



SHORT TERM PROGRAMS

**Ben-Gurion University
of the Negev**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) is a leading multi-disciplinary research university in the the Negev, Israel's southern region, with 20,000 students and 3 campuses in Be'er-Sheva, Sde Boker and Eilat. BGU is known for its scientific innovation, and for cross-disciplinary and applied research that impact people's lives wherever they are.

BGU is home to top-tier researchers and students, all holding **original and innovative perspectives**, alongside a **social conscience** and a **commitment to community engagement**.

The University is devoted to and engaged in developing the Negev region, Israel, and the world. Here you will be at the **heart of a unique ecosystem** where higher education, advanced technologies, industry, business, healthcare, and government come together to develop groundbreaking research and new applications for the market.

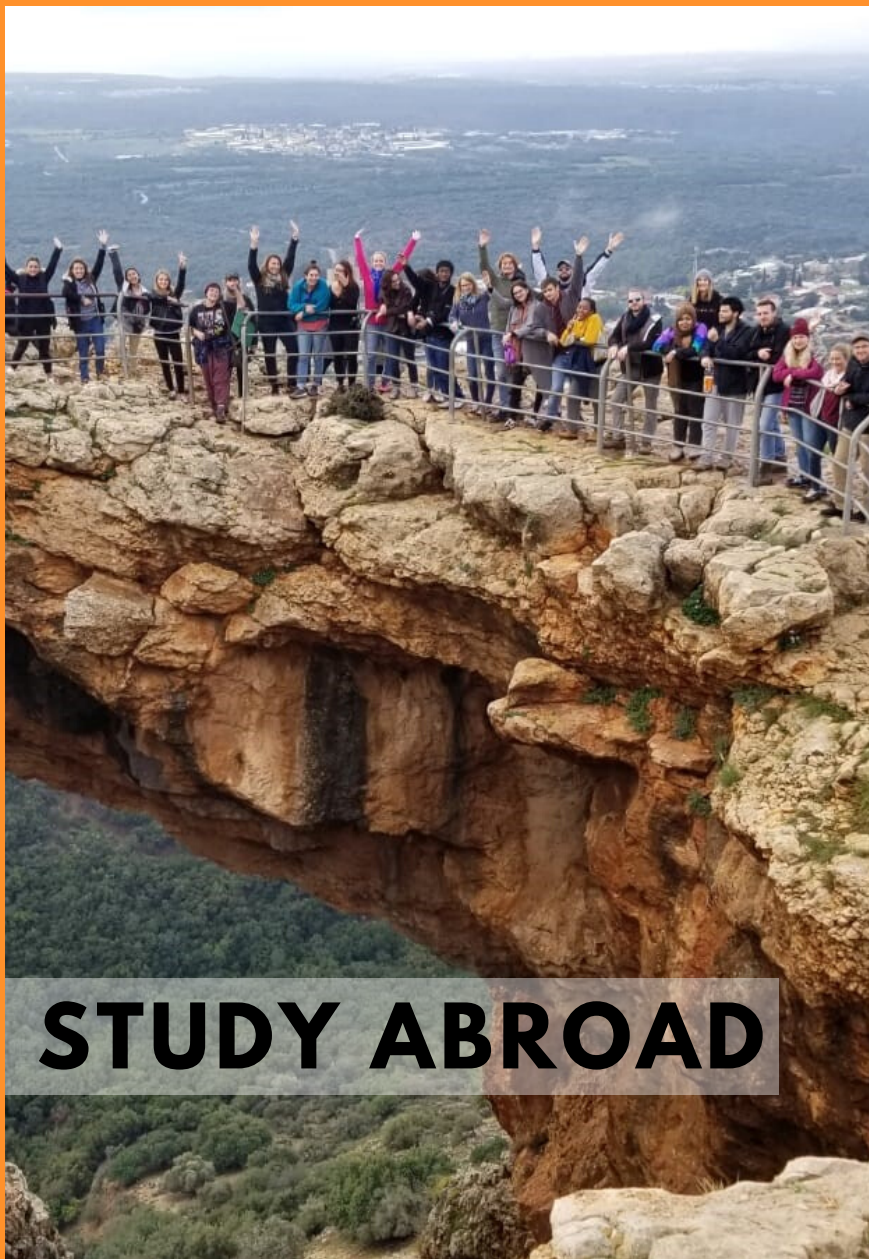
International students from over 50 countries enjoy a full calendar of activities and events, and a variety of clubs and organizations. BGU, famous for its **active and dynamic campus life**, offers an immersive experience. For example, we provide Hebrew lessons, volunteering opportunities and a range of joint activities and courses with Israeli students.

Living in on-campus housing with Israeli students as roommates, international students get to experience Israeli culture firsthand by forging friendships and building memories.

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STUDY ABROAD

Semester / Year Program

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As a student in this program, you will enjoy a variety of courses, which will enable you to experience hands-on learning both in class and through field trips. BGU offers a vibrant campus life in Be'er-Sheva, known as a diverse, convenient, and friendly student-oriented city.

