

# Israel Studies

## Program Description

The International Master's Degree Program in Israel Studies offers students the opportunity for an in-depth study of the State of Israel from the beginning of the Zionist movement until the present. Emphasis will be placed on the complexity of Israeli society, including its multicultural character both in the State as well as in relation to the Jewish Diaspora.

Recent years have witnessed an unprecedented growth of scholarly interest in Israeli history, politics, society, and culture. Numerous programs, research centers, and chair endowments in Israel Studies have been established in North America and Europe, adding a new, fresh, and innovative dimension to existing programs in Judaic Studies. The Israel Studies program is designed for students who wish to deepen and widen their understanding of the experiences of the Israeli population, and to see them against the larger backdrop of twentieth-century Jewish history, Middle Eastern politics, and society.

