Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Inspiration meets Excellence
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is a multi-disciplinary research university that leads excellence in research and teaching, scientific innovation, interdisciplinary research and science that affects daily life. BGU is committed to social and environmental responsibility and promotes the development of the Negev, Israel and the world for the benefit of humanity.
Inspiration meets Excellence: Fulfilling the Vision

BGU attracts students and scholars from Israel and around the world, who combine innovative original thinking alongside social conscience and community involvement.

338 start-ups were initiated by BGU Alumni

6,000+ Students are involved in a wide range of projects in the community (30%)
The 3rd largest university in Israel

- 19,000+ Students
- 135,000+ Alumni
- 930 Senior Faculty / 6,700 Total staff
- 31% of students in advanced degree programs
- 3 Campuses at Beer-Sheva, Sde-Boker and Eilat
BGU International: a global community

More than 600 students from more than 50 countries
Research with Worldwide Impact

“One can expand its horizons by simply meeting people from other places on earth”

- BGU changes the world with inspirational ideas, advanced research, unique academic programs and community outreach

- Cutting Edge National Research Institutes
  - The Ben-Gurion National Solar Energy Center
  - National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev
  - Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science & Technology
  - Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research
  - Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism
  - Heksherim – The Research Institute for Jewish and Israeli Literature and Culture
  - Over 60 interdisciplinary research centers
  - Advanced labs
Take part in cutting-edge research at the undergraduate level.

- Ecology & environment
- Space & Remote Sensing
- BrainTech
- Cyber Security
- Robotics
- Renewable Energy
- Nanotechnology
- Water utilization
- Cancer Research
- Quantum Research
- Stem Cells
Interdisciplinary combinations are in our DNA

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Faculty of Engineering Sciences

Faculty of Health Sciences

The Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management

Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research

About 30% of our students combine 2 or more fields of study and research: Natural Sciences, Management, Computer Science, Social Sciences, Engineering, etc.
World leader in innovation and Entrepreneurship

64th place in the world according to data published by the researchers in the Department of Software and Information Systems Engineering (the only universities from Israel in the top 100)

Ranked 39th in the world's 50 leading technological universities ranking.

Beer-Sheva is one of the 7 Cities of the Future according to a study by Brandeis University and the 3T consulting firm. Beersheba was declared the future city in the fields of technology and life sciences

Among the top 100 universities in the United States

Among the 100 top institutions in the world in the field of cyberspace security

The University is a member of the National Academy of Inventors
Yazamut 360° – BGU’s entrepreneurship center

- A unique work space that enables students, graduates and faculty members to promote technological ventures and social initiatives. Dozens of enterprises already operating in the hub.

Cactus Capital

- A $1 million fund that invests in student projects
- The only fund in Israel run by students and which students are members of its investment board
Faculty of Engineering: more than 550 projects annually

- Industry & infrastructure: 219
- HighTech: 220
- ChemTech: 66
- Biotech: 124
Applied Research at BGU: 1000+ Patents
A leader in environmental research in Israel, Ben-Gurion University is committed to care for the environment as part of the “Green Campus” initiative.

The “Green council” is responsible for many environmental-related activities in research, teaching, logistics and operation and community relations.

Promotes sustainable policies and operates programs to promote awareness of environmental protection, a reduction in the use of resources, energy efficiency, promotion of research and wide-ranging educational and community activities.
Students by Degree 2019 (FTE)

- Bachelor's Degrees, 12169, 66%
- Master's Degrees, 4292, 24%
- Ph.D., 1311, 7%
- M.D., 585, 3%

Total: 18,357 (FTE)
A Comprehensive University: Students by Faculty

Total: 20,018 (not FTE, “Head count”: 19,300)

BGU graduates constitute more than 30% of Israel's new engineers annually
+16% of students are originally from Beer-Sheva

The Be'er Sheva sub-district constitutes 8.2% of Israel’s population.
25% of Alumni work in High-Tech companies

- 29% work at Beer-Sheva
- +30% of the High-Tech Park employees are BGU Alumni
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is fulfilling the vision of David Ben-Gurion, Israel’s first Prime Minister, who understood that an academic institution can change the reality of the region.

- **BGU has mandate to bring development to Israel’s southern region.**
- **The Negev comprises 60% of Israel’s landmass but home to less than 12% of its population.**
Creating a powerful Ecosystem

The Israeli eco-system ranks 4th in the world

- According to “BLINK”, a start-up company based in Swiss, Tel Aviv is ranked 6th in the ranking of cities
- Be’er-Sheva entered the 180th place for the first time
BGU & the Hi-Tech park: an ecosystem of innovation at a footstep

Dell-EMC, BGN, Incubit Elbit Systems, Lockheed-Martin, AudioCodes, Deutche-Telekom, Ness, Allscripts (dbMotion), JVP Cyber Labs, Oracle, WIX, Cyactive, RAD, CDI, CyberSpark, Mellanox, CERT-IL, WeWork, Dalet, CyberGym, OneHour Translation, PayPal, BaseCamp, E&Y...
BGU Hi-Tech park: leading global firms
A Cyber Ecosystem

A New Silicon Valley In The Middle East
The IDF’s cyber and computer units are also moving here.
Why do they choose BGU?

- Academic Excellence (brand name) in many disciplines
- Vibrant campus life & Campus environment
- Community Involvement opportunities
- Proximity to High-Tech park (new)
- Cool projects (Joint projects with industry), Hackathons, challenges & competitions
- World rankings (especially in technology, cyber, patents)
- Green Campus
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