With Israeli and international students from countries all around the world, helpful staff, and trips throughout Israel, a significant experience is awaiting you. The program is geared towards college/university students pursuing their bachelor's or master's degrees.

Create your own program of study by mixing and matching courses from our comprehensive general catalog. Students in their third or fourth year of undergraduate studies may also attend graduate courses in English.

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Exchange / Erasmus+ Program

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Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has strategic agreements with universities around the world in order to promote international mobility. Students participating in an exchange program do not pay tuition fees to BGU, and continue to pay the regular tuition to their home university.

Who is an Exchange Student? Your university has an exchange agreement with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev that entitles you to apply to study for a semester or a year at BGU without paying tuition fees. All exchange students must be nominated by their home institutions in order to apply to BGU.

Students from Europe can apply for an Erasmus+ scholarship through their home university.

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GAP Year Program

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BGU offers young adults the opportunity to spend their gap year in a fruitful academic experience while having a meaningful social adventure.

As a gap year student, you will be part of the **study abroad** program, enjoying the vibrant campus life, participating in volunteering projects and studying alongside undergraduate students.

As BGU is academically recognized worldwide, the academic credits you will accumulate during the semester at BGU can be accepted as credits towards a future degree at other universities. The varied range of undergraduate courses offered at BGU can help you find your future path.

The program encourages you to experience personal, academic and professional growth.

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Academic Internship Program

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Gain hands-on research experience working alongside a BGU faculty member during a 3 to 12 month internship. This program provides a flexible tailor-made framework. Students from diverse academic backgrounds, both undergraduate and graduate, can conduct their internship within BGU and outside of the University, through practical work assignments and experience.

The first step is to find an academic host with research interests that match your background and goals. An internship can be conducted in all six BGU faculties, in all fields of research. To find a host at BGU - [Scholars at BGU](#)

Under the supervision of their academic host, students are typically assigned some or all of the following tasks: review literature, undertake research in a particular subject area, collect information on related topics, organize data and documents, learn and participate in on-going research projects.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS



Global Health

Online for Summer 2020

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At a time when the global community is facing tremendous challenges due to the COVID19 pandemic, the **online global health program** at BGU provides students with a comprehensive learning experience. The program combines dynamic online classes, group work, and an applied individual assignment.

As a participant in the online global health summer program you will not only study the theoretical foundations of global health, but will also participate in discussions with specialists that practice or demonstrate aspects of global public health across the world, and will explore the impact of global health trends and policies in your home community.

BGU's School of Public Health is a leading school within the Faculty of Health Sciences. It is a member of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER), and a leader of public health policy in Israel and abroad. They are engaged in researching the impact of geopolitics on pollution, access to health care services, and wellbeing.

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Data Mining & Business

Intelligence for Cyber

Security Applications

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The purpose of the Summer Program in Data Mining and Business Intelligence is to provide both theoretical and practical knowledge, including tools, on data mining. The program offers two academic courses (each for 3 credits), where students learn the basic data mining tools and how to use machine learning techniques to solve cybersecurity problems.

The final project corresponds with the course materials and contributes to the practical experience component. In addition, students participate in professional field trips to leading companies in order to enhance their understanding and practice of data mining and cybersecurity.

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Sustainable Agricultural Solutions

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The course will use an integrated academic perspective to provide students access to cutting-edge knowledge and technology related to agricultural practices for improving food and water use worldwide, particularly in the face of global desertification.

Additionally, it offers selected students exceptional opportunities to pursue a combination of basic and applied research in agricultural and environmental topics. The course is composed of three tracks: soil and irrigation, plants under abiotic stress, and aquaculture, with an emphasis on practical aspects and integration between them. Field and laboratory work will provide hands-on experiences to be presented by the students in a concluding seminar.

The program includes cultural events during which students will have the opportunity to socialize with local students. Weekly tours will expose the students to Israeli culture and history. **This course takes place in our Sde Boker campus.**

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Entrepreneurship & Robotics

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BGU is launching an exclusive Entrepreneurship & Robotics International Excellence Challenge. Academically, the four-week summer program is a collaboration between two leading faculties: The Faculty of Engineering Sciences and the Guildford Glazer Faculty of Business & Management.

It encompasses classes in entrepreneurship, AI, IoT and hands-on experience in Engineering labs, with leading BGU faculty and guest lecturers from top tier universities around the world. The course will focus on the process of methodologically meeting a technological and managerial challenge. Lectures will be both inspirational and instructional, given by leading professionals in each paradigm, with a focus on the financial, business, managerial, entrepreneurial, strategic, and ethical aspects of entrepreneurship.

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IBEX Summer Internship

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IBEX summer internship for undergraduates - International Bachelors of EXcellence summer internship at the Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

Come join us at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR) summer internship program and participate in independent research in various projects focusing on energy, food, and water of arid regions.

The IBEX summer internship is a unique experience for undergraduate students, providing participants with the opportunity to actively conduct academic research and partake in scientific life. This includes utilizing cutting-edge technology under the direct supervision of BIDR researchers and attending weekly seminars, concluding with an academic symposium.

