

## Israel: Ben Gurion University & Hebrew University

### Program-specific Form(s)

#### Ben Gurion University Application

Go to <http://www.aabgu.org/osp/admissions-tuition/admissions.html> and select 'Online Application'.

##### Application Tips:

- Select 'Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program' and the appropriate term from the dropdown boxes.
- Carefully read the detailed instructions on the BGU application, noting which supplemental materials can be submitted online, and which materials must be mailed in hard-copy directly to the New York office of Ben-Gurion University.
- Enter UCEAP as your university and NOT your individual UC campus.
- Photos = Yes.  
Upload one passport photo plus a copy of the identification page from your passport. (The passport photo is a separate item from the photo that appears on your passport identification page.) Upload a copy of your Israeli identification card if applicable.
- Transcripts = Yes.  
Arrange for two official transcripts from each college/university attended to be mailed directly to the BGU New York office.
- Application Fee = No.  
Choose 'Pay by check' in the Fee field (because UCEAP will make the payment). However, you will be responsible to pay the Application Fee if you are not selected by your campus EAP office, or if you withdraw at any time, or if BGU does not accept you.
- Upload a 300-400 word essay mentioning the points listed in the BGU application.
- Hebrew Language Placement Exam = Yes.
- Academic Recommendations = No.
- Personal Recommendation = No.
- Study Abroad Approval Form = No.
- BGU Medical Form = UCEAP Health Clearance can be substituted.  
You can submit the UCEAP Health Clearance to satisfy the BGU medical form requirement, which means the UCEAP Health Clearance would need to be completed earlier than usual. Make copies of the completed clearance as an original PLUS one copy must be mailed to UCEAP and send another copy to BGU in New York. Obtain instructions from your campus EAP office for the UCEAP Health Clearance or click on [Health Clearance Form Instructions](#).
- Financial Aid Application = Yes.
- HAREL Insurance Form = Partial completion only.  
Complete only the top personal information Section A. Do not complete the rest of the form requesting insurance. Write, "I am already covered by the UCEAP insurance policy" in the 'Comments' field.
- **Ben-Gurion University reserves the right to make the acceptance decision.** The New York office will email you if your online application is missing any supplemental materials. Please immediately respond to any emails so your application processing is not delayed. An incomplete application will not be processed.

- If you have questions while working on the online application or obtaining the supplemental materials, please contact Andrew Jan at UCEAP, [ajan@eap.ucop.edu](mailto:ajan@eap.ucop.edu) or (805) 893-3246.
- **Electronic Predeparture Packet:** BGU/New York will email you a packet with a large variety of documents, forms, and a handbook. Read through the entire packet and follow the instructions and deadlines for each item. Every form is important – there will be information on the group flight, cell phone reservation, cancellation fees, and much more.
- **Acceptance Decision:** BGU will email you directly concerning their acceptance decision within two to three weeks after receipt of a complete application. The email will contain a generic request for a ‘Confirmation Deposit.’ You must respond to the email but **DO NOT** pay the Confirmation Deposit.
- **Housing:** You are required to live on-campus for safety and security reasons. You will need to reserve and pay for term housing directly to the New York office by their deadline. (Ulpan housing is included in your UCEAP fees.) A \$200.00 security deposit is required to reserve term housing.
- **Visa:** Upon payment for term housing, the New York office will provide you a “zero balance” statement for you to use when applying for a student visa before departure. This statement fulfills the visa requirement for proof of your financial ability to participate in the program.

Items to be turned into Hebrew University

## Hebrew University Application

Go to <http://overseas.huji.ac.il/?pg=searchcase&categoryid=171> Choose USA, Undergraduate OR Graduate, and How to Apply in the drop-down boxes.

### Application Tips:

- Carefully read the detailed instructions, noting which supplemental materials can be submitted online, and which materials must be mailed in hard-copy directly to the New York office of Hebrew University.
- Submit as much as possible via the online application.
- **Fall students** are eligible to check EITHER the RIS Fall Semester option OR ONE of the special options which include ArtJerusalem, DanceJerusalem, Jerusalem Sounds, Arabic Immersion and others. The calendar dates for Fall options differ by program.
- **Year students** can combine the RIS Fall Semester option with a different Spring Semester option such as ArtJerusalem, DanceJerusalem, Jerusalem Sounds, Arabic Immersion, “Spring in Jerusalem” honors, or other special options. **HOWEVER**, you cannot make these combinations in the Year application – you would need to complete a Fall application plus a Spring application. Complete the Year application if you do not want to combine options.
- Note that a 3.5 GPA is required for the “Spring in Jerusalem” honors option. The calendar dates for Spring options differ by program.
  - **Spring students** are eligible to check EITHER the RIS Spring Semester option or another Spring special option. Note that a 3.5 GPA is required for the “Spring in Jerusalem” honors option. The calendar dates for Spring options differ by program.
  - Submit a portfolio only if you plan to take three courses at Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design or at Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance.

- EAP students do NOT submit an Application Fee. UCEAP will pay the fee. However, you will be responsible to pay the Application Fee if you are not selected by your campus EAP office, or if you withdraw at any time, or if HU does not accept you.
- Arrange for your official transcripts to be mailed directly to the HU New York office.
- The HU Report of Medical Examination can be completed by any physician. However, you may want to have it completed at the same time, by the same physician, as your UCEAP Health Clearance, which means the UCEAP Health Clearance would need to be completed much earlier than usual. If you want both medical forms completed at the same time, obtain instructions for the UCEAP Health Clearance from your campus EAP office or click on [Health Clearance Form Instructions](#).
- **Hebrew University reserves the right to make the acceptance decision.** The New York office will email you if your online application is missing any supplemental materials. Please immediately respond to any emails so your application processing is not delayed. An incomplete application will not be processed.
- If you have questions while working on the online application, getting the supplemental materials, and having the HU Report of Medical Examination completed, please contact Andrew Jan at UCEAP, [ajan@eap.ucop.edu](mailto:ajan@eap.ucop.edu) or (805) 893-3246.
- The New York office will email you directly concerning their acceptance decision; probably in May-June for Fall and Year students, or November-December for Spring students.
  - You will need to reserve and pay for term housing directly to the New York office by their deadline. (Ulpán housing is included in your EAP fees.)
  - Upon payment for term housing, the New York office will provide you a “zero balance” statement for you to use when applying for a student visa before departure. This statement fulfills the visa requirement for proof of your financial ability to participate in the program.