Tel Aviv University
Buchmann Faculty of Law
International LL.M. Degree
The Parasol Foundation International LL.M. program at Tel Aviv University attracts outstanding law students to study and collaborate with Israel’s elite legal academia, students and legal professionals.

Through a wide range of classes taught by world-renowned professors, international students have the opportunity to study for their advanced academic law degree at Israel’s leading law faculty. The rigorous academic curriculum is based on innovative approaches to legal theory that provides students with insights for legal practice and analytic skills for advanced academic research and practice.

Nearly 50 classes, taught entirely in English, explore contemporary challenges to the law stemming from processes of globalization, dynamic technological and social charges, and entrepreneurial dynamism of the ‘Start-up Nation’.

LL.M. candidates will be eligible to apply for conditional admittance to the Ph.D. Program at the Faculty of Law, following the successful completion of the LL.M. degree.

Substantial fellowships will be offered to promising candidates according to needs and academic qualifications, and in order to promote diversity.

FINAL APPLICATIONS for each academic year are due in July, although late applications will be considered. Email studylaw@tau.ac.il for more information.

The Parasol Foundation International LL.M. program has become a source of attraction for outstanding jurists from all over the world thanks to its unique learning method and the exceptional specialization tracks it offers. The LL.M. contributes not only to the careers of its graduates and to the reputation of the Faculty and the University, but also to the diversity of legal perspectives in the classrooms, and to the level of discussion on every topic, attesting to the excellence in the Faculty as a leading legal academic institution. This excellence is maintained and continues to develop thanks to our outstanding academic, clinical, library, and administrative staff, adjunct professors and visiting lecturers, students, graduates, and friends of TAU Law.

It is with much expectation and excitement that we welcome each year’s LL.M. group to be a part of TAU Law.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Sharon Hannes
Message from Professor Ron Harris, Former Dean

Studying law in Israel is different than anywhere else in the world. The juxtaposition of the old and the new, the East meeting the West.

These are just some of the concepts evident in the philosophy and uniqueness of Tel Aviv University’s Faculty of Law.

From the cradle of world religions for millennia, Israel has emerged as a nation deeply integrated into global trade and knowledge transfer. We have a front-row seat to the issues critical to today’s world precisely because of where we are located on the map.

Content emerging from the classroom will be explored through tours and activities that will familiarize you with the country and its legal complexities. Internships in legal clinics, NGOs and law offices will transform your classroom studies into real world applications. International students are invited to explore Israel’s unique circumstances under the guidance of our top faculty members and to network with their Israeli peers.

Top American law school deans regularly invite members of our faculty to be Visiting Professors at their universities, and encourage their own professors to teach here. I am proud that the Faculty of Law is highly respected and well-known as the #1 law school in Israel and as one of the top five law schools outside of the United States.

I look forward to seeing you on campus,

Professor Ron Harris

A Tradition of Excellence

"I welcome you to challenge yourself – and our professors – by pursuing your LL.M. at TAU. Study issues like “religion and the state” in the country home to the world’s three monotheistic religions. Contribute to human rights by interning at one of our legal clinics with clients of every background. Explore the law’s relationship with technology from the headquarters of the most cutting edge hi-tech companies east of Silicon Valley. I have had the pleasure of teaching and working at prestigious universities around the world, and I am confident that my TAU colleagues are unparalleled in their expertise and passion for their subject.

Professor Eyal Benvenisti, Founding Academic Director, International LL.M. Degree; Anny & Paul Yanovicz Professor of Human Rights, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law; Whewell Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge; Global Visiting Professor of Law, New York University School of Law; Principal Investigator, GlobalTrust Research Project

Graduate from Paris X Ouest, France

“My favorite part of the program has to be the professors – the fact is they really want to help you and they are really there for you (this wouldn’t happen in my home country). I really enjoy the way the lectures are conducted, especially the seminars, where we actively create the class. The visiting professors come from prestigious universities – I don’t know if I would have had the chance to learn from most of them, let alone all of them!”
Prize for Art, Science and Culture, and the Humboldt Prize for Lifetime Achievement. Members of TAU Law have won other highly-regarded prizes, such as the Zeltner and Cheshin Awards, and the distinguished European Research Council Advanced Grant. Professor Nili Cohen was recently named the President of the Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences.

TAU Law professors are frequently invited to teach at the world’s top law schools and to prominently participate in the most respected law conferences.

The school’s breadth of activity and reputation for excellence makes TAU the #1 choice for Israeli students and Faculty of Law graduates the most sought after by Israeli employers. The Faculty’s proud graduates include six current Supreme Court Justices and over 80 judges in other courts, including 13 Presidents and Vice-Presidents of District and Magistrate Courts. Alumni include government ministers, members of Parliament, and CEOs of major international Israeli companies. Dozens of Faculty graduates serve in senior positions in top American law schools including Harvard and NYU. Through its faculty, students and alumni, TAU Faculty of Law contributes meaningful solutions to the world’s most complex legal and social challenges.

Located at the heart of Tel Aviv, TAU Faculty of Law 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. The Faculty consists of outstanding scholars in virtually every major field of law who enjoy national and international reputation. In recent years, the Faculty has published a great number of books and articles through the world’s most prestigious university presses and the most acclaimed law reviews. Faculty members have won a number of best book prizes (such as those of the American Association of the History of Law and the American Association of the Sociology of Law) and have presented articles at the most distinguished forums. They are board members of important American Law journals that accept only a small number of non-Americans into their ranks, and of influential and exclusive international organizations. According to Lexis database the scholarship of the TAU Law is the most cited of all faculties in Israel.

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Welcome to the Parasol Foundation International LL.M. Program at TAU Law! My colleagues and I, and our administrative staff are proud of our status as the #1 law school in Israel, and are dedicated to your development and success as graduate law students. In Tel Aviv – the Non-Stop City in the Start-up Nation – students and professors from all over the world are drawn to the innovative and dynamic environment at TAU Law. The LL.M. program offers a superb academic experience, with top-notch scholars from Israel and elsewhere. We offer specializations in law and technology, global governance and human rights, business law, and state and religion. Students are welcome to engage with professors and students in our thriving intellectual community – in classes, seminars and workshops, as well as in informal settings. You will graduate with a deeper understanding of law and its connection to society, economics and its complexities. Field trips and guest lectures will complement your studies. Your classmates will become your colleagues; your professors will be your mentors; your memories of studying in Israel will last a lifetime. Please contact me if you have any questions about the academic program or life in Tel Aviv.

Professor Michael Birnhack, Associate Dean of Research, Professor of Law, Academic Director, Parasol Foundation International LL.M. Program

birnhack@post.tau.ac.il

“I enjoy the diversity in class a lot. But it is much more than that. I believe that it takes a certain courage, curiosity, and willingness to explore new things for people to study abroad. These qualities, on top of the high standard we maintain in our application process, guarantee that participants are truly excellent jurists”

Prof. Michael Birnhack, academic director of the Parasol International LL.M. Program

Message from the Academic Director

A World Class Reputation
innovative forms of instruction. We seek to install in our students in-depth knowledge of legal theory and doctrine; a wide breadth of methodologies to the study of the law, as well as equip them with practical tools and skills for pursuing higher academic and career achievements.

