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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.

TAU Law offers more than 50 classes, seminars and workshops taught entirely in English, which explore contemporary challenges to law that stem from processes of globalization technological innovation and entrepreneurial dynamism, both local and global.

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.**

A World Class Reputation

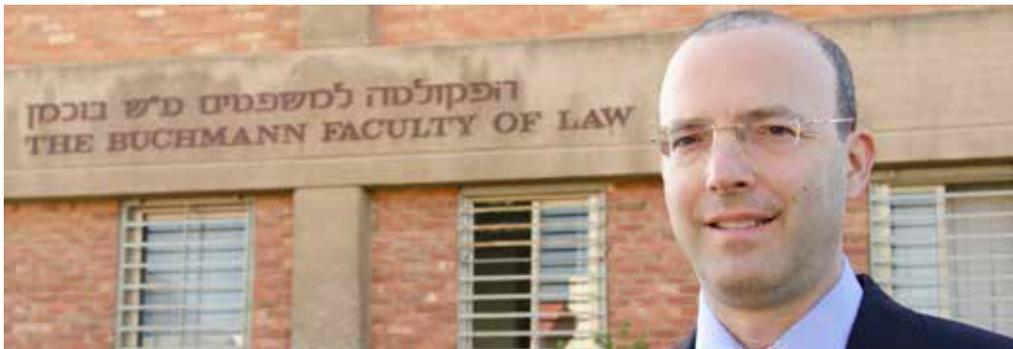


Located at the heart of Tel Aviv, TAU Faculty of Law is Israel's premier law school. It offers an environment of excellence and educational intimacy in the form of renowned faculty, vibrant student life, ample opportunities for clinical training, and extracurricular activities. Small by design, the faculty's 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.

Tel Aviv University's Faculty of Law includes Israel Prize laureates and winners of the Emet

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 are the most sought after by Israeli employers.** The Faculty's proud graduates include seven 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.

Message From The Dean



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 the Academic Director



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



“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”

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, International Law 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
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TAU Faculty of Law Professors



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

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 diverse 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>

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."



Dr. Hila Shamir



Prof. Aeyal Gross



Dr. Tamar Kricheli-Katz



Prof. Issi Rosen-Zvi



Prof. Leora Bilsky



Prof. Daphna Hacker



Dr. Eliav Lieblich



Dr. Lena Salaymeh



Prof. Michael Birnhack



Prof. Sharon Hannes



Prof. Assaf Likhovski



Dr. David Schorr



Prof. Hanoch Dagan



Prof. Ron Harris



Dr. Doreen Lustig



Prof. Avraham Tabbach



Prof. Avihay Dorfman



Prof. Ehud Kamar



Prof. Yoram Margalioth



Prof. Amir Khoury



Prof. David Gilo



Prof. Roy Kreitner



Prof. Guy Mundlak



Dr. Natalie Davidson

A Taste of Visiting Faculty

The list of visiting professors changes with each new academic year. The above and below are 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

Mr. Steven Zipperstein,

Blackberry LTD,
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. Yongfan Zhang,

Renmin University of China
Beijing, China

Prof. Jesse Fried,

Harvard University,
United States

Prof. Gunther Frankenberg,

Goethe-Universität,
Frankfurt, Germany

Prof. Jack Rakove,

Stanford University,
United States

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. Francesco Biagi,

University of Bologna,
Italy

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

Guest Faculty



Prof. Orly Lobel



Prof. Assaf Jacob
IDC Herzliya



Dr. Ohad Somech



Adv. Menachem Feder
Caspi & Co.



Prof. Gregory Alexander
Cornell University; University
of California-Berkley



Adv. David Mirchin
Meitar Liquornick
Geva Leshem Tal



Adv. Tony Greenman
Law Offices of Tony
Greenman



Prof. Franci Blassberg
Cornell University



Dr. Daphna Shraga
UN Office of Legal
Affairs

Reika S., Kyoto, Japan, Class of 2014

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“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

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 should submit the following documents online at <https://portal.telavivuniv.org/createprofile.php>

- **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.

