

# GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

**INSTITUTION:** Tel Aviv University

**PROGRAM:** Tel Aviv University

**SPONSOR:** College of Arts & Letters; and Communication Arts & Sciences

Scale	MSU Grade Equivalent*	Units	MSU Equivalent Credits
A+/A (93-100)	4.0	1	1
A-/B+ (87-92)	3.5	2	2
B/B- (80-86)	3.0	3	3
C+ (77-79)	2.5	4	4
C/C- (70-76)	2.0	5	5
D+ (67-69)	1.5	6	6
D/D- (60-66)	1.0		
F (59 and under)	0.0		

\* Adapted from <http://www.tau.ac.il/overseas/academicPrograms.html>

**Pass/Fail Grading Option** - Students may register for one course on a Pass/Fail basis. Students are required to choose the desired grading system within the first five weeks of attendance and to report this decision to the academic office of the School for Overseas Students. Universities have differing policies about the acceptance of Pass/Fail grades. Students must consult with their home university advisors regarding the acceptance of Pass/Fail grades in regards to letter grades. Once a Pass/Fail grade is entered into the student's record, it cannot be changed to a letter grade and vice versa. A Pass grade indicates D or higher level work. In the event that a student does A level work, that letter grade will appear on the transcript instead of a Pass grade.

## Other academic information:

**Credit and Semester Course Load:** Students are required to participate each semester in courses that grant a minimum of 15 credits. This requirement will be satisfied by taking five courses per semester. The Ulpan, taken prior to the semester, grants an additional six credits. It is strongly recommended that students meet with their home university advisors early in the application process in order to review the courses they intend to take at TAU and determine how the credits earned abroad will apply to degree requirements at home. It is also suggested that students receive pre-approval for more courses than they plan to attend. This allows for more latitude in making final course selections in Israel (in the event of scheduling conflicts or course cancellations).

Qualified English-speaking undergraduate students may apply for Tel Aviv University's academically diverse one-year, one-semester, or summer session tracks through the Overseas Student Program. All courses in the Overseas Student Program are taught in English by members of Tel Aviv University's outstanding faculty, and are designed to qualify for full credit at North American Universities.

Students in the one-year and one-semester programs are required to attend the Intensive Hebrew Language Program (Ulpan) prior to the start of their semester studies. Only students who demonstrate proficiency in Hebrew by passing a written exam are exempt. Hebrew language instruction may be continued during the semester as a part of the student's course load (not to the exclusion of participation in the ulpan prior to the semester).

**One-Year Program** - Undergraduate students who meet admissions standards and wish to study in Israel for one year may spend two consecutive semesters at Tel Aviv University in a rigorous program of study. Entering college freshman are eligible for this program. In order to gain the maximum benefit of the program and the experience of living in Israel, we recommend that students enroll for a full year.

**One-Semester Program** - The Overseas Student Program provides students who cannot leave their home universities for the full year with the option of spending a single semester at Tel Aviv University. One-semester students may choose to enroll in either the fall or spring semester. Length of each Semester is 11 weeks, and courses meet for 4 hours per week. Students should consult their home university's calendar when making that choice, no early departure is permitted.

**Summer Programs** - The school's exciting summer programs offer undergraduate and graduate Students alike the opportunity to learn Hebrew and enroll in exciting courses that deal with contemporary issues shaping the Middle East and the world.

## Useful Web Sites:

<http://www.tau.ac.il/overseas/academicPrograms.html>

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