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Welcome

Welcome to Bar-Ilan University, where diversity thrives and open discussion is encouraged. As part of our vibrant community, you'll find a safe space to express your views, drive change, and discover your purpose.

Ranked in the top 2% of universities globally, Bar-Ilan provides an exceptional academic experience backed by internationally acclaimed professors. These educators are not only leaders in their respective fields, celebrated for their groundbreaking research and academic achievements, but they also serve as dedicated mentors, guiding you throughout your educational journey.

Situated in Ramat Gan in the Tel Aviv Metropolitan Area, our picturesque campus provides a welcoming environment for living, studying, and socializing with innovative and enthusiastic peers from around the world, all eager to learn and embrace new challenges—just like you!

As you embark on this exciting journey, we are committed to providing you with the resources you need to achieve your goals. Whether you pursue advanced studies or jump into the professional arena, your success is our priority.

Good luck with your studies, and enjoy this new chapter of your life!

Student Welfare and Services



Dormitories

Bar-Ilan University's dormitories welcome international students, providing you with a warm family atmosphere and convenient access to all academic services.

Each apartment is air-conditioned and consists of a kitchen, an LCD television screen, a joint living space, and a bathroom with a shower. Every other floor has a spacious communal balcony.

The dorm facility includes Wi-Fi and a 24/7 service center with a washing machine, clothes dryer, and a social space (a club room) on the ground floor.

BIU's dorms are in high demand and thus, space may be limited. If there is no available space within the dorms, we will be happy to recommend alternative options within proximity to the university.

For more information you can visit [here](#) >>

Sports

There are Sports facilities available on campus. There is a basketball court, indoor football field, and other indoor sports options at The Sobell Sports Center in building 501. A table tennis facility inside building 206, and an indoor gym in building 107.

Food and Drink

There are multiple (dairy and meat) restaurants, cafes on and around campus. Some include:

Mood Restaurant – Hummus and falafel, grilled dishes, salads, sandwiches and more.

Coffee Time - A dairy cafeteria and convenience store

Rosemarin Restaurant – Vegetarian restaurant

Amenities

On campus there is the Michlol Bookstore that sells textbooks, notebooks, office supplies and more. The campus also offers photocopying and print services. It includes a lost and found unit as well as a bank, a post office and much more.

Adjacent to campus is the Ramat-Ilan Commercial Center. The center contains restaurants and food stands; photocopy, printing and binding services; a supermarket; a café-bakery; a pharmacy; a barber; laundry and dry-cleaning services; gift shops; and a notary's office.

Wi-Fi Service

There is Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the campus.

Religious Prayer Houses

Bar-Ilan University caters to all people of all religions or spiritual traditions. There are facilities available on campus for everyone. If, however, you can't find a suitable facility, please talk to us at the International School and we will help you set something up.

For Jewish students, The central synagogue operates at the Jesselson Institute for Advanced Torah Studies (Building 411). The women's synagogue is in the Midrasha (Building 405). Additional synagogues operate in buildings 304, 507, and 1300A.

Prayer services are conducted on campus three times a day at several locations. Schedules are posted all around the campus.

For Muslim and Christian students, a prayer house is located in building 1300B.

An additional Muslim prayer house can be found at the Dean of Students Office complex in Building 502, Room 34.

For more information on the general services offered on campus please visit this [website](#) >>

Transportation

Accessing the University

To enter the campus, you will be required to present your identity document (ID card or passport) to the security guard at the gate. You can also use the Bar Ilan app to show your student ID to enter the university.

If needed, taxis can also enter the campus.

If you own a car, parking is available around the campus.

There are a total of 8 gates to enter the campus.

Two of which are opened 24/7 - Gate 1, as the main entrance and gate 15, as the entrance to the dormitories

For more information you can refer to this [website](#) >>

Transport Apps and Rav-Kav Transport Card

Paying for public transport in Israel is by in large done electronically. There are two payment options from which to choose – with a personal Rav-Kav card or with a smartphone app. Buses and trains have QR codes linked to the apps that you scan for payment.