- **\$150 non-refundable application fee**



Queries regarding eligibility and application should be directed to:

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Tuition & Financial Aid

While an LL.M. 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 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:

- [Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)

The Government of Israel offers scholarships to foreign students, as agreed in the **Cultural Agreements between Israel and multiple countries. Please check the MFA's website for a detailed list of eligible countries.**

- [Tel Aviv International website:](#)
 - [Australian Students – Victoria Area Scholarship](#)
 - [Peisach Scholarship Fund](#) – Central and South America Students
 - [Canadian Applicants](#) – Numerous Scholarships Available
- [MASA Israel Journey](#)
- [Minhal 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.

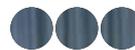
- [Fulbright Program](#) – U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- [GI Bill – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Federal Student Aid](#) – U.S. Department of Education



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, a two day trip visiting the diverse populations in Israel.
- Supreme Court in Jerusalem featuring a private meeting with a Supreme Court Justice.
- Neot Kedumim, a biblical nature reserve, with team-building exercises.
- Bnei Brak neighborhood during Chanukah, the Festival of Lights.
- 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.

Law professors and staff invite International LL.M. students to participate in lectures and conferences hosted at Tel Aviv University, including:

- TAU Innovation Conference
- Annual TAU Workshop for Young Scholars in Law
- Minerva Annual Lecture Series on Human Rights
- Lectures delivered by visiting and guest professors



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"



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

“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!”

*Mustafa, Turkey, Class
of 2018*

“Compared to my experiences in Turkey, France and Germany, studying at TAU Law has been a much more collaborative experience.”

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 **400** 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 **60** 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 **60** leading law schools from all over the world.

Mauricio, Mexico, Class of 2018



“Three elements are combined in this program: academic excellence, multicultural and global perspectives and a unique city, which is Tel Aviv”

Academic Breakdown



The successful completion of the International LL.M. covers 32 academic credits – students may take up to 36 credits within the program.

- mandatory core courses = 10 credits
- mandatory workshop + seminar = 6-7 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.

- International Law and Human Rights
- Law & Technology
- Business Law

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

- Law & Technology
- International Law
- Law & Economics
- 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 must 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.

International Law and Human Rights



With increasing globalization, distinctions between the domestic and the international fade. Numerous regulatory decisions, once decided domestically, are influenced, even shaped, by international institutions and international law. Israel, is particularly exposed to the forces of globalization, being open to international trade and subject to scrutiny by external actors regarding its policies. Israel is also a major contributor to the evolution of international law mainly through the sophisticated and groundbreaking decisions of the Supreme Court that resonate throughout the world and command attention and respect. Israeli scholarship on international law stands at the cutting edge of the study of international law and is widely respected.

The goal of the International Law & 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. As well as to assess the normative challenges that these regime pose to our democratic sensibilities and reflect on the possibilities for shaping these global institutions and their policies through accountability requirements of transparency, participation, reason-giving, liability, and judicial review.

This 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 those who wish to gain the tools to address problems of public law and policy in an era of global interdependency.

To complete your specialization in International Law and Human Rights track, you must take at least 14-15 credits of the LL.M.'s 32 required credits, from courses within the 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 other tracks, in addition to general elective courses.

The professors and courses refer to a previous academic year - please be aware that courses and professors change yearly.

The International Law & Human Rights seminar, *Labor Approach to Human Trafficking*, will be taught by Dr. Hila Shamir. During the Fall Semester, you can take courses with Prof. Lee Andrew Bygrave (University of Oslo) on *EU Data Protection Law: Fundamentals, Flaws, and Futures*; with Prof. Guy Mundlak (TAU Law) on *International Law of Work*; and with Prof. Ekaterina Tyagay (Kutafin Moscow State Law University), a course on *Matrimonial Property Regimes in Comparative Perspective*. Prof. Achilles Skordas (Max Planck Institute)

will teach a course on *The ICJ between International Law and Geopolitics* and the course *The End of Nature: Law, Science, and the Environment on a Warming Planet* will be taught by Prof. Irus Braverman (Buffalo Law School).

