com/Tel-Aviv/> (English)

www.janglo.net (Click on the Tel Aviv section for Real Estate)

www.telalivit.com (English)

http://www.sublet.com/area_rentals/israel-telaviv/telavivyafa_rentals.asp (English)

<http://www.easyexpat.com/en/tel-aviv/accommodation/rent-house-flat.htm> (English)

<http://www.telaviv-apartment.com/> (English)

http://www.lagur.com/english/apartments_rent_telaviv (English)

www.shirastudios.com (English)

You might want to use Google Translate to translate the Hebrew language posts. The web-site supports Hebrew and it's very helpful!

The price range for a shared room in a rented apartment is approximately \$700 per month.

While most Israelis use the above mentioned web-sites in their search for an apartment, please note that these are private web-sites and the University is not be accountable for any information posted on these web-sites.

If you have not managed to find an apartment prior to your arrival, it is recommended that you arrive in Israel 7-10 days before the term begins, in order to look for an apartment. Although the housing market in Tel Aviv is much the same as in any busy metropolis, it is possible with enough time and patience to find a suitable place to spend the semester. We highly recommend our students to get together to find apartments to share. We of course will do all we can to help in directing your efforts.

Living Expenses

It is hard to give a precise estimate of living expenses, but roughly, you should plan to spend \$700 per month for food, transportation, going out, independent traveling, and incidental expenses. Of course, the amount you need varies according to your personal habits, how much traveling you do, and where you eat. Naturally, students who buy and prepare most of their own food will spend less than those who frequently eat out.

We recommend that you give a try to the eating habits of Israelis. Fruit and vegetables are inexpensive and very popular, as are the many excellent dairy foods. Meat meals is usually chicken. Beef is fairly costly and less popular in the Israeli daily diet than in the American.

Transportation

Buses

The campus is served by numerous bus routes, listed below according to the two main bus companies, **Egged** and **Dan**. The campus was designed for pedestrians rather than vehicles, and it is generally more convenient to travel to the campus using public transportation. Buses stop near all gates, providing easy access to campus buildings. Please note that for traveling in Tel Aviv, using city buses is most likely to be the most convenient and low cost way of transportation.

When living in Central Tel Aviv (where most of our students choose to live) it is recommended to use Dan Bus No. 25, No. 24 or No. 289 to travel to campus (Ride fare: 5.80 NIS). If one of these lines is available close to your apartment, you should use it to travel to the campus. You may get off the bus near the main entrance to the campus (gate 7). The Buchmann Law Faculty building is located at approximately 3 minutes walking distance from the main gate.

Here is a list of Buses you can use to travel to the campus:

Dan: 24,25,289,204,49,7

Egged: 271,572,274,270

You can also call Dan / Egged Customer Service number to find out which bus to use to travel from your place of residence to the campus.

Dan, tel. 03- 6394444

<http://www.dan.co.il/>

Egged, tel. 03- 6948888, or from cell phone *2020.

<http://www.egged.co.il>

Tickets & Fares (Dan Bus Company)

All tickets can be purchased on the bus from the driver (in cash only). In most of the city-routes there is a basic one fare (6.60 NIS). However, the fare is changeable according to duration of the journey (Suburban or Intercity).

There is an option for Free-pass (daily, monthly, or yearly) or Chargeable electronic ticket. Please call Dan Customer Service for information about costs and where to buy or you can buy it on grounds during the first week of the semester. You must have an official paper from the coordinator that says you are a student AND a student I.D.

Trains

The University Railway Station is within walking distance from campus (on its southeast flank), or you can catch Dan bus #112 to the station.

Train destinations include Ben Gurion Airport.

An **online timetable** is available at: <http://www.israrail.org.il/English>

or call 03-5774000.

Taxis

Shekem, tel. 03- 5270404.

Kastel, tel. 03- 6991296.

New York, tel. 03- 5237722.

Taxi Card, tel. 03- 9522229.

It is not accustomed to tip taxi drivers. For rides around the city, it is strongly recommended that you ask the driver to turn on the meter, rather than agree on a price in advance.

Car Rental

Eldan, tel. 5271166. <http://www.eldan.co.il>

Avital Rent a Car, tel. 5794076. <http://www.avital.co.il>

Europcar, tel. 5777111. <http://www.europcar.co.il>

Parking on Campus

If you park in the parking lots outside the campus you may get a discount by showing a student card.