We aim to ensure that all our students receive a diversity of perspectives, personalized attention and interaction with their professors. The following executive teaching staff, internationally-known for their expertise in their fields, teaches courses, workshops and seminars in the International LL.M. program. To learn more about all professors, their publications and interests, visit https://en-law.tau.ac.il/faculty

TAU Law is home to many of Israel’s leading law professors and lecturers. These are joined by visiting professors from top law schools in the US, Europe and Asia. The Faculty has a strong reputation for its world-class, renowned researchers, and is ranked first in research output among hundreds of non-American law faculties.

Our full-time faculty members consistently win competitive scholarships and grants, publish in top-ranking law reviews, serve on the editorial boards of internationally-recognized journals and have been awarded a vast number of awards – more than any other law school in Israel.

TAU Law’s academic staff is dedicated to providing outstanding legal education by applying the highest academic standards with

Dr. Tamar Kricheli-Katz, Professor of “Introduction to Law and Society”, Tel Aviv University

“I enjoyed teaching the diverse and vibrant community of International LL.M. students at TAU. The students and their unique perspectives and backgrounds challenged me – and each other – to re-think our assumptions about the law and its role in society.”
A Taste of Visiting Faculty

The list of visiting professors changes with each new academic year. The above is only a small sample of professors both current and former.

Prof. Sharryn Aiken, Queen’s University, Canada
Prof. Alberto M. Aronovitz, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland
Prof. Gabriella Blum, Harvard University, United States
Prof. Dan Bodansky, University of Arizona, United States
Prof. Alan Brudner, University of Toronto, Canada
Prof. Margaret Chon, Seattle University, United States
Prof. Jan Dalhuisen, King’s College, United Kingdom
Prof. David Dyzenhaus, University of Toronto, Canada
Prof. Jesse Fried, Harvard University, United States
Prof. Gunther Frankenberg, Goethe-Universitat, Frankfurt, Germany
Prof. Michael Geist, University of Ottawa, Canada

Prof. Joshua Getzler, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
Prof. Risa Goluboff, University of Virginia, United States
Prof. Christine Hayes, Yale University, United States
Prof. Sheila Jasanoﬀ, Harvard University, United States
Prof. Ian Kerr, University of Ottawa, Canada
Prof. Eugene Kontorovich, Northwestern University, United States
Prof. Peter Menell, University of California Berkeley, United States
Prof. William Ian Miller, University of Michigan, United States
Prof. Cheryl Misak, University of Toronto, Canada
Prof. Jeremy Perelman, Sciences Po, Paris, France
Prof. Kim Rubenstein, Australian National University, Australia

Prof. Stewart Schwab, Cornell University, United States
Prof. Kurt Siehr, Max Planck Institute, Germany
Prof. David Schneiderman, University of Toronto, Canada
Prof. Suzanne Last Stone, Cardozo School of Law, United States
Prof. Eric Talley, University of California Berkeley, United States
Prof. Chenguang Wang, Tsinghua University, China
Prof. David Webber, Boston University, United States
Prof. Abraham Wickelgren, University of Texas, United States
Prof. Luxue Yu, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China
Prof. Richard Wu, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Reika S., Kyoto, Japan, Class of 2014

“I am sure I will never regret having chosen Israel instead of the US or England as the place to pursue my Master’s degree. The professors kindly offer us the opportunity to mingle with professionals in our ﬁelds of interest through which we establish international networks for our legal careers.”
Requirements & Application Procedures

Challenge yourself. Pursue your LL.M. degree at Tel Aviv University.

FINAL Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year are due on JULY 1, 2018, although late applications will be considered.

Applicants must have completed a first degree in Students who are in their final year of their law studies are encouraged to apply as long as they complete their degree by July 2018 in good standing.

Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree in law (LL.B., JD, Bachelor of Laws) in order to be eligible to enroll in the International LL.M. program.

The program is not open to local students wishing to study a Master's degree in English.

Students in their final year of first degree studies may apply, and will be accepted on the condition they finish their first degree in good standing (above 80/100). Applicants who have completed an undergraduate degree in law (LL.B., JD, Bachelor of Laws) in order to be eligible to enroll in the International LL.M. program.

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Applicants should submit the following documents online at https://portal.telavivuni.org/createprofile.php and upload the following documents:

- Completed online application Form
- CV or resume
- Law degree transcript(s) & diploma(s)
  Transcripts must show all courses and grades obtained, and should be submitted with the corresponding diploma.
  Transcripts may have to be officially translated at the applicant's expense to be reviewed by the Registrar's Office.
- Law school ranking
  If available, please ask your law school to provide a letter indicating your individual ranking within your class.
- Personal Statement (essay)
  Your personal statement should be no more than 500 words and should describe your background, your academic or professional interests and goals, and your motivation to study in the International LL.M. program.
- Two letters of recommendation
  Letters should be written by law professors or legal employment supervisors.
- TOEFL or IELTS score
  An English-language proficiency exam must be taken before July 1 of each application year, and official scores should be sent directly to the TAU International office by the testing agency TAU International's ETS code is 7704. The minimum scores on the TOEFL test are written 582, computer-based 223, or internet-based 89. The minimum overall bandwidth score on the IELTS test is 7. Exemption may be granted – please inquire with the Admissions Director.
- $100 non-refundable application fee

Tuition & Financial Aid

Returning to study for a Master’s level degree is an expense for which you must plan accordingly. Students should be cognizant of their spending habits and budget accordingly for the duration of the program. While the degree is an excellent investment in yourself and your career, it is important to adequately prepare for the financial events related to being a student, including tuition, housing, transportation and basic necessities.

Tuition for the 2018-2019 International LL.M. Program is USD $21,000.

Financial Aid: Accepted students may apply for financial aid based on merit or need. Please contact the Admissions Director for the application.

Due to the generosity of the Asper Foundation, there are two full tuition scholarships available for Canadian students. The scholarship covers tuition, study materials, administration fees, health insurance, access to university libraries, and a number of social events and trips. Interested students should contact the Admissions Office.

External Resources

There are a significant number of sources for financial aid. Applicants are strongly encouraged to research financial options on their own.

Please contact each institution directly for application and qualification information:

- Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- The Government of Israel offers scholarships to foreign students, as agreed in the Cultural Agreements between Israel and the following countries: Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada (Quebec Province), China, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey.

The final application deadline is November 2017 for the 2018-2019 academic year.