In the Spring semester, the *International Law Workshop* led by Dr. Eliav Lieblch and Dr. Tamar Meggido (TAU Law) will host authors who will discuss their works in progress. Dr. Melanie Levy will teach a course on *Health and Human Rights*; Prof. Patrick Macklem (University of Toronto) will teach *Human Rights and their Critics*; and Prof. Lucie White (Harvard Law School) together with Prof. Jeremy Perelman (Sciences Po, France) will teach a course on

Development, Inequality and Human Rights.

Prof. Francesco Biagi (University of Bologna) offers a course on *Comparative Constitutional Law*; and Prof. Helena Alviar (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia) on *Contemporary Critical Legal Thought: Perspectives from the Periphery*. Prof. Jack Rakove (Stanford University) will offer *The American Approach to Religious Freedom: History and Law* and Dr. Rachel Friedman (TAU) will delve into *The Welfare State: Philosophy, Politics and Law*. Prof. Jonathan Simon (University of California, Berkeley) will teach *Punishment and Modern Society: an Introduction* and Dr. Daphna Shrager (U.N.) *International Legal Perspectives on the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict*.

This is how it looks, for the International Law and Human Rights lawyer:

FALL – Q1	Seminar Labor Approach to Human Trafficking EU Data Protection Law: Fundamentals, Flaws, and Futures The International Law of Work
FALL – Q2	Seminar Labor Approach to Human Trafficking “The End of Nature”: Law, Science, and the Environment on a Warming Planet Matrimonial Property Regimes in Comparative Perspective The ICJ between International Law and Geopolitics
SPRING – Q3	Seminar Labor Approach to Human Trafficking Workshop International Law Health and Human Rights Comparative Constitutional Law The American Approach to Religious Freedom: History and Law Human Rights and their Critics International Intellectual Property Law Welfare State: Philosophy, Politics and Law International Legal Perspectives on the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict
SPRING – Q4	Seminar Labor Approach to Human Trafficking Workshop International Law Development, Inequality and Human Rights Punishment and Modern Society: an Introduction Contemporary Critical Legal Thought: Perspectives from the Periphery



Jessica L., Paris, France, Class of 2015

“Tel Aviv’s daily life with open-minded people is the perfect place to learn more about human rights.”

Law & Technology



Photo: Michal Roche – Ben Ami

Welcome to the beating heart of Start-Up Nation! Do you have a memory stick? Flash memory 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 invented in Israel. Does your car have MobilEye installed? That too, was developed nearby, in Jerusalem. There is a reason why Google, Facebook, Amazon, IBM, Intel, HP and other global hi-tech companies have established research centers in Israel. We are in the midst of an information revolution, with Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, and a mobile revolution converging. Our Law & Technology track focuses on the interface of law and technology. The track offers courses on Intellectual Property (IP), cyber and information law, and other related issues.

To complete your specialization in Law & Technology track, you must take at least 14-15 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 of course, that fit your schedule. You can focus on IP or on Information Law, or mix both. You can also choose to take courses from other tracks, in addition to general elective courses.

The professors and courses refer to a previous

academic year – please be aware that courses and professors change yearly.

Intellectual Property. If you wish to delve into the world of patents, copyright, trade secrets and other IP fields, you will be able to take *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. Sarit Erez, who will bring her expertise in patent law. In the Spring Semester, you can study *International IP law* with Prof. Amir Khoury (TAU Law), and a practical business course on *Licensing of IP*, taught by Adv. David Mirchin. For those with interest in the arts, you can study *Visual Arts & the Law*, with Prof. Kurt Siehr (Max Planck Institute, Germany). Prof. Laurent Manderieux (Bocconi University) will teach a course on *Intellectual Property as a Toolkit for Technology Transfer*. A course on *Intellectual Property in a Digital Age* will be taught by Prof. Yang Sun (China University of Political Science and Law).

