

International Students COVID-19 Arrival Procedures

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The arrival of international students during COVID-19 times requires compliance with special Covid-19 regulations of the Ministry of Health and Immigration Authority. These regulations require the university to act accordingly and ensure compliance.

Below are the main regulations for students arriving to Israel **from September 1, 2020, and onward.**

VISAS

In order to study in Israel, students will need an A/2 Student Visa. Applications for visas are via an Israeli Embassy or Consulate abroad. The Student Visa is valid for up to one year and for multiple entrances and exits. Spouses and children will also be granted visas.

In order to be granted a visa, students will need to provide the following documents:

1. Completed and signed application for a visa to enter Israel ([click here to download the Application for a Visa to Enter Israel](#))
2. Two passport pictures (5x5 cm)
3. A formal letter of acceptance from including start date of studies
4. Proof that the student has the financial means to pay for her/his studies and subsistence throughout the stay in Israel
5. A travel document (e.g. passport) that is valid for at least one year, provided that the home country has a diplomatic mission in the State of Israel. If there is no such mission in Israel, the passport must be valid for the entire period of studies and another six months beyond that
6. Fee payment ([click here to open the table of fees](#)).

COVID-19 Update: As of July 22nd, students will need to provide the following additional forms in order to be granted a visa:

- A letter from Hebrew University confirming the isolation conditions upon your arrival in Israel
- Approval from the Israeli Ministry of Health of the isolation conditions

Both forms will be provided you by the university on completion of student enrollment and payments.

IMPORTANT: In addition to the A/2 Student Visa, students will receive an 'Entry permit' to Israel which grants them entrance to Israel **at most 30 days** before the start date of the academic program.

Entry into Israel earlier than 30 days before the start date of student's study program will not be permitted.

For more information about visas and other consular services please visit the website of the [Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

SELF-QUARANTINE

Students from “red countries” must complete a 14-day isolation period in the Hebrew University approved self-quarantine facilities upon arrival to Israel. Green countries do not require self-quarantine on arrival. Please refer to this [website](#) on a regular basis for directives on red/green countries as this list is continuously being updated.

This quarantine must be completed in a location provided by the university that has been pre-approved by the Ministry of Health. It is permitted for students to self-quarantine in shared apartments of up to 6 persons. There are a few options available (Bet Maersdorf Faculty House, Bet Reisfeld Faculty Club, Student Village etc.).

Please note that students will be assigned to a spot based on availability. We will make every effort to accommodate specific requests and request understanding in the case of differences in dorm allocation than requested. We will ensure to refund students in the case of a difference in price.

The university will assist students in quarantine with food supplies and meals.

During this period, students who develop symptoms will be removed from the shared apartment and moved to allocated room.

There are Covid-19 contact persons in case of queries and emergencies.

Note that married couples and families can self-quarantine in their private apartments.

LETTER OF OBLIGATION TO SELF-QUARANTINE

Students are required to sign a letter of obligation to follow self-quarantine rules and that they understand the risks of shared accommodation.

APPLICATION TO ENTER ISRAEL

Before air travel, you must submit an application to enter Israel no more than 24 hours before air travel to Israel. Passengers must fill out a form with personal information and a health declaration.

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT

On arrival in Israel, please note that it is mandatory to arrive to the self-quarantine facility individually, in a private taxi/pick up by driver. Use of public transport is forbidden.

DISRUPTIONS IN STUDIES DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

The Hebrew University is obligated and will make every effort to continue studies online for international students in the case of campus closures and Covid-19 restrictions.