- Tel Aviv International website
- Australian Students – Victoria Area Scholarship
- Peresch Scholarship Fund – Central and South America Students
- TATA Foundation Scholarship – Indian students
- MASA Israel Journey
- Mishal HaStudentim

The Student Authority is a branch of the Israeli government located in Misrad Haklita (the Office of Immigrant Absorption). It is specifically designed to assist immigrant students through their university experience.

- Fulbright Program – U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- GI Bill – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Federal Student Aid – U.S. Department of Education

Shimon Merkel, Germany, Class of 2017

“Choosing TAU Law means that I get to stay in one place while the best professors from around the world come to me. This is what I’m looking for in a Masters”.
Field Trips & Lectures

International LL.M. students participate in many extracurricular activities organized by the program’s administrators. We take great lengths to show the students the diversity and beauty of Israel.

- Grand Tour, an overnight field trip with a professional tour guide.
- Supreme Court in Jerusalem featuring a private meeting with a Supreme Court Justice.
- Neot Kedumim, a biblical nature reserve near Modi’in, with team-building exercises.
- Bnei Brak neighborhood during Festival of Chanukah with a visit to a private home for traditional snacks.
- Yad Vashem in Jerusalem around Israel’s Holocaust Remembrance Day.

• High-Tech tour to Google Tel Aviv and Tel Aviv’s top law firms, with briefings by senior attorneys.
• Private 3-4 student lunches with the program’s academic director.
• Law professors and staff invite International LL.M. students to participate in lectures and conferences hosted at Tel Aviv University, including:
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“TAU is the perfect combination: A well-ranked university with a great LL.M. program in a beautiful city with amazing beaches and lots of nightlife. Set in an absolutely interesting country which invites you to explore it during your semester breaks… hard to top!”

Stephanie W.-B., Munich, Germany, Class of 2015

Graduate from University of Chile

“I love the field trips organized for our class. I’m really looking forward to the ‘Strategic Tour’ overnight trip”
The David J. Light Library

The Library offers one of the largest collections of legal publications and resources in the country, with over 177,000 printed items and a wide range of electronic resources, online legal databases, journals and e-books. The library’s four-story building is equipped with spacious study spaces and facilities, study and group discussion rooms, dozens of computer workstations, and free wireless internet access.

Academic Breakdown

The successful completion of the International LL.M. requires covers 32 academic credits — students may take up to 36 credits within the program.
- core courses = 10 credits
- workshop + seminar = 6-8 credits
- additional courses of choosing (4 within chosen track) = 16 credits

International LL.M. students may pursue a general course of study or concentrate their studies in one of three topics, which will be noted on the student’s transcripts. Students are required to complete 32 credits.
- Global Governance & Human Rights
- Law & Technology
- Law & Business

Core Courses
Every LL.M. student must complete 10 credits in core courses
2 credits each;
- Introduction to Israeli Law
- Law & Society
- Law & Economics
- Contemporary Issues in Israel
- Scholar’s Workshop: Legal Theory

Workshop
Every LL.M. student must take one workshop 3 credits each
- Information Technology Law
- International Law
- Law & Economics
- Law & History
- Law & Political Thought
- Private Law Theory

Seminar
Every LL.M. student should take one seminar 3-4 credits each
- Concentration: students should choose the seminar suited to their concentration.
- General study: students may take any seminar.

Courses
2 credits each
- Concentration: students should take at least four courses in their concentration. The remaining credits may be taken from courses offered in any alternative concentration.
- General study: students may choose any of the courses offered.
Global Governance & Human Rights

With the increasing globalization in recent decades, distinctions between the domestic and the international fade. Numerous regulatory decisions, once decided domestically, are influenced, even shaped, by international institutions and international law. On the other hand, globalization does not benefit everyone equally, and lately, it is challenged by claims urging the return to traditional notions of sovereignty. These processes also impact Israel and the entire Middle East. Israel is particularly exposed to the forces of globalization, as it is open to international trade and subject to scrutiny by external actors for its policies. Israel is also a key contributor to the evolution of international law, mainly through the decisions of the Israeli Supreme Court that resonate throughout the world and command attention. Israeli scholarship on international law stands at the cutting edge of the study of international law and is widely respected.

The goal of the Global Governance and Human Rights Track is to provide students with tools that will enable them to identify and explore the emerging global regulatory regimes in the fields of human rights and humanitarian law, environmental and cultural heritage protection, trade and investment regulation, and other fields, and to assess the normative challenges that these regimes pose to our democratic sensibilities, and to reflect on the possibilities for shaping these global institutions and their policies through accountability requirements of transparency, participation, reason-giving, liability, and judicial review. The track is therefore attractive not only to students interested in international law but also to those whose passion is constitutional law and administrative law and wish to gain tools to address problems of public law and policy in an era of global interdependency.

The Faculty of Law at the Tel Aviv University has strong reputation in these fields of law. In addition to our professors who teach international law, many in our Faculty are committed to exploring law from a transnational perspective: traditional subjects such as constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law, labor law, tax law, environmental law, are taught with an eye to the global legal aspects. This breadth of research is reflected in the wide selection of courses offered to the students taking this track. In addition to the year-long seminar Obligation of States to Foreign Stakeholders with Professor Benvenisti, and the International Law Workshop in the Spring Semester, students could choose among courses focusing on constitutional and human rights (Professors Bilsky, Dyzenhaus, Elts, Lustig, Perelman, Pfander, Schragger and Goluboff), international humanitarian law (Professors Benvenisti, Lieblich, Shraga, Stone), international environmental law (Professor Bodansky) refugee law (Professor Aiken), the global monetary architecture (Professor Kreitner) and international tax law (Professor Margalioth).

"I considered American LLM programs, but I was unable to find a program that had such a wealth of course offerings analyzing comparative relationships between state and religion as TAU’s LLM program."
— Robb L., Seattle, USA, Class of 2015

"Tel Aviv’s daily life with open-minded people is the perfect place to learn more about human rights."
— Jessica L., Paris, France, Class of 2015
Welcome to the beating heart of Start Up Nation! Do you have a memory stick? It was invented a few buildings away from our law school, at the Faculty of Engineering at TAU. Do you use online banking? Your bank probably uses a firewall made in Israel. Does your car have MobileEye installed? It was developed nearby, in Jerusalem. There is a reason why Google, Facebook, Intel, HP and other global hi-tech companies established research centres in Israel. We are in the midst of an information revolution, a mobile revolution, and likely other major changes that we will be able to appreciate only in years to come. The Law & Technology track of the International LL.M Program focuses on the development of technology within social, economic, political—and legal—contexts. The track offers courses on Intellectual Property (IP), information law, and other related issues.

Introductory courses are offered so that you can delve into the issues even if you have little or no previous background. The advanced seminars, workshops, and introductory courses are taught by first-rate professors, enabling you to immerse yourselves into the topic, and experience different modes of teaching.