Information/Cyber Law. The second leg of the track is information and cyber law. The introductory course, *Information Technology Law*, is taught in seminar format 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. *The Law & Information Technology Workshop* is a unique format to TAU Law, taught by Prof. Michael Birnhack (TAU Law) and Prof. Assaf Jacob (IDC Law). The workshop enables scholars and students to engage directly on academic works in progress: our guests will discuss the papers they are working on, eager for student's feedback. You can also study with Prof. Lee Andrew

Bygrave (University of Oslo) a course on *EU Data Protection Law: Fundamentals, Flaws, and Futures*

You will be able to discuss innovative issues about *Corporate Innovation and Legal Policy* with Prof. Orly Lobel (University of San Diego) and we also offer an innovative course on the business aspects of *Start-Up Law*, taught by Adv. Ayal Shenhav and Adv. Gal Hoffman.

This is how it looks, for the Tech lawyer:

	IP	Information Technology and Cyber Law	IP&IT
FALL – Q1	Introduction to IP	EU Data Protection Law: Fundamentals, Flaws, and Futures	Seminar Information Technology Law Law & Information Technology Workshop
FALL – Q2		• Start-Up Law	Seminar Information Technology Law Law & Information Technology Workshop
SPRING – Q3	Intellectual Property as a Toolkit for Technology Transfer Intellectual Property in a Digital Age International IP Law Licensing of IP	Corporate Innovation and Legal Policy	
SPRING – Q4	Visual Arts & the Law		

Business Law



Today, Israel 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 93 such companies (and counting!). Many Israeli companies, cross list in Israel and abroad, and the Israeli Securities Law is highly innovative in this regard. Finally, some Israeli companies play a major role in international transactions. To say the least, Israel today is an exciting place to study business law.

The Business Law track 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 the Technology Industry, and related issues. Together, we offer a range of courses that are second to none.

To complete your specialization in the Business Law track, you must take at least 14-15 credits of the LL.M.'s 32 required credits, from courses within the Business Law 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 other tracks, in addition to general elective courses.

The professors and courses refer to a previous academic year – please be aware that courses and professors change yearly.

In the Fall Semester, you can study with Prof. Lee Andrew Bygrave (University of Oslo) a course on *EU Data Protection Law: Fundamentals, Flaws, and Futures* or with Prof. Guy Mundlak (TAU Law) a course on *The International Law of Work*. You can take a course on *Antitrust Policy*, taught by Prof. David Gilo (TAU Law), the former Head of the Israeli Antitrust Authority; and a course on *Risk Derivatives and Financial Crises* taught by Adv. Menachem Feder. Adv. David Friedman (Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP) will offer a course on *Mergers & Acquisitions*, and Adv. Ayal Shenhav together with Adv. Gal Hoffman will teach an innovative course on *Start-Up Law*. Dr. Boaz Moselle (Compass Lexecon, London) will teach a course on *Price, Cost and Value: Essential Economics for Lawyers*. A course on *Introduction to U.S. Tort Law* will be taught by Prof. Shahar Dillbary

(University of Alabama); Prof. Achilles Skordas (Max Planck Institute) will discuss *The ICJ between International Law and Geopolitics*.

In the Spring Semester, we offer 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 authors who will present their works in progress. Prof. Orly Lobel (University of San Diego) will offer a course on *Corporate Innovation and Legal Policy*.

If you the business aspect of property law interests you, Prof. Gregory Alexander (Cornell University; University of California-Berkeley) will teach a course on *Property Theory*. Prof. Laurent Manderieux (Bocconi University, Italy) will navigate you through *Intellectual Property as a Toolkit for Technology Transfer*; and Prof. Yang Sun (China University of Political Science and Law) will discuss *Intellectual Property in a Digital Age*. You can also choose from Adv. David Mirchin's (Meitar Liguornik Geva Leshem Tal) course on *Licensing of IP*.