Applications such as Moovit, Pango, Cello, and Rav-Pass by HopOn are good options.

The Moovit app includes train and bus schedules as well as serving as a map for directions.

Internal Campus Shuttle Bus

Bar-Ilan offers a shuttle bus service to get around campus. You will find bus stops throughout campus.

Operating Hours

Sunday to Thursday

07:30-20:00

Friday and Holiday Eve

07:30-13:00



Student Counseling

Academic Advisors

University studies can be overwhelming even for the most seasoned students. That is why we provide academic advisors to walk with you through your university experience.

Undergraduate and Graduate

Email: intl.students@biu.ac.il

Doctorate and Postdoctorate

Email: ma-phd.intl@biu.ac.il

Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students Office promotes student welfare on campus, providing a range of services designed to help all students address personal, financial, social, and academic needs, as well as to strengthen the connection and create a sense of community, harmony and mutual respect between the students, faculty members, and administrative staff.

The Dean of Students Office provides assistance and support in several areas: support for students with disabilities and/or learning disabilities; integration of sectors in the university: ultra-Orthodox, Arabs, Ethiopians, new immigrants, and students from the periphery, and assistance with student dormitories, among others.

For more information about the services offered by the dean of students you may refer to this [website](#) >>

Department for Olim

The Department for Olim in the Dean of Students Office supports all *olim* (immigrants) and students on tourist visas through services that promote growth and development, communicate values, and advocate for the needs of students. It exists to take care of the personal, academic, professional, social, and financial well-being of potential, new, and returning *olim* students, including those who are studying in Hebrew.

If you need further information about any of the following assistance options, please visit this [website](#) for contact information and more.

Exam Extensions

Olim students/tourists who have been in Israel up to seven years from the date of Aliyah/arrival in Israel and are writing in Hebrew are eligible in all degree programs for a 25% extension on exam time (up to 30 minutes overall per exam) with no penalty for spelling errors.



Student Services Online

In-Bar

In-Bar is an online, personal, student information portal available in Hebrew and English. Here, you will find the information you need to know, including course schedule by semester; exam list, dates and locations; exam details; grades for each course; tuition information; outstanding fees; and a whole lot more.

You can log in using your ID/passport number and your phone number, where you will enter upon receiving a code.

Bar-Ilan App

Bar-Ilan University has an app for students that includes a GPS-based map to guide you around campus. It also provides links to the main Bar-Ilan website, social media pages, and more.

More importantly, you will find your online BIU student ID in this app which will grant you access to the university and be used to get student discounts.

Bar-e-Learn (Moodle)

Bar-e-Learn is Bar-Ilan University's online learning system on the Moodle platform. Moodle is the world's most popular learning management system.

Bar-e-Learn allows the university to provide online learning for students, create a personalized learning environment, and enable face-to-face sessions with faculty members via Zoom.

You can use the same username and password you used to gain access to your In-Bar profile.



The Azrieli Faculty of Medicine Safed Campus

The Azrieli Faculty of Medicine

The Bar-Ilan University Azrieli Faculty of Medicine is located in the beautiful and historic city of Safed (*Tsfat* in Hebrew) in the Galilee in the northern part of Israel.

The campus was recently renovated and our modern laboratories are staffed by researchers who teach and mentor students for their pre-clinical studies as well as those pursuing advanced degrees.

The Faculty extends its reach to the affiliated academic medical centers throughout the Bar-Ilan Research Institutes at the hospitals in order to promote translational research.

Azrieli Faculty of Medicine

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International School Representative

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Graduate Student Secretary

Tel: 072 264 4947 | Email: med.tm@biu.ac.il

Bar-Ilan Safed Campus Security

Tel: 072 264 4910

Accommodation

There are no dorms at the Faculty of Medicine. Most of our international students rent a flat (either single or shared with flat mates) in the area nearby the faculty.