To complete your specialization in Law & Technology track, you must take at least 11 credits of the LL.M’s 32 required credits, from courses within the Law & Technology track, but you are more than welcome to take as many courses as you see fit—and that fit your schedule. You can focus on IP or on information Law, or mix both, as you wish. You can also take courses from the other tracks, in addition to general elective courses.

The professors and courses refer to the 2017-2018 academic year—please be aware that courses and professors change each year.

If you wish to delve into the world of patents, copyright, trade secrets and other IP fields, you will be able to take, in the Fall semester, Introduction to IP, co-taught by two leading Israeli specialists, Adv. Tony Greenman, who will make sure you know the fundamentals of copyright law, and Adv. Eran Bareket, who will bring you all to the same page in patent law. You can then proceed with International IP in the Spring Semester taught by Dr. Amir Khoury from TAU Law. A practical business course on Licensing of IP is taught by Adv. David Mirchin, also in the Spring Semester. For those with interest in the arts, you can take Visual Arts & the Law, with Prof. Kurt Siehr. With Prof. Orly Lobel of University of San Diego School of Law you will focus on the optimal policy ingredients, legal and business strategies for managing innovation, in IP/Innovation Nexus. Prof. Michael Madison, from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, will teach about Intellectual Property Law in Institutional Context.

The second leg of the track is information law. The introductory course is taught in the format of a seminar, during the Fall Semester, by the program’s academic director, Prof. Michael Birnhack. The seminar is composed of classes, student lectures, and ultimately, your own original research work. You will be able to discuss cutting edge issues about Freedom of Speech in the Digital Age with Prof. Oren Bracha of the University of Texas. Other courses will focus on the increasingly important issue of informational privacy. Prof. Matthew Kugler of Northwestern University will teach American Information Privacy Law in the Fall. Prof. Michael Birnhack and Prof. Lisa Austin of the University of Toronto will co-teach an innovative course on Contemporary Privacy Problems, with students in Tel Aviv and In Toronto. A first local phase in the Fall semester, to make sure that we are all on the same page; students at TAU will then team-up with students from Canada, to work together on privacy-related case studies. We will then have, in the Spring semester, several joint classes, via video conferencing.

The Law & Information Technology Workshop is a unique TAU Law format of studying, taught by Prof. Michael Birnhack and Prof. Assaf Jacob. Like in other workshops, we enable scholars and students to engage directly on academic works in progress: our diverse guests present the articles they are working on to graduate law students, eager for your feedback.

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Law & Business

Israel today is the hub of much international corporate and business activity. Corporate giants from the U.S., Europe and Asia are looking for opportunities in Israel, buying companies and opening research centers. MobilEye’s acquisition by Intel for $15 Billion is a recent example. Venture capital and private equity companies follow suit and aim for Israel’s earlier stage companies. At the same time that foreigners invest in Israel, Israeli companies look outward to raise capital and seek larger product markets. Israel is the foreign country with the second largest number of companies quoted on the NASDAQ, with 95 such companies (and counting). Many Israeli companies, cross list in Israel and abroad, and the Israeli Securities Law is highly innovative in this regards. Finally, some Israeli companies play a major role in international transactions. Israel today in an exciting place to study business law.

The Law & Business track of the International LL.M. Program focuses on the fundamentals of business strategy catered to a legal audience. The course topics and frameworks are drawn from business law as well as MBA curriculums of leading schools abroad. The track offers courses on an array of topics: Startup Financing and Governance, Shareholder Activism, Issues in Competition Law, Negotiations in and Governance, Shareholder Activism, courses on an array of topics: Startup Financing of leading schools abroad. The track offers from business law as well as MBA curriculums.

To complete your specialization in Law & Business track, you must take at least 11 credits of the LL.M’s 32 required credits, from courses within the Law & Business track, but you are more than welcome to take as many courses as you see fit – and that fit your schedule. You can also take courses from the Global Governance & Human Rights and the Law & Technology tracks, in addition to general elective courses.

The professors and courses refer to the 2017-2018 academic year - please be aware that courses and professors change each year.

In the Fall Semester, you can begin with Introduction to Business Law, taught by Dr. Hadar Jabotinsky, which is meant to provide the students with a basic understanding of business law. You will be able to take a MOOC course (Massive Open Online Course) on Economic Growth and Distributive Justice, taught by Prof. Yoram Margalioth (TAU Law), Antitrust Policy, taught by Prof. David Gilo (TAU Law), the former Head of the Israeli Antitrust Authority. Also in the Fall Semester, Prof. David Driesen (Syracuse School of Law) will teach a course on The Economic Dynamics of Law. Prof. Henrik Lando (Copenhagen Business School) will teach Behavioral and Classical Contract Theory Applied to a Case Study of a Construction Contract. Prof. David Webber (Boston University School of Law) will discuss Shareholder Litigation. We also offer a course on Risk Derivatives and Financial Crises taught by Adv. Menachem Feder. For those interested in global aspects, Prof. Hui Robin Huang (Chinese University of Hong Kong) will teach Chinese Corporate and Securities Law, and Prof. Guy Mundlak (TAU Law) will teach a course on The International Law of Work.

In the Spring Semester, we a seminar on Business Law: Transnational Perspectives, by Dr. Ido Baum. In the Workshop on Law & Economics, led by Prof. Avraham Tabbach & Dr. Shay Lavie, both of TAU Law, you will be able to discuss cutting-edge research with the authors who will present their works in progress. Yoel Kranz (Columbia University School of Law) will offer Mergers & Acquisitions: US Public Company Practice. If you are interested in Intellectual Property, Adv. David Mirchin will guide you through the Licensing of Intellectual Property. Prof. Russell Korobkin (UCLA) will teach Negotiation Theory and Strategy, and Alessandro Pomelli (Columbia Law School) will teach European Corporate Law. Finally, Prof. Peter Siegelman (University of Connecticut Law School) will teach Law & Economics of Insurance, and Prof. Katharina Pistor (University of Bologna) will offer Law and Finance in Theory and Practice.

“Considering that Israel is the “Start-up Nation”, I really want to go to Tel Aviv University to learn more about your magic.”

Applicant from Spain
**Thesis Information**

The International LL.M. is without a thesis. Writing a thesis is a path to explore a topic of your interest in depth, and is a necessary prerequisite for doctoral studies at TAU. Students may apply to write a thesis after the completion of the LL.M. program in order to continue onto PhD studies at TAU Law. The thesis program is geared towards candidates who already hold an LL.B. and LL.M. degrees (with a minimal final grade of 85).

In addition to submitting a thesis dissertation (about 80 pages), the students will have to take a seminar taught in English (in addition to the one taken during LL.M.).

Or an Independent research project with a faculty member (preferably not the supervisor).

The preliminary stage is to find an academic staff member (at TAU Law) who will agree to supervise your thesis. The Faculty's admissions committee will review all applications and notify the candidate.

Please note that TAU cannot offer any scholarships to students who are enrolled in this program.