This is how it looks, for the Business lawyer:

FALL – Q1	EU Data Protection Law: Fundamentals, Flaws, and Futures Mergers & Acquisitions - A Real Life Experience Price, cost and value: essential economics for lawyers The International Law of Work Antitrust Policy Derivatives, Risk and Financial Crises
FALL – Q2	Introduction to U.S. Tort Law Start-Up Law The ICJ between International Law and Geopolitics
SPRING – Q3	Seminar Business Law: Transnational Perspectives Workshop on Law & Economics Property Theory Intellectual Property as a Toolkit for Technology Transfer Intellectual Property in a Digital Age Licensing of IP
SPRING – Q4	Seminar Business Law: Transnational Perspectives Workshop on Law & Economics Corporate Innovation and Legal Policy

*Jiaxin, China,
Class of 2019*

“The law Faculty of Tel Aviv is a very intellectually inspiring place...with different kinds of seminars and workshops. They really encourage you to challenge your already established ideas.”

Scale of Grades



95 – 100	excellent
85 – 94	very good
75 – 84	good
65 – 74	fairly good
60* – 64	fair
0 – 59	failed

* 60 is the lowest passing grade

**Grades may be subject to University curve and/or Law Faculty's standardization rules

Transcripts

95%	summa cum laude
90%	magna cum laude

*Subject to University Rules

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.

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!

Theoretical Inquiries in Law (TIL) is a biannual English-language law journal published by the Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law at TAU Law.

Each year TIL publishes one volume, which is comprised of two separate issues. Each issue contains about eight to fifteen articles dedicated to a distinctive topic of law or legal theory, contributing groundbreaking research and new insights in the field.

TIL has the highest impact factor among all non-U.S. law reviews, and is well-known and much cited in Israel and all over the world.

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.

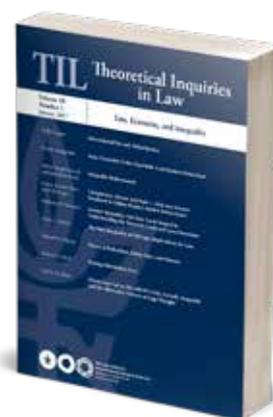
Board members acquire important experience in addressing academic work.

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



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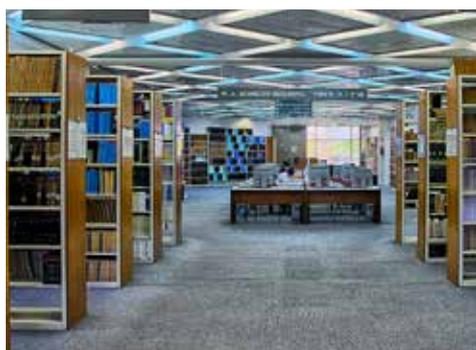


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The Library offers one of the largest collections of legal publications and resources in the country, with over 177,000 printed items and a wide range of electronic resources, online legal databases, journals and e-books. The library's four-story building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

Alumni Interview with Mustafa Senel, Class of 2018



Mustafa Senel, originally from Turkey, has spent his academic career pursuing his passion for law. Having graduated from the law faculties of Freie Universität Berlin and Istanbul Bilgi University, he has been able to truly experience the academic world at an international level. After completing his LL.B., Mustafa began working at one of the most reputable law firms in Turkey. Realizing he wanted to expand on his knowledge, he then graduated with an MBL from Freie Universität Berlin. With a strong interest in technology, he realized Parasol Foundation International LL.M. was the next step in reaching his academic goals. Mustafa joined the Law & Technology track with the 2017-2018 LL.M. class.

Q: Why did you decided to pursue your LL.M. at Tel Aviv University?