The most common website for finding a place for rent is Yad2, a website that advertises products for sale as well as housing (yad2.co.il/realestate/rent). The website is currently only in Hebrew. Your lab mates, lab manager, and Israeli friends should be able to assist you.

Find out more about rent, housing support, additional charges (electricity, water, gas, Wi-Fi, house tax), and rental contracts on our [information page](#).

Bank Services

In order to receive your stipend, you will have to present an Israeli bank account to the academic secretary. To open one, you will have to present copies of your passport, the acceptance letter from the university, a copy of the A2 Student VISA, and copy of your university ID card.

There is no obligation to work with a specific bank, although most of our students open a bank account at Bank Hapoalim.

Please note: You will need to book an appointment to go into the bank. It is no longer possible to simply walk in.

Location
Tel

39 HaGdud HaShlishi, Safed
***2407**

Opening hours

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday
Monday and Wednesday

08:30-13:30

08:30-13:00

16:00-18:30

Friday and Holiday Eve

Closed



Safety and Security

Local Safety Tips

Bomb shelters/safe spaces can be found in most buildings and in public areas, including parks and residential streets, on and off campus. If you are not near a shelter, the safest place is in the stairway of a building away from glass doors and windows. If you are in a car, pull over and lie flat on the sidewalk with your arms over your head.

When driving, there is no “right on red” in Israel.

Tap water is considered safe to drink, but many people prefer to use jugs with water filters.

Personal bags are often checked by security personnel upon entering public buildings (e.g. malls, government offices, hospitals). Please do not refuse to have your bags checked. This is for everyone’s safety.

You can report a crime to the Bar-Ilan Campus Security 24/7 at 03-531 7171 or the police on the emergency number – 100.

On-Campus Counseling Services

Bar-Ilan University offers psychological counseling services to students who find themselves experiencing difficulties. The Student Counseling Center is located in the Joel and Maria Finkle Building. Many of the staff members at the Center speak fluent English. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

If you’d like to contact the Center directly in English, please email the Center’s administrator, Ms. Ban Peress (ban.peress@mail.biu.ac.il). She will help you make an appointment with an English-speaking member of the counseling team.

Location **Building 407**
Tel **03-531 8450**

Emergency Contacts

- Ramat Gan Campus Security (24/7): 03-531 7171
- Safed Campus Security (24/7): 072- 264 4910
- Police: 100
- Ambulance: 101 (For non-emergency medical issues, contact your insurance provider)
- Fire: 102
- Home Front Command: 104 (For emergency preparedness and instructions)
- ERAN: Emotional First Aid by Telephone and Internet
National Hotline: 1201 (Dial 10 for English)
Website: en.eran.org.il



Contact us

Bar-Ilan University International School

General Information

Building 403, Floor -1

Tel: 03-738 4245

Email: intl.info@biu.ac.il

Undergraduate Degrees

Admissions and Registration

Tel: 03-738 4210

Email: intl.reg@biu.ac.il

International Student Advisor

(Undergraduate and
Postdoctorate)

Tel: 03-738 4247

Email: intl.students@biu.ac.il

Advanced Degrees

(Master's and Doctorate)

Tel: 03-738 4697

Email: ma-phd.intl@biu.ac.il

Student Exchange and Erasmus+ Program

Tel: 03-738 4721

Email: students.exchange@biu.ac.il

Student Affairs and Well-Being

Tel: 03-738 4742

Email: students.life@biu.ac.il

Visas, Health Insurance, US Tax Forms

Tel: 03-738 4246

Email: visa.intl@biu.ac.il

Accommodation/ Dormitories

Tel: 03-7364867/03-7364865

Email: dorms.intl@biu.ac.il

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Disclaimer

Please Note:

The information in this guide is subject to change. If the information you need is not correct or can't be found, please contact the Bar-Ilan International School's Student Services Center at 03 738 4245, or the Faculty of Medicine's Graduate Students' Secretary, if you are in Safed (Tsfat), at 072 264 4947.

You can find the updated information on our [website](#).



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