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**Transcripts**

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**Theoretical Inquiries in Law (TIL) Journal**

TIL is ranked second in the world in Jurisprudence and Legal Theory, ahead of established journals such as Law & Social Inquiry, or Oxford Journal of Legal Studies!

The journal specializes in the application to legal problems of insights developed in other disciplines, such as moral and political theory, epistemology, history, cultural studies, social sciences, economics and game theory, probability theory, and cognitive psychology.

International LL.M. students are invited to apply to become members of TIL's student editorial board.

Board members are involved in all stages of the editorial process: attending the conference in which the papers are presented and discussed, substantive editing, citation checks, and final proofreading.

Board members acquire important experience in addressing academic work.

Each TIL volume focuses on a specific topic, which enables board members to delve therein.

LL.M. Students are entitled to 2 academic credits.

Working hours are flexible. The duration of the membership lasts until publication of the volume (some work can be done from afar).

For application details, email studylaw@tau.ac.il
Alumni Spotlight

The International LL.M. Program’s graduates have been placed in hi-tech offices, worked at international NGOs, and are completing their thesis before entering the Ph.D. program at Tel Aviv University. Our graduates and current students are pleased to speak with student applicants – contact studylaw@tau.ac.il to be in contact with alumni and students.

Yue Gao (25) began working immediately after her graduation from the 2015-2016 class of the Parasol Foundation International LL.M. Program, at the China Desk of Fischer Behar Chen Well Orion & Co., one of Israel’s leading law firms. Before her studies in Israel, she had internship experiences at an American NGO operating in China, and at a Shanghai law firm

What made you apply to the International LL.M. Program at TAU Law?
"Many Chinese law students choose to study for a second Master’s degree outside of China, to become better acquainted with Western legal systems, and with the international business world and its practices, and to better prepare for their professional career. Some stay abroad, but must return to China, because of the many opportunities and the great demand in China for people with that kind of knowledge. Israel is known in China for its innovation and creativity, and as the start-up nation. I found out about the Parasol Foundation International LL.M. Program at TAU Law when I was studying for my Master’s degree in Shanghai at the Jiao Tong University, one of the leading Chinese universities. There is a student exchange program between Jiao Tong and TAU Law. I did some research and found out that TAU Law and its International LL.M. Program are considered to be very good. It is also quite unique and different from the usual and familiar destinations for Chinese law students: the US, Australia, and the UK."

How is it different?
"For most Chinese, Israel is a mysterious place. When I announced my intention to come here, some of my classmates in China wondered whether it is an Arab country, being in the Middle East… As I collected more information about Israel, I was even more eager to come, because of its many complexities and because of my desire to judge for myself rather than to rely on international media. Also, US colleagues from my internship in Shanghai encouraged me and considered it to be a good experience."

How did your family respond to your decision to study in Israel?
“They are like me. They said ‘go and explore’. I also got a scholarship from the Parasol Foundation, the sponsor of the International LL.M Program, which considerably relieved me and my family from financial worries during my studies here.”

What was your experience when you arrived?
"Of course, Tel Aviv is a modern city, not very different from Shanghai. The program itself is very diversified, with classmates from all over the world, and the discussions are likewise very international, with everyone voicing their opinion about what it is like in their country in comparison with the state of affairs in Israel. The faculty are amazing and I enjoyed the discussions with them and learned a lot in the process. The Dean, for example, taught us the very first course, “Introduction to Israeli Law,” and he was extremely knowledgeable, answering every small question with a lecture! We also took field trips, for example, to the Supreme Court, where we met one of the Justices. In fact, it is not only a legal program, but also a window onto Israeli culture and society.”

Indeed, how do you find Israeli culture?
"I think that Israelis are more open to different opinions, more willing to take up challenges, and they do not conceal their feelings. They say what they really feel. China is more conservative in this sense.”

Could you tell us a bit about your current position in one of Israel’s largest law firms?
“It is well known that in Israel the legal services market is extremely competitive, and it’s not less so for a foreigner like myself. Meanwhile, the most attractive aspect of my work is that it is much needed by the practice and by the market, and that it is very helpful for both Israeli companies and entrepreneurs, as well as for Chinese business people and investors. I think that I do something that contributes to the development of the business relations between the two countries. It is valuable work for me, and I’m greatly honored to be part of it.”
Luiza Rezende (28) grew up in São Paulo and studied law at the University of São Paulo Law Faculty. After her LL.B. graduation, Luiza started practicing business law, but at the same time discovered a keen interest in technology and digital media. She eventually became a partner in a law firm in São Paulo that specializes in the local high-tech industry, and at the same time applied her digital media skills to create a blog on entrepreneurship and technology. Today more than 650,000 people follow her publications on social networks. Luiza moved from Brazil to Europe and from there to Israel. Based on her legal experience and her desire to work in the high-tech market, the TAU International LL.M. track in Law and Technology was a perfect way to get to know Israel and at the same time become integrated into the globally leading Israeli high-tech industry from its legal aspect.

“I contacted the International LL.M. administrative director in June 2015, and inquired about the 2016-2017 class, but she said, why not start already this September? Just send me ASAP all the documents, recommendations, and so on, and I’ll get you in! And so, within two months I found myself living and studying in Tel Aviv… and I loved every second of it. It’s a very high-quality program, extremely well organized, with fascinating subjects, such as IT law and a privacy workshop — I didn’t study anything of the kind in Brazil. It was both new and unique.”

Weren’t your parents concerned about you going to Israel? “They were. The media in Brazil is generally negatively biased against Israel, picturing it as a war zone. I had been in Israel before, so I was already expecting something positive. With time, they realized that Israel is a very good place for me to be, and that they didn’t need to worry. In addition, Israelis are warm, informal, and welcoming. It’s easy to make friends here, which makes the experience even more fulfilling for anyone coming from abroad.”

What was especially surprising in your studies here? “The Law Faculty of the University of São Paulo is very traditional, when I studied there, we had large classes of more than 100 students. Here, the class was small and socially connected, the discussions were internationally rich, and the engagement with the material was different. For example, we had to write reaction papers, which involve you with the material taught in class throughout the course, rather than having to wait until the final exam. Also, some courses have a 24 hours exam, which is more like writing a paper in a rush, and if you didn’t follow the lessons, you won’t be able to catch up and come up with a good end result.”

When did you decide to pursue a third degree? “In Brazil it is not common for students to study full-time for their Master’s or Ph.D. in law, or even to pursue an academic career without simultaneously practicing law, because the scholarships are extremely low. So being full-time in academia is not something realistic for a Brazilian. But then, in a class, the academic director of the LL.M. Program, Prof. Michael Birnhack, mentioned that there is a highly competitive, fully sponsored European technology-related Ph.D. project, and I thought, why not apply? At the same time I applied to Israeli law firms, relying on my experience and resume, being a partner in Brazil, and speaking six languages, to open some doors. And then I was accepted to the Ph.D. program.”