A: So it was more of a personal reason than professional actually, I did not know that much about Israel in general or Tel Aviv University. I was in Berlin, I had completed my previous master's there and was meant to complete my PhD, let's say due to artistic differences, I didn't like the academia, or the academic approach, at least in Berlin. I had my girlfriend here, and at some point we decided let's give it a try, we considered her coming to Istanbul, where I am from, or me coming to Israel. Eventually we

decided to go with the second option. When I got here, I checked out a few universities, I saw Tel Aviv University, and immediately did some research. I found Prof. Birnhack, which was really great, since he is the director of the program. I was already interested in technology law, privacy, data protection, and what better place? Let's say it was 60% personal, and 40% what to do with my life here. I can say it paid off, I can say that I am actually really happy.

Q: How does TAU differ academically to previous institutions you have attended?

A: As a student, I have been both short-term and long-term, in France, Germany and Turkey. What is fascinating for me here, is first, the professors are always open, they embrace students. Plus, if you're up to it of course, if you do want to delve into a field that you like, then they really give everything they have. Based on my comparison, it has been much more interactive. Maybe I should be more specific, in France, a professor would give a lecture and that is the end of it. You would not see him again, in Germany my experience was a bit better than France, but still, nowhere near here. Istanbul too, you know your place, but what I have seen here, I have not seen such a thing. Even this, they insist you address them

by their first name, which is hard for me. Even this simple example, shows they acknowledge your presence, and they also may perceive in their minds, 'What more can we make of this person?' The library, I keep telling this to everyone but this is important to me. This writing, my thesis process, the library has everything you need. Even the slightest most inferior subject, you can still find two or three books, concrete books, which is fascinating!

Q: You touched on it a little bit, but how would you describe some of the differences and similarities between Turkey and Israel?

A: Culturally we are kind of the same. Turkey is not that far away from Israel, so culturally on a daily basis, maybe not the same but so parallel, so close to each other. I can immediately get the signals, I am sure you know this cliché, people assume 'Oh these Israelis are so rude' I really think they are not rude, because I know the signals. Day to day life, friendships etc. They are very similar. Which brings me to the next point, if you develop some sort of friendship with a professor then there is no difference, they really do support you, they really do allow you to take your time etc. However, before that level, I can say here, opening the door is much easier. In Istanbul, they are also really engaging, I am still in contact with some professors, but until you open that door you have to push much harder. What I can say, is the process here of interactive learning is much more fluid. Which I personally think is better.

Q: Tell me what you found unique about the Tech track and what drew you to it...

A: I was an arbitration lawyer; M&A, business, and then I decided to complete my masters in competition Law. At the end of my masters,

problems arising from big data, and data protection and privacy, these were becoming big issues. So, I decided to prepare some exposés for my PhD, bringing these two fields together. Not because they have not been studied together before, but because I thought it would be interesting together, competition law and privacy. The problem was, to the extent of my research, in regards to competition law I think I had the right information; my problem came from data protection. I did not know where to start, or what the exact problem is distinguishing it from consumer or competition law. I really needed to set a structure, because it differs, state vs citizen, consumer. What I can say happily, is that the program really cleared my head, which was important to me. I am very happy because the structure is set. I studied mainly with Prof. Birnhack, I took his courses dominantly, aside from that, we had American Privacy Law, which is important, because they have a totally different approach on privacy, and some IP. If you ask me are you satisfied, are you content, I am over joyed.

Q: So what's next?

A: Next? I really hope a PhD. To be honest, what I really like here is that we have the same kind of humor, a kind of crude British humor. People are really cynical here, which I love and is really close to ours. I remember this because I am in peace here, and everyone always says 'Oh, wow, you really picked the right place to be in peace' but to be honest, in my personal life I am in peace, and I am really happy with the education.



Mustafa Senel, Class of 2018

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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 most 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,



alumni from Argentina



“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”

alumni from Germany



“Having the LL.M. is an advantage both on the Israeli and the foreign market”

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.”

Alumni Spotlight

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 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.”

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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.”