Concurrently, participating students will enjoy educational and social activities unique to the Negev desert area and around Israel. BIDR, located in the **Sde Boker Campus**, is an international English-speaking campus that provides a welcoming educational environment for foreign students.

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LANGUAGE PROGRAMS



Intensive Hebrew Language Ulpan

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The Ulpan is an intensive, immersive Hebrew language course that can be taken for either a four- or six-week period during the summer or winter. It incorporates a traditional curriculum of reading, writing and conversation skills with media, such as Israeli music, newspapers, movies, radio, as well as field trips.

The course meets for four hours daily, Sunday through Thursday. Students are placed in an appropriate level, based on the results of a written exam prior to departure and an oral exam upon arrival. There are many levels of Hebrew offered in the Ulpan, from very basic to extremely advanced.

The program runs for 4-6 weeks, in the summer and the winter.

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German Summer University

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The Internationale Sommeruniversität offers interested German-speaking students the opportunity to learn Hebrew during an intensive, immersive Hebrew language course for a period of six weeks during the summer.

The program also includes lectures covering a wide range of topics, such as modern history and politics of Israel, Zionism, biblical archaeology, Jewish studies, Jewish art, Hebrew poetry, and Israeli cinema. In addition, students enjoy tours to various famous destinations like Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and the Negev Desert. Lectures will be conducted in English or German.

The Hebrew course (Ulpan) is offered at various levels, from basic to extremely advanced. Students are placed in an appropriate level based on the results of a written exam prior to departure and an oral exam upon arrival. Our students study a total of 120 hours of language instruction, take weekly quizzes and a final exam. A certificate, that includes the grade achieved during the course is granted at end of the program.

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CAMPUS & STUDENT LIFE



Campus Life

Enjoy a genuine campus experience, where multicultural and international students engage in over 30 extracurricular clubs. With a vibrant student life and an amazing sense of community, your time at BGU will be truly unforgettable. Campus and city life includes movie theaters, a state-of-the-art sports center, pubs, espresso bars, restaurants, 24-hr computer labs, and home-like dorms, all found on Campus or in proximity to the University.

The very active student union organizes a variety of cultural and social events throughout the year, including parties and organized weekend getaways.

The Be'er-Sheva campus has its own movie theatre! Each week the Negative Cinema screens both local movies and blockbusters. The movies are usually in English with Hebrew subtitles, so there are a lot of options for international students. The Negative Cinema is operated by the student union. Check out this handbook made by our student union - [The handbook for the new student](#)

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On Campus Housing

The dorms assigned to international students are located in the Eric F. and Lore Ross Student Village (Dalet Dormitories), which is across the street from the campus. The dormitories are apartments of four private bedrooms with a shared kitchen, bathroom and common area. Each bedroom includes a bed, desk and a study lamp, closet, chair, and can be locked for privacy. The apartments have a central air-conditioning system.

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Social and academic support

At BGU you will receive full support from our friendly staff, who strive to ensure that you have a safe and successful stay, whilst enjoying the lively student life and a strong sense of community.

Our social counselors are in charge of making your experience unforgettable. You will participate in trips around the country, get to know the city of Be'er-Sheva and its lively student energy. Meet Israeli students outside of the classroom and celebrate the holidays with an international group of people.

We, at BGU International, are here to assist you with any issue, making sure that your experience here is exciting and meaningful.

Be'er-Sheva

Be'er-Sheva is recognized as a leading 'university town', home to some 30,000 students at the city's institutions of higher education. Thus, the city's vibe is very much student-oriented. Be'er-Sheva is a "young" city – with 50% of the population under 40 years old. The varied communities living in the city make Be'er-Sheva the multicultural city it is today. You can find a wide range of museums, performing arts institutions and attractions.

In Be'er-Sheva you can find a vast array of restaurants, pubs, cafes and bars. The different communities living in Be'er-Sheva brought multicultural food traditions to the city. For example, in the Old City you can enjoy authentic Moroccan, Ethiopian, Yemenite, Japanese, Georgian and many more special cuisines. And with the influx of young students, Be'er-Sheva is also a vegan-friendly hub.

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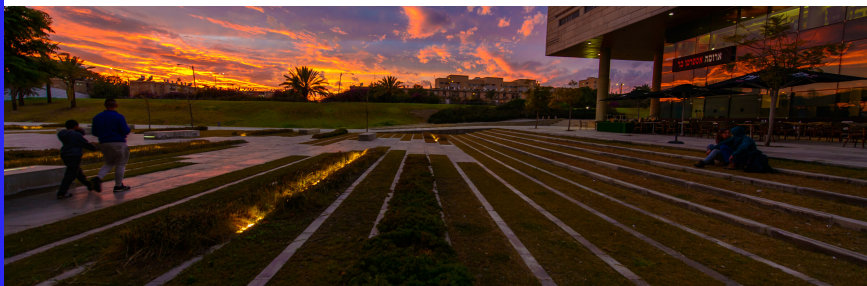
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