Tell us a bit more about your Ph.D. project. “It’s called Privacy and Usability, or in short, Privacy & Us. The project involves 13 Ph.D. students in different countries, and meetings are held each time in a different country. The majority of my colleagues in the project are computer scientists or human-computer interaction professionals. Of course, privacy carries with it a clear technical aspect, and being the only lawyer, I get to learn other aspects of this field. The focus of my work is ‘Informed Consent in Privacy’, and I’m quite passionate about the topic. This Ph.D. is something I wouldn’t have dreamt about in Brazil.”

What is your long-term goal following the Ph.D.? “I’m much interested in working in the field of privacy in the high-tech industry, or in government. I think that the knowledge and the skills I’m gaining are unique, and privacy is a rapidly growing field, with laws that are likewise changing rapidly. More and more companies are becoming aware of privacy issues, and they will need specialized professionals to help them navigate this landscape.”
“Studying a Master in Law is more than going to classes and studying in the library. It’s about a whole new experience—an enriching experience in professional, cultural, social and personal spheres. TAU Law fulfilled my requirements to the fullest.”

Tammy P., Santiago, Chile, Class of 2014

“...I loved every second of it. It’s a very high-quality program, extremely well organized, with fascinating subjects... It was both new and unique”

alumni from Brazil

Matias Ludman, born and raised in Rio Negro, Patagonia, Argentina, studied for his LL.B. at the University of Salvador, Buenos Aires, then started working in the fields of civil and labor law in Buenos Aires. Feeling limited within his professional specialization, Matias started looking for an LL.M. program abroad, to obtain an alternative and more satisfactory legal specialization. Being acquainted with Israel as a past participant in both the Taglit-Birthright (2009) and the Masa (2010) programs, both programs designed to introduce Jewish youths from all over the world to Israel, Matias inquired about the Parasol Foundation International LL.M. and was delighted to find out about the program’s law and technology track. In preparation for his application to the program, Matias decided to make aliyah.

“The LL.M. experience was really amazing and the time just flew by. It was a ten-month program, but it felt like one month. I enjoyed every aspect of it: the perfect combination of courses and the diversity in the class, which I attended with colleagues and professors from China, France, Germany, the US, Canada, Brazil, and the UK.”

Where there things which you found difficult to adjust to?

“At first it was difficult because of the method of study, which gives students a great degree of freedom and choices. This is different from the way we study in Argentina, at least at the LL.B. level, where, for example, we have a final oral exam that is a kind of ordeal. In contrast, most of the final exams in the International LL.M. at TAU Law were take-home exams. But in the end, one way or the other, you need to show the results of your learning.”

As for Israeli culture in general, or should I say, Israeli mix of cultures, although I was familiar with it, it took me a while to get used to Israeli chutzpah... actually now I cannot get rid of it, and between you and me, it’s not such a bad tool for a lawyer!”

“In addition, after I finished my LL.B. in Argentina, I began a second LL.B., as an external student, at the University of London, so I got to study common law. Once in Israel, even though I was not familiar with Israeli law, my studies in common law were useful for understanding the Israeli combination of civil law and the inherited common law. In some ways, Israeli law is as unique as Israel itself.”

What was your impression of the program faculty?

“In Argentina, being a law professor is not a common career, and most lawyers seek to become successful professionals while teaching as a hobby — although there has been a change in this perspective in the last years. This is different in Israel, where a career in academia is more developed. As a result, professors at the International LL.M. program had a wide and deep international perspective on each subject. They were also quite helpful on a personal level, providing valuable advice regarding the best way to advance my career.”

When did you decide that despite having made aliyah, for your career it was best for you to return to Argentina?

“Despite having relatives and friends in Israel, my girlfriend and I missed our families, and that was a major factor. In addition, it is not easy for someone whose mother tongue is not Hebrew or English to find a job as an international lawyer in Israel. And becoming a lawyer in Israel requires taking a set of nine exams of the Israeli Bar Association, plus one year of internship, which amounts to a period of another two to three years of studies; I wasn’t willing to do that. I therefore decided to return to Argentina and apply for a job in an international field of law, which was my aim prior to the LL.M., and I have accomplished it! Nowadays I work in one of Argentina’s largest firms: Marval, O’Farrell & Mairal, in the field of corporate law. I can say that after the International LL.M. my career took 180-degree turn.”

How is your LL.M. degree perceived in the Argentine legal practice?

“There is no such thing in Argentina as an LL.M. in law and technology, and the specialization itself is something unique. At Marval, a firm with over 300 lawyers, only a few specialize in technology. So my degree is considered very valuable locally. It is something huge for me.”
Alumni Spotlight

Diana Roif (29) first visited Israel when she was 18 years old, as a member of the German Table Tennis Women’s Team for the 17th Maccabiah Games (2005). Encouraged by the experience, she participated in the two subsequent Maccabiah games as well. In between, she completed her First State Examination in Law at Heidelberg University (2012), Germany’s elite university for law studies. After the Maccabiah in 2013, and in proximity to her completion of the Second State Examination in Law at the Regional Court of Frankfurt (2015), Diana came to the decision to explore her interest in Israel more thoroughly.

“Every time I came to Israel I thought of staying a bit longer and was looking for the right way to do it. I found out about the International LL.M. during the last Maccabiah. But first I wanted to finish my Second State Exam, to be 100% qualified to work as lawyer or as a judge in Germany. Nevertheless, it was clear to me that I wanted to apply for the International LL.M. Not often in my life did I have such a strong feeling that I really had to do something. In this case, I felt it 100% and was very happy to have found this opportunity. It came from the heart.”

From a professional legal aspect, what made you so confident in your decision to pursue the International LL.M.?

“During my first degree, as well as during my Referendariat, I specialized in intellectual property, and it was nice to discover that the program has a special law and technology track. I also contacted the administrative director of the program and asked for contact details of the German alumni and students. I contacted all of them, and they all praised both the program and this track. Of course, some of them talked to me after just returning from the sunny beaches of Tel Aviv, while I was freezing in Germany, so it also had an impact…”

Could you give us your perspective of the studies in the program?

“The method of study is completely different from that in Germany. At TAU it is more open-minded, and you can be more creative and think outside of boxes. In Germany, it is stricter and you have less freedom of choice. You need to fulfill A, B, and C, and nobody stops to ask whether you may actually be interested in D. Maybe it has also to do with the fact that this is a second degree. For whatever reason, I liked it. Also, the mixture of contents in the program was perfect, and so, even if you are interested in a certain specialization, you also have the opportunity to broaden your horizons. The field trips, however, all fell on rainy days… It was particularly funny when we came to see the desert in the south, and some of us had never seen a desert before, and it was pouring!”

How was the LL.M. class?