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Alumni Spotlight

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 *aliya*.



“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, Israel's 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



Neema O, Kenya, Class of 2019

“TAU has done a really great job of offering a first hand experience...being the Startup Nation, there is no better place to study law and technology.”

alumni from Brazil

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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 *aliya*, for your career it was best for you to return to Argentina?

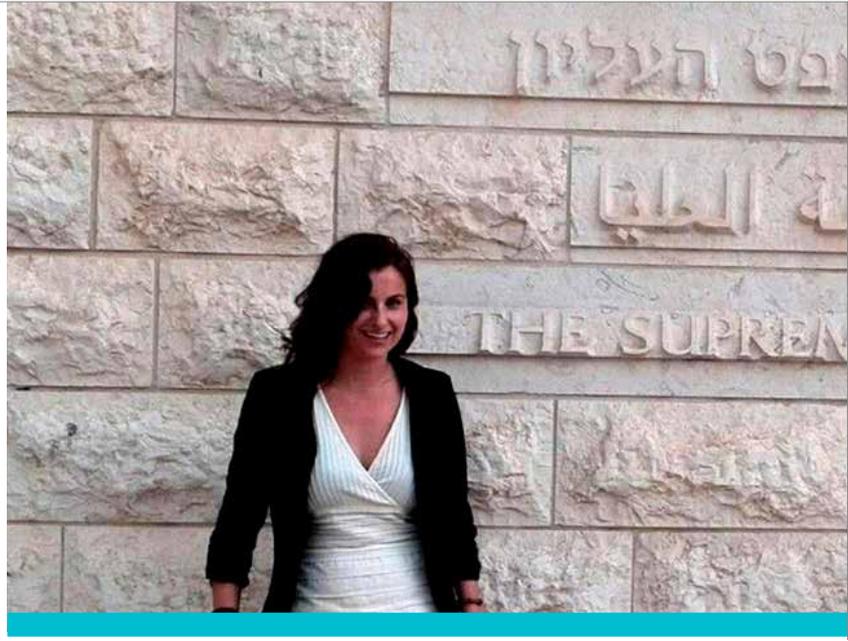
“Despite having relatives and friends in Israel, my girlfriend and I missed our families, and that was a major factor. In addition, it is not easy for someone whose mother tongue is not Hebrew or English to find a job as an international lawyer in Israel. And becoming a lawyer

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 Argentinian 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 fulfil 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!"



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.”

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

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.”

Alumni Spotlight



The Parasol Foundation: TAU International LL.M. sponsor

The Parasol Foundation is a philanthropic trust established in 2004 in Gibraltar. It is overseen by its principal benefactor, Ruth Parasol, who is considered to be one of the world's wealthiest self-made women today. Following the immense international success of her online gaming company and its IPO on the London Stock exchange, in 2005, Ruth sold her remaining interests and dedicates her time to raising her children, to philanthropy, and to overseeing her international private investment office. For over 10 years, the Parasol Foundation has been supporting communities in Gibraltar, UK, Israel, India, and the United States. To date, the Foundation has committed over £20,000,000 for various educational, health, culture, and heritage initiatives.

Ruth Parasol says: "Our time, success, and fortune are borrowed. You can never give or appreciate enough, but every effort helps. Here, at the Parasol Foundation, we enable change by supporting talented individuals and core centers of health and education, in order to create a better future for the next generation. Through education, cutting-edge technologies, advanced medical treatments, and culture preservation we hope to contribute to a better and brighter future."

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



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Prof. Birnhack (J.S.D., NYU School of Law, 2000) is an internationally renowned scholar in the field of intellectual property, privacy law, and information technology law. He also directs the TAU Law S. Horowitz Institute for IP. For the past two years, he has served as academic director of the Parasol Foundation International LL.M. Program. Since last March Michael is also Associate Dean for Research at TAU Law.