What to Do in Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv is known as 'the city that never stops'. Following is some information about few of the city's range of activities.

Culture and Entertainment

For an excellent source of information about local museums and other cultural institutions, visit the English-language site of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality.

<http://www.tel-aviv.gov.il/english/home.asp>

The never sleeping Tel Aviv has a vibrant club, concert, theater, art and restaurant scene. The best English-language newspapers for extensive listings and information are the Jerusalem Post or the International Herald Tribune—Haaretz English Edition. Buy the Friday edition for the week's offerings, including a TV guide. You can read these newspapers online at:

www.haaretz.com

<http://www.jpost.com>

Note that students and staff of Tel Aviv University may buy **discounted tickets** to a large variety of cultural offerings.

Go to the Student Union counter in the lobby of the Mitchell Student Center or call 6407662/5909 for information.

Tipping conventions: While you can pay your bill with a credit card in most restaurants and bars, the tip is left in cash. In order to leave tip on the card, ask the waiter to charge it when they take your card to charge for the bill.

The customary tip rate in restaurants is 12%-15%. In bars: 15%-20%

Tel- Aviv Food and Nightlife

The Tel Aviv Guide website is an excellent English- language web-site for information and tips on Tel Aviv clubs, restaurants, cafes, sites, beaches, shopping, entertainment & art and attractions.

<http://www.telavivguide.net/>

Clubs and bars in Tel Aviv are frequently closing and reopening. The best way to keep updated and make sure that the place you are planning to go to is still open, is to ask around.

The best day for bar hopping in Tel Aviv during the week is probably Tuesday. As far as the weekend goes, **students usually prefer to go out on Thursday or Saturday nights** rather than Friday. Friday attracts a somewhat younger crowd, Thursday is packed and with a party atmosphere, and Saturday is a more relaxing evening (we work on Sundays!).. On the weekend it may be a problem to find a place to sit a large group of people, yet some bar-restaurant will take reservations for groups. Israelis usually go out late so around 10:00 pm bars are often half empty, but will be packed by midnight. Most bars are open till the last customer leaves, and there is no last call for alcohol.

The dress code in Tel Aviv is very relaxed, and most places will let you in as long as you are dressed. In Tel Aviv, “dressed up” means upscale casual. You can leave the suits at home, although trendy and fashionable is just as important here as it is in any major city.

There are three main bar areas in Tel Aviv:

1. Dizengoff, Ben- Yehuda and Ibn Gavirol st. bars
2. The port area in north Tel Aviv
3. The Lilienblum st. sprawl

Dizengoff, Ben- Yehuda and Ibn Gavirol st. bars

Some of the most popular and trendy bars in Tel Aviv are located on these streets. Most of them have round bars that allow all the people sitting at the bar to 'see and be seen'.

Here is a list of popular bars in this area:

Malki

Location: 5 Malkei Israel st. (Rabin sq.)

Description: Not too big but usually very crowded. This is a trendy local neighborhood bar.

Eliezer

Location: 186 Ben-Yehuda st. (corner of jabotinsky st).

Description: Somewhere between a local neighborhood pub and a trendy pick-up bar, with usually nice crowd of people that are looking forward to having a good time. If you are into mingling, this is a good option for you to meet people....

Dizzy Frishdon

Location: 121 Dizengoff st.

Description: A classical 'pick-up bar'.

Apt 98

Location: Dizengoff 98

Description: Pick-up bar designed as a loft, nice and stylish crowd.

Rosa Parks

Location: 265 Dizengoff Street (Yermiahu Corner)

Description: Trendy bar named after the Afro American human rights fighter Rosa Parks. Two storeys bar with windows to the street so you can see the people standing in queue to get in.☺

Zina Bar

Location: 116 Dizengoff st.

Port area

Whether you're looking for a place to meet new people or dance until the wee hours of the morning, the port area is probably a good choice. In Tel Aviv's rebuilt port on the sea you can find the most hip and happening venues where you can satisfy your drinking, dancing and socializing needs. Most places are loud and crowded mega-bars which differ in decoration and style (for example the Kibbutz is decorated as, well, Kibbutz, and serves cheaper drinks while the Tel Aviva simulates an old Tel-Aviv neighborhood with benches and kiosks). Also, a lot of cafes and bars are utilising the beautiful deck and Mediterranean sea view.

Tipsy

Location: 23 Hangar st., Tel Aviv port

Description: A classic summertime bar/club which takes advantage of its' breezy seafront location, to simultaneously cool down and heat up the atmosphere. Here you will find cool dudes and hot ladies in a spectacular courtship dance. The bar is optimized for seeing and being seen and it is often packed Thursday through Saturday so try to get early or expect to wait.

The Lilenblum st. sprawl

This area in southern Tel Aviv encompasses the region between Lilenblum st, the southern end of Rothschild Boulevard, Neve Tzedek and Nahalt Binyamin st. These are all within walking distance from one another.

Nanuchka

Location: 30 Nachlat Binyamin st., tel: 03-5162254

Description: Georgian Restorant-Bar, great authentic food, crazy and noisy. A happy and highly recommended place!

Taylor Made

Location: 99 Alenbi st.,

Description: Cool and trendy bar. Often Packed through the weekend.

Port Said

Location: 5 Har Sinai st.

Description: Street bar - Simple but sophisticated bar. Great food is served.

Rotcha

Location: 32 Rotchild st.

Restaurants and Cafes

The choice of restaurants and cafes in Tel Aviv is simply huge, each with its own particular atmosphere and style. Following is a list of recommended restaurants of different styles and cuisines. The list is by no means exhaustive, since that would require a separate handbook.

Street food

Each Israeli has it's own best place for Falafel or Hummus, and most of them are outside of Tel Aviv. The attempt to recommend 1-2 locations is very pretentious but here are some recommendations:

Hummus: **Hasuri** (the syrian) – hidden near HaCarmel market (Shuk HaCarmel), a small, simple and great place – 28 Malan st., **Abu Adham**, 7 Karlibach st. **Abu Dabi** – 88 King George st.

Falafel: **Hakosem** (the magician) 1 Shlomo Hamelech st. and King George st.

Falafel Gina 126 Menachem Begin st.

Sabich - Iraki origin. Delicious Pita with eggplants, hummus, boiled egg, onions and Tahini. The Best place hands down is **Ovad** in 7 Sirkin st. Givataim. A bit outside of Tel Aviv but it's worth it! In Tel Aviv, the best place (with a long eternal line) is in 42 Frishman st.

Authentic food: Some of the best places aren't the fancy decorative restaurants but the simple family eateries serving grandma's recepies for generations. Israel is a melting pot of different cultures and nationalities, and there is no better a way to enjoy this diversity than tasting it. Most of these restaurants are located in poorer areas like the central station, the markets and Jaffa (a temple of Balkan restaurants).

Keshet/Eden: 2 wonderfull and simply decorated (to say the least) Persian restaurants located one across the other in a very ugly neighborhood. Yet, the food overcomes the other flaws.

Location: on Neve Sha'anani st./ 35 Hagdud Ha'ivri st. (near the central station).

Fish and Sea food

Manta Ray

Located right on the beach, Manta Ray offers a variety of seafood, among other excellent dishes. Also, a nice place for breakfasts!

Location: Alma Beach (near Beit Etzel) (tel. 03- 5174773)

Gotcha

Location: 171 Dizengoff st.

Italian

Mel and Mishelle

Romantic (and a bit expensive) trattoria.

Location: 155 Ben Yehuda st. tel. 03-5293232

Toto

Excellent and relatively expensive Italian food.

Location: 4 Berkovich st., tel. 03-6935151

Radio Rusco

Located in a charming hidden patio, this small enoteca serves pasta, pizza and salads on all-day lunch menu.

Location: 97 Alenbi st. 03-5600334

Meat & Hamburgers:

Vitrina (best hamburger in Tlv..)

Location: 54 Ibn Gbirol st.

Agadir

Burger bar with young atmosphere and good burgers!

<http://www.agadir.co.il/> (available in English)

Location: 2 Nahalat Binyamin st. (tel. 03- 5104442) & Tel Aviv port.

Mozes

Decorative burgers place. Try the Artburger! Also, there's a cheap late-night menu (very cost effective).

Location: 35 Rotchild st. & 293 Dizengoff st. tel. *9449

<http://www.mosesrest.co.il/english/Moses%2BRestaurant>

Wolfnight

Delicious chef-burgers with special sauces and toppings!

Location: 40 Lilienblum st. tel. 03-5177155

NG

Great place for meat lovers. Romantic atmosphere in a gorgeous neighborhood (Neve Tzedek). Try the porterhouse (1.2 kg).

Location: 6 Echad Ha'am st., tel. 03-5167888

Makom shel Basar (a place of meat)

As it's name – devoted for carnivores. Steaks on

Location: 64 Shabezi st. Neve Tzedek, tel. 03-5104020

<http://makomshelbasar.rest-e.co.il/>

Misc

Brewhouse

The Brewhouse is a brew house holding three home-made beers on tap, yellow, red and brown. It is the only restaurant in Israel located in an authentic brewhouse. The menu is heavily meat-based, it features dishes such as steak, ribs, wings and more.

Location: 11 Rothschild Boulevard (tel. 03- 5168666)

Tapeo

Popular Spanish Tapas bar & Restaurant. A lively Spanish atmosphere and a fine range of tapas. To see photos of the restaurant and selected dishes go on:

<http://www.rest.co.il/sites/Default.asp?txtRestID=5545&txtSR=1> (Hebrew)

Location: 16 ha'arbaa st. (tel. 03-6240484 / 03-5610489)

Bait Thaiandi (Thai House)

The best Thai food in tel aviv, great value for money.

Location: 8 Bugrahov st., tel. 03-5178568

Adora

French-Mediterranean Bistro serves exquisite food. One of the best restaurants in Tel Aviv, definitely in this range of prices! Also, a great place for Weekend Brunch.

Location: 226 Ben Yehuda st. tel. 03-6050896

Weekend Brunch

Tel Aviv restaurants and cafes become the center of the city's social scene on Fridays, when it seems that the entire population is having a rich breakfast or just drinking coffee to see and be seen before the Sabbath.

Benedict

A concept cafe that serves only breakfast 24 hours a day in all styles. Very famous for its self-made, fresh bread. Attention: don't come when you are too hungry, there's usually a huge line outside.

Location: 171 Ben- Yehuda st. & 29 Rothschild Blv.

Yogurt Shops

One of the latest trends in Tel Aviv is eating Yogurt. In several center places in Tel Aviv you can find people lining up in their favorite yogurt shop, for plain frozen yogurt and a variety of toppings.

Tamara

A beautifully designed place where you can have your yogurt ice cream with your choice of toppings.

Location: 96 Ben Yehuda Street (Gordon Corner) (tel. 03-5234449)

Religious Centers

Synagogues

Orthodox:

- Cymbalista Synagogue and Jewish Heritage Center, on campus, tel. 6404020/8020. <http://www.tau.ac.il/institutes/cymbalista/about.html>
- Neveh Kodesh Synagogue, 5 Openheimer St., Ramat Aviv, tel. 6428188.

Reform:

- Daniel House—The Center for Progressive Judaism, 62 Bnei Dan St., Tel Aviv, tel. 5442740. <http://www.beit-daniel.org.il>

Churches

- Beit Immanuel Anglican Chapel, corner of Auerbach St. and Beer Hoffman St., Jaffa, tel. 6821459.
- Friendship House (The Redeemed Christian Church of God), 30 Levanda St., Tel Aviv, tel. 053-472569.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, 15 Beer Hoffman St., Jaffa, tel. 03-6820654.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 15 Frankel St., Tel Aviv. Call the Jerusalem office for information at 02-6251547.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 63 Nordau St., Tel Aviv. Call the Jerusalem office at Advent House for information at 02-6251547.
- St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 51 Yefet St., Jaffa, tel. 03-6822667.
- St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1 Mifratz Shlomo St., Old Jaffa, tel. 03-6822871.
- St. Peter's Monastery – Russian Orthodox services, 157 Herzl St., Tel Aviv, tel. 03-6821241.

Mosques

- Muslim Prayer Hall, TAU Student Dormitories, basement of the “G” building, tel. 6407659.

Sports and Leisure

Elite Sports Center on Campus

We are happy to inform you that we were able to get you a discounted price for a membership at the TAU sports center.

A membership at TAU Sports Center for Law Faculty Exchange Students costs

1,555 NIS for 1 year

1,100 NIS for 2-6 months

The TAU Sports Center offers a variety of sports facilities including three swimming pools (two of them are heated), weight rooms, aerobics, Pilates and Yoga classes, group sports, etc.

Please note that you can buy daily ticket or multiple-entry ticket for the sport center's **swimming pool** at student price:

Daily ticket –47 NIS .

Multiple-entry ticket – 205 NIS for 5 entries. (POOL ONLY),

If you are interested in membership at TAU Sports Center please contact: 074-7100200

Following is a list of some of Tel Aviv's popular gyms and fitness centers:

Jimmy fitness center

Location: Dizengoff center, north building B, floors 3-4 (roof)

Tel. 03-6204116 / 6201130

Shape Yarkon

Location: 75 Hayarkon st.

Tel. 03-5170070

Great Shape

Location: 68 Even Gvirol st. (corner of Shaul Hamelech St)

Tel. 03-6955353

Holmes Place Dizengoff

Location: Dizengoff center, floor -1, next to Dizengoff cinema

Tel. 03-6217000

Holmes Place Yarkon

Location: 75 Hayarkon st.

Tel. 03-5170070

Pure

Location: 77 Ben Yehuda st.

Tel.03-5272782

For information about gyms, fitness centers and dance companies located at your place of residence go on:

<http://www.telavivcity.com/eng/move.asp>

The crowded nature of Tel Aviv is shown in the various gyms in Tel Aviv. Most gyms and fitness centers located in central Tel Aviv are packed and busy, allowing interaction between people during their work out. Some gyms can be more spacious than others however keep in mind that they will likely to cost more. Also, the longer period membership is much cheaper than for couple of months.

Another option is to purchase 2nd hand membership threw sites like www.yad2.co.il Or www.Homeless.co.il. This can suits you the most regarding prices for short time membership.

Public Sports Facilities

Park Hayarkon (<http://www.tel-aviv-insider.com/park-hayarkon.php>), Tel Aviv's largest public park, is within walking distance of the university. Features include extensive picnicking areas, gardens, a man-made lake, a bicycle path along the Yarkon River, boats for hire, a small children's zoo, and more.

To reach the park, head to the University Railway Station on the campus's southeastern side. Cross Rokach Boulevard, turn left, and enter the grounds beyond the parking lot. In the park or close-by you will find the following:

- Sportek, the Park Hayarkon sports center, tel. 03-6422828, 03-6990307.
- Meimadion Water Park in Park Hayarkon (summer only), tel. 03-6422777.
- Tsapari Park in Park Hayarkon – Houses several species of exotic birds in a beautiful tropical garden setting, tel. 03-6422888.
- Minigolf, 56 Rokach Boulevard at the corner of Haifa Road, Ramat Aviv, tel. 03-6990229.
- Luna Park – amusement park in Ganey haTa'arucha.tel. 03-6427080

Other attractions:

- Bowling Tel Aviv, 124 Ibn Gvirol St., Floor -3, Tel Aviv, tel. 03-5231222, 03-5237004/5.
- The Safari Park – Spacious safari park with zoo and petting corner, Ramat Gan, tel. 03-6312181.
- Israel Tennis Center, Ramat Hasharon, tel. 03-6456666.

Beaches

Tel Aviv has excellent public beaches with changing rooms, restrooms and cafes right on the sand. Beach chairs and parasols are available for a small fee. From TAU University you can reach the beaches by taking Dan bus #13, 24 or 25 to the stop at Kikar Masarik/Frishman St. Turn left on Frishman St. and follow it down to the sea.

<http://www.tel-aviv-insider.com/beaches-north.php>

Shopping

The closest shopping center to the campus is the Ramat Aviv Mall, which is a five-minute walk from the university's main gate, at 40 Einstein Street, tel. 03-6426612. The mall has two large supermarkets and two levels of shops, restaurants, cafes and cinemas.

Other options in Tel Aviv are:

- **Dizengoff Center**, 50 Dizengoff St., tel. 03-6212416, Dan bus #25, 24, 13.
- **Azrieli Center**, off the Ayalon Freeway, tel. 6081400, Dan bus #27 and Egged # 74, 86.
- **Opera Tower**, right on the sea at 1 Allenby St., tel. 5107496, Dan bus #25, 24, 13.
- **Gan Ha'ir**, designer boutiques, 71 Ibn Gvirol St., tel. 5279111, Dan bus #25, 24, 13.