“We came from ten different countries… and were also of different ages. Some have just finished their LL.B., others have had a lot of practical experience, and some were already parents to children. So there was a big variety. In the discussions, everybody contributed from their experience. It is not just a matter of different legal thinking, but often simply of different cultures. You are exposed to new and unfamiliar things, learn from it, and grow.”

And the country itself?

“The LL.M. gives you a taste of the country and its culture, but I had also table tennis and friends to help me better integrate into local society. It was also table tennis that helped me blend in quickly in Germany, when my family migrated from the Ukraine, when I was 9 years old. The same happened in Israel. I started playing for Maccabi Tel Aviv women’s table tennis team, and traveled for the weekend league games to all parts of the country — by the way, I find it incredible how many unique spots the Israeli landscapes has to offer — and so I had the opportunity to meet new friends and see new places. It made my life here more complete.”

One of the program’s courses is about Israeli law. How did you find the Israeli legal system?

“There are things that I couldn’t believe at first, for instance, the absence of a formal constitution, which for me is the proper foundation of a proper democracy. This is one of the unfamiliar things I mentioned.”

When did you decide that you wish to stay in Israel after the completion of the program?

“In the beginning of the program I didn’t know what will happen next, but toward the end I decided to work here as an attorney, and this is what I do, I work as a foreign attorney at Barnea & Co., a firm of about 50 lawyers and some 19 partners. I specialize in commercial law and privacy law, providing legal consultation for high-tech startups and big investors. I like the job… it’s a refreshing change after all my studies.”

And where do you see your future?

“I try to fully live every experience, so now I study Hebrew at the ulpan and I even think of taking the Israeli Bar examination! But I don’t know where I’ll end up in the long term.”

Looking back at the International LL.M., what doors did it open for you?

“Having the LL.M. is an advantage both on the Israeli and the foreign market. The big law firms in Germany, for example, see the LL.M. degree as an attractive bonus in addition to the First and Second State Examination, especially if you have completed it abroad, and with an exceptional specialization. For me personally, the LL.M. also opened the opportunity of becoming integrated in local Israeli society, both on a professional and a private level.”

Lisa S.-C., Washington, D.C., USA, Class of 2014

“The LL.M was academically rigorous, and people felt challenged and that they got a lot out of it. The other students were quite bright, and people came well-prepared for class discussion. Everyone drew on a lot of their own personal backgrounds when discussing certain topics, which meant that the classes were always interesting and there was a lot of dialogue. The professors were really good – they’re from all over the world and had amazing credentials.”
Meet Prof. Michael Birnhack, academic director of the Parasol International LL.M. Program

Could you explain for whom the program is designed and how one is admitted into it?

“The Parasol Foundation International LL.M. considers applications form holders of an LL.B degree obtained outside of Israel, who have a demonstrated knowledge of English. We evaluate the applicants’ academic achievements and professional experience, as well as the recommendations provided. The same criteria, alongside individual needs, also serve us in awarding generous Parasol Foundation scholarships, offered to some of the participants. We also encourage and assist the applicants we accept to obtain scholarships from other resources, such as the Masu Scholarship for Jewish students, the Asper scholarship for Canadian students, the funding possibilities offered by the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or funding offered in their home countries.”

Program graduates have high praise for the curriculum and the method of study, especially the specialization tracks, the combination of courses and field trips, as well as the different methods of evaluation. Could you briefly describe the structure of the program?

“Certainly. It’s a 10-month program, which opens with three core courses, designed to eliminate any gaps in the students’ prior knowledge and to introduce the students to the Israeli legal system. That being said, it is important to note that the program is theoretical in nature, and is not about Israeli law. Nevertheless, we believe that it is important for students to know something about the place where they are studying.

After this preliminary phase, which takes place before the beginning of the regular academic year, students can choose courses, seminars, and workshops according to their specialization track, from a large variety offered at TAU Law, in English, including by some 20 to 25 visiting scholars from the best law schools in the world. We also have special activities that are unique for the program students, such as the field trips you mentioned, as well as weekly presentations of contemporary legal issues with special relevance to Israel.

As for the methods of study and evaluation, I think that this is all part of the general Israeli academic approach. It is a relatively young academic tradition, cherry-picking the best of all learning and legal traditions. We have frontal lectures, as is common in the continental tradition, alongside discussion-based courses, following the Socratic method, which is common in the United States. Add to this mixture the Israeli lack of formality, and you arrive at the special way in which we teach, which the students indeed find greatly appealing.”

Do students in the program interact extensively with the rest of the faculty students, including local and exchange students?

“Definitely. The TAU Law Student Exchange Program cooperates with 45 leading law schools from all over the world. All the TAU Law classes that are taught in English thus provide an opportunity to meet different people of different backgrounds, who grew up in different legal systems. I witness how all the students, both local and foreign, are greatly excited by this opportunity and gain a lot from it, because it brings a wide spectrum of perspectives to the discussion. Take freedom of speech, for example, an issue pertinent to the seminar I teach on law and information technology. In the classroom, I meet American students, for whom the First Amendment represents a very clear issue with special relevance to Israel. As the academic director of the program, can you describe your interaction with the young but already experienced jurists from all over the world?

“As I mentioned, I enjoy the diversity in my class a lot. But it is much more than that. I believe that it takes a certain courage, curiosity, and willingness to explore new things for people to study abroad. These qualities, on top of the high standard we maintain in our application process, guarantee that participants are truly excellent jurists.”
Tel Aviv is a global city, rich in diversity and culture. Within its bustling metropolis is Tel Aviv University, home to over 1,000 international students in diverse programs.

Entertainment on Campus

TAU aims to make its campus a central venue not only for rigorous academic research, but also a wide range of exciting cultural and social events. Music concerts, film screenings, art exhibitions, poetry readings, and many other activities are held on campus. These are open to TAU students, staff, and often the general public.

Every Wednesday, the largest outdoor venue on campus (the lawn in front of the Gilman building) comes alive with the sound of rock music! No need to buy tickets – students and staff can enjoy performances by Israel's leading young artists for free! Lunch al fresco on the grass is particularly recommended. In addition to the rich array of cultural and artistic events regularly on offer at Tel Aviv University, the city of Tel Aviv-Jaffa has much to offer visitors.

Student Life On and Off Campus

ended, however in 1950 the two cities were united into a single municipal entity. Tel Aviv-Jaffa is now Israel's cultural as well as financial center, a mix of antiquity and innovation, and the center of Israel's high-tech industry and youth culture.

Greater Tel Aviv-Yafo is a world-class academic hub and a popular destination for international students. Four universities and a dozen colleges offer a wide range of programs – from short semesters to full degrees, all taught in English. Together with top academic programs, Tel Aviv-Yafo offers young people a dynamic student life.