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

"The Parasol Foundation International LL.M considers applications from 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. But we also encourage and assist the applicants we accept to obtain scholarships from other resources, such as the Masa 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 position on the topic, and I have Chinese students with an alternative view, and many other different perspectives in between. The discussions are truly fascinating. Each class is a wonderful intellectual experience for the students and for myself.”

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 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.” ■

*Sarah B.G., Montreal, Canada,
Class of 2014*



“I really valued the intellectual rigour of the class discussions in the faculty seminars and workshops. Having the opportunity to discuss issues of contemporary significance while reviewing cutting-edge research with Israeli and international scholars at the masters and doctoral level was something new for me. I learned how to engage directly with scholars and provide constructive feedback in real time... I appreciated the condensed mini-semester at the beginning of the year during which time a strong sense of community among the International LL.M. students was created.”

Student Life On and Off Campus



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.

As Thursday is the last day of the Israeli working week, TAU encourages students and staff to kick off their weekend with a host of exciting

events: gallery exhibits, film screenings, musical performances, and lectures on a variety of academic fields. Young artists are given the opportunity to showcase their work and the public is invited to share in these activities, which take place from early afternoon until late evening. Check which events are held in English on the "Thursdays on Campus" website.

Film Festivals and Screenings

Every two years, The Tel Aviv International Student Film Festival, the largest student film festival in the world, takes place in Tel Aviv, organized from start to finish by TAU students and staff. Renowned actors, directors, and cinematographers deliver lectures and master classes as part of the festival. Hundreds of student films from all over the world are screened for festival goers.

Showcasing Student Creativity

TAU encourages students to take part in performances and creative events during their studies. The Department of Theater Arts and the Buchmann-Mehta School of Music put on performances jointly and separately, allowing students to demonstrate their creativity and hard work throughout the year. These achievements are enjoyed by the TAU community and the general public.

TAU Green Campus

In a milestone for environmentalism at TAU, the university was accredited in 2011 as a “green campus” by the Israeli government, in recognition of its efforts to create a more sustainable institution. The accreditation is awarded to Israeli universities that implement programs in three key areas: academic degrees and courses in environmental studies (given by the Porter School of Environmental Studies), heightened resource efficiency through recycling and reduction of electricity and water use, and community-related projects that strengthen environmental awareness both on campus and off. Among the green innovations at TAU are more energy efficient lighting, the “Nature Campus” educational initiative, stands for the city of Tel Aviv’s new bicycle rental system, and a comprehensive plan for campus bicycle paths. TAU’s support for sustainable projects on campus is further underscored by the Porter School of Environmental Studies’ new EcoBuilding. The EcoBuilding is designed to meet the highest standards of green building, and will demonstrate innovative environmental technologies.

Art & Culture

Tel Aviv University is also the only university in Israel with a School of Music, training musicians as well as vocal performers. The school holds over 200 concerts a year on the TAU campus and is invited to tour around the world, performing in Zurich, Madrid and Berlin, among other places. Perhaps not surprisingly, given the city’s musical prominence, the Israeli National Opera is also located in Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv was established in 1909, by a group of Jewish families from Jaffa, a port city which has been inhabited for over seven thousand years. Tel Aviv originally began where Jaffa

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 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

TAUi madrichim work closely with all international students – they are Israeli TAU students pursuing various kinds of majors. They live on campus and 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.

TAUi 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.

Countries Represented on the LL.M. and growing...



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)
- **7** 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**

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 Israeli 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.

The International LL.M. program commences with a mandatory Core Semester exclusively for our students.

Two or three core classes are offered during this period: Introduction to Israeli Law, Introduction to Law & Society, and Introductory to Law & Economics.

The Core Semester takes place just before the Fall semester, and International LL.M. students have the opportunity to acclimate themselves on campus before they are joined by 30,000 Israeli and 1,000 international students in the Fall and Spring semesters. International LL.M. students will visit the Israeli Supreme Court during the Core Semester.

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Program Information

PROGRAM LENGTH

3 Semesters (10 months)

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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