Tel Aviv has a number of colorful and lively bazaars, or open-air markets, which are open from early morning to early evening Sunday through Friday. While it is less customary to bargain on food prices, it is acceptable to try for a discount on clothes and housewares. The word in Hebrew for bazaar is "SHUK".

- **Shuk haCarmel** – The largest and best market for fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, meat, Asian and other specialty foods, cleaning supplies, inexpensive clothes and every other consumer item under the sun. Begins at the corner of Allenby and King George Streets, Dan bus #25, 24, 13.
- **Nahalat Binyamin** – An arts and crafts market held every Tuesday and Friday with live music and entertainment. On the Nahalat Binyamin pedestrian-only street, right off Allenby St., and parallel to Shuk Hacarmel, Dan bus #25, 24, 13.
- **Shuk Bezalel** – Discount clothing. Off King George St., very close to the corner of Allenby St., Dan bus #25, 24, 13.
- **Levinsky Street** – A wonderful street market for spices, nuts, dried fruit, etc., Dan bus #25.
- **Flea Market** (Shuk Hapishp'shim) – Second-hand clothes, furniture and general household items. Jaffa, Dan bus #25.

Tourism

Government Tourist Information

A helpful site for information and links is the official Israeli Ministry of Tourism website. http://www.goisrael.com/tourism_eng

Travel Agents

If you are thinking of traveling, especially outside of Israel, you might want to use a traveling agency. The following agencies are located on campus:

- **ISSTA**, Mitchell Student Center, tel. 03-6415960.
- **Ophir Tours**, Academy of Music building, tel. 03-6429001.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Campus Emergency	03-6405555
Police	100
First Aid & Ambulance (Magen David Adom)	101
Fire Department	102
Ichilov Hospital	03-6974444
Sheba Medical Center	03-5303030
Local Telephone Information	144
International Operator	188
Telephone Services: maintenance, clock, weather forecasts, wakeup calls, telegrams http://www.bezeq.co.il/Cultures/en-US/Bezeq/Telephone+Line/main/Default.htm	
Flight Information	03-9731111 http://www.iaa.gov.il/Rashat/en-US/Rashot

Tel Aviv Map

Please refer to the following website:

http://www.jewishfederations.org/local_includes/downloads/25743.pdf

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Bookstore

The Office Depot bookstore on Entin Square, at the main entrance to the campus (Gate 7), has a large selection of academic and popular books, study and office supplies, backpacks, toys, cards, maps, etc..

tel. 03-7457000/44

Campus First Aid

The First Aid Unit is located on the eastern side of the Sourasky Central Library building.

Opens Sundays through Thursdays

from 08:00 to 17:45,

tel. 03-6408666.

Campus Dental First Aid

Emergency dental treatment is available at the Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine on campus,

Room 117,

Sunday through Thursday,

from 08:30 to 10:00,

tel. 03-6409551.

Non-emergency treatment and dental hygiene performed by students, under supervision, are also available for reduced fees.

Law Library

The David J. Light Law Library is situated within the Law faculty complex.

Library Hours:

Sunday – Thursday 09:00- 21:00

Friday 08:30-12:30

Tel: 03-6408356/7

<http://www.tau.ac.il/lawlib/>

University map

In your Welcome Kit you can find a printed map of the campus. This map is also available on-line at: <http://www2.tau.ac.il/map/unimaple1.asp>

University Academic Calendar and Tentative **Event Schedule**

First day of first semester	26.10.2014
Chanukah holiday	21.12.2014
Last day of the first semester	30.01.2015
Open Day	13.02.2015
First day of the second semester	01.03.2015
Purim holiday	05.03.2015
Wednesday course schedule on Monday	30.03.2015
Thursday course schedule on Tuesday	31.03.2015
Last day of studies before Passover holiday	31.03.2015
First day of studies after Passover holiday	12.04.2015
Remembrance Day holiday	22.04.2015
Independence Day holiday	23.04.2015
Students Day (no studies after 12:00)	TBA
Shavuot holiday	24.05.2015
Last day of second semester	19.06.2015
Remembrance Day Ceremonies	
On the following dates there will be a break in studies from 12:00 noon to 1 pm.:	
Public meeting in memory of Yitzhak Rabin	05.11.2014
Holocaust Day ceremony	16.04.2015
Ceremony for fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism	21.04.2015