

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Beer-Sheva, Israel

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Ben-Gurion University was named after the first prime minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion. It was his vision that the government built upon to create the university in 1969. The University was created to fulfill a unique nation-building mandate: to develop the Negev, its land and its people. Since that time, the university has been the fastest growing institution in Israel and a popular location for students from all over the world. It was named the number one university in Israel for its student activities and the Center for International Student Programs encourages its students to take advantage of the active student life.

Location

The University is located near Beer Sheva which is the fourth largest city in Israel. The region of the Negev in which Beer Sheva is situated accounts for some 60% of Israel's land mass and is a part of the desert that stretches from Egypt through the southern part of Israel to Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The surrounding desert offers hiking across sand dunes and exploring deep canyons that stretch for miles.

Areas of Study

Courses are available in a variety of subjects including anthropology, arts, biology, history, literature, psychology and political science. Students are required to participate in the Ulpan (language program) prior to the start of the semester. This is usually about six weeks prior to the semester courses. In addition, a Hebrew language course is taken during the semester. Students are required to take an additional four courses during the semester program.

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester: Late July - December

Spring Semester: January - June

Activities

The city is home to the new Center for the Arts, an internationally renowned chamber orchestra, local theaters, shopping malls, movie theaters, cafes, restaurants and dance clubs. The city also plays host to the country's largest Bedouin Market along with other open air food markets. Tel Aviv is located a little more than an hour away by train. Students enjoy exploring the desert area around the campus. Volunteering in the community is a requirement of the program.

Accommodations

You will be placed in university housing located across from the sport facility and a couple of minutes walk to the campus. You are placed with Israeli roommates. There are kitchens in the rooms and no meal plan is included in the program.

Eligibility

You must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the University of Denver with a minimum GPA of 2.5. To participate in this program as a Cherrington Global Scholar, you must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Host universities/programs reserve the right to admit students.

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Program Cost

Because this is a DU Program, you will pay DU directly for your term abroad. Fees include the following:

- University of Denver tuition
- University of Denver technology fee
- **If you are not participating as a Cherrington Global Scholar, a \$50 application fee and an additional program fee.**
- DU Study Abroad housing

DU institutional aid, along with federal or state financial aid other than work-study, will apply to the DU program cost. Please meet with a Study Abroad Advisor for information about the Cherrington Global Scholars program and for current program costs. Details on the costs for study abroad can also be found on the Study Abroad Office website (www.du.edu/intl/abroad) under “Study Abroad Policies.”

HOW TO APPLY

All application materials are due to the DU Study Abroad Office before the deadline.

Application Deadlines

January 18: **Priority Deadline** for Fall Semester, or Academic Year

March 14: Regular Deadline for Fall Semester, or Academic Year

October 1: Deadline for Spring Semester

Application Checklist

- University of Denver application including:
 - University of Denver Study Abroad Application on MyWeb
 - Academic advisor’s signature on your completed and printed online application form
 - DU short-answer essays
 - Authorization to Release Information form
 - Risks, Responsibilities Agreement and Release form
 - Student Responsibility Statement form
 - Official transcript(s) from other universities attended, if applicable
 - Cherrington petition. *Speak to your study abroad advisor about the petition process if you are not eligible for Cherrington.*
 - \$50 application fee, if you are not eligible for Cherrington
- Ben-Gurion Application including:
 - Ben-Gurion Main Application Form + 1 photocopy—download from www.bgu-osp.org
 - A Personal Statement (+ 1 photocopy)
 - Financial Aid Application (+ 1 photocopy)
 - Medical Report
 - Two Academic Recommendation Forms
 - One Personal Recommendation Form
 - University of Denver students do NOT need to pay the \$55 BGU application fee*