Tel Aviv is home to hundreds of art galleries and private boutiques, showcasing a unique array of paintings, sculptures, crafts and other works by...
TAU Student City

The new Student City (Broshim student dormitories) is located a few minutes away by foot south of Tel Aviv University campus. Studio rooms are available for international graduate and post-graduate students. The dormitories are divided into suites with one bedroom; one student per suite. Each suite is fully furnished and includes a new kitchen and bathroom, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and cable TV. The dorms are inspected upon move-in and any damage done during student’s stay will have to be covered by the student. A self-service laundry is located within the dormitory complex. Additional laundry and cleaning facilities are available in nearby shopping centers.

Some international students choose to live off-campus either in the center of the city or outside of the city. Sharing a standard apartment with one or two roommates, may cost more or the same as the dorms.

Israeli artists. The city’s art scene encompasses everything from tiny, one-room galleries hidden in narrow, backstreet alleys to large outdoor festivals such as Nachalat Binyamin’s Friday Market, to the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, one of the largest museums in Israel. Tel Aviv University is the only university in Israel with a Department of Film and Television, and as such has shaped the development of the film and television industry in Israel. The majority of Israel’s successful directors, screenwriters and film critics all began their careers at TAU. In fact, to celebrate young creators and give them a platform to showcase their art, TAU film students organize the International Student Film Festival – the largest student film festival in the world – every two years. With its large cadre of young and motivated filmmakers and as the set location for major Israeli film productions, Tel Aviv has found itself at the center of Israel’s film culture and industry and hosts multiple international film festivals a year.

TAU International

Tel Aviv University International is the umbrella organization responsible for all English-taught programs at TAU – providing students with access to the best of TAU’s top-tier academics, and close connections to institutions and companies in Israel and worldwide.

Relevant to the LL.M., TAU International monitors the following:

- **Student Application Portal** wherein students make tuition payments, apply and monitor student housing and program requirements.
- **On and Off Campus Activities and Social Events** – including the opportunity for students to attend interesting and exclusive talks by visiting guests, dignitaries and prominent figures world-wide.
- **Overall support for International students** – including guidance on Israel-related programs, obtainable student scholarships.

Madrichim / Counsellors 24/7

TAU madrichim work closely with all international students – they are Israeli TAU students pursuing various kinds of majors. They live on campus are on call 24 hours a day.

What do they do exactly?

The madrichim are in charge of preparing an extensive array of social and cultural activities for all international students such as trips around the country, holiday parties, movie nights, and outings around Tel Aviv. They also coordinate the volunteer program in corporation with many Israeli Non-Profits. TAU international madrichim are always there for students with any needs or questions they may have. They are the personal and social support for the students, while also accompanying them every step of the way in their new surroundings.
Fun facts about TAU Law

Est. 1969 as successor to the oldest law school in Israel – Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics (established 1935) • 47 full-time internationally renowned faculty members (of which 28 have earned their J.S.D. from Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Columbia, NYU, Oxford and UC Berkeley) • 4 TAU Law professors have won the prestigious Israel Prize for Legal Research, the highest national award in the field • #1 choice for law school applicants in Israel = highest in average grades among applicants • On average 90% of our graduates pass the Israeli Bar Examination – highest among all Israeli law schools • Over 1000 LL.B. students, and approximately 500 LL.M. students on 5 tracks: research track, non-thesis track, TAU-Berkeley Executive LL.M. Program in Commercial Law, TAU-Northwestern Executive LL.M. Program in Public Law and the Parasol Foundation International LL.M. In addition, over 40 Ph.D. candidates • 25 Professors from the best law schools in the world teach at TAU Law each year • 5 law reviews • 8 legal clinics – the largest legal clinical education program in Israel, with over 150 LL.B. students participants per year • 10 Research Centers, Institutes, and Special Projects • Student Exchange Program with 45 leading law schools from all over the world.

Fun facts about the University

• TAU ranks among the top 20 universities that Google recruits from
• TAU is 16th among the world’s top 100 universities for producing millionaires (Spear’s)
• 5 out of 11 Israeli Supreme Court Justices are TAU alumni
• TAU runs Israel’s first and only research zoo
• TAU is Israel’s largest university
• TAU is 1st in Israel in Reuter’s Top 100 Most Innovative Universities
• TAU faculty have included 6 ambassadors, 9 government ministers and Members of Knesset, and 4 chief scientists
• Over 550 licensed patents for commercialization have come out of TAU
• TAU researchers have generated 2,400 inventions and 100 spinoff companies
**Fun facts about TLV**

- Tel Aviv ranks among the world’s Best Culinary Destinations (*Saveur* magazine).
- Tel Aviv, aka “The White City”, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 3rd in the world’s Best Beach Cities (National Geographic).
- 3rd in a list of “the world’s best cities” as well as one of the world’s “most vibrant cities for nightlife” (*Lonely Planet* travel guide).
- 10 best beach cities (National Geographic).
- 25th most important financial center in the world.
- One out of every 3 Tel Aviv residents is aged 18-35.
- 3rd in the world for sushi restaurants per capita after Tokyo and New York City.

**Capital & Industry**

Tel Aviv is the center of Israeli industry and commerce. Israel’s only stock exchange as well as nearly 40% of the country’s finance and banking industry is located in Tel Aviv. High-tech is Israel’s number one industry and has been the engine of Israel’s rapid economic development over the last decades, even in the face of a global economic crisis. Israel has the largest number of startup firms per capita of any country and the second largest concentration of high-tech companies (after Silicon Valley). As a city that encourages innovation and creativity, Tel Aviv is the heart of Israel’s high-tech and information-based industries, home to most of the country’s startup companies.

**FAQ**

**Is the LL.M. prep for the Israel Bar Exam?**

In short, no. You should be aware that the LL.M. degree does not qualify you to sit for the Israel Bar. Having an LLB degree, plus a certain level of proficiency in Hebrew, will qualify you – you don’t need an LL.M. in order to practice in Israel. You should check with the Israel Bar Association for their exact requirements.

The LL.M. program is a great way to build a network of professors and professionals who can help you find work if you prove to be a great student, and is a great line for your CV – studying an advanced law degree at Israel’s top law faculty will put your CV at the top of the pile when job opportunities arise…We’ve heard this from many attorneys, especially since they themselves are alumni of the faculty.

**Will I be able to work on a Student Visa?**

The student visa does not allow you to work in Israel. For more information contact the Israeli consulate in your home country.

Tel Aviv University is one of Israel’s foremost higher education institutions, attracting over 30,000 talented students and renowned faculty from around the globe to our campus in central Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv features an exciting mix of cultures and creativity with a Middle Eastern flair. With its sunny Mediterranean beaches and vibrant social scene, Tel Aviv provides the ideal setting for an unforgettable study experience.

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**Program Information**

**PROGRAM LENGTH**
3 Semesters (10 months)

**PROGRAM DATES**
September 2, 2018 – August 22, 2019

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**
English

**TUITION**
$21,000 (USD); Substantial fellowships are available for promising candidates according to need and academic qualifications, and in order to promote diversity.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
Applicants must hold a first law degree in law (LL.B., JD, Bachelor of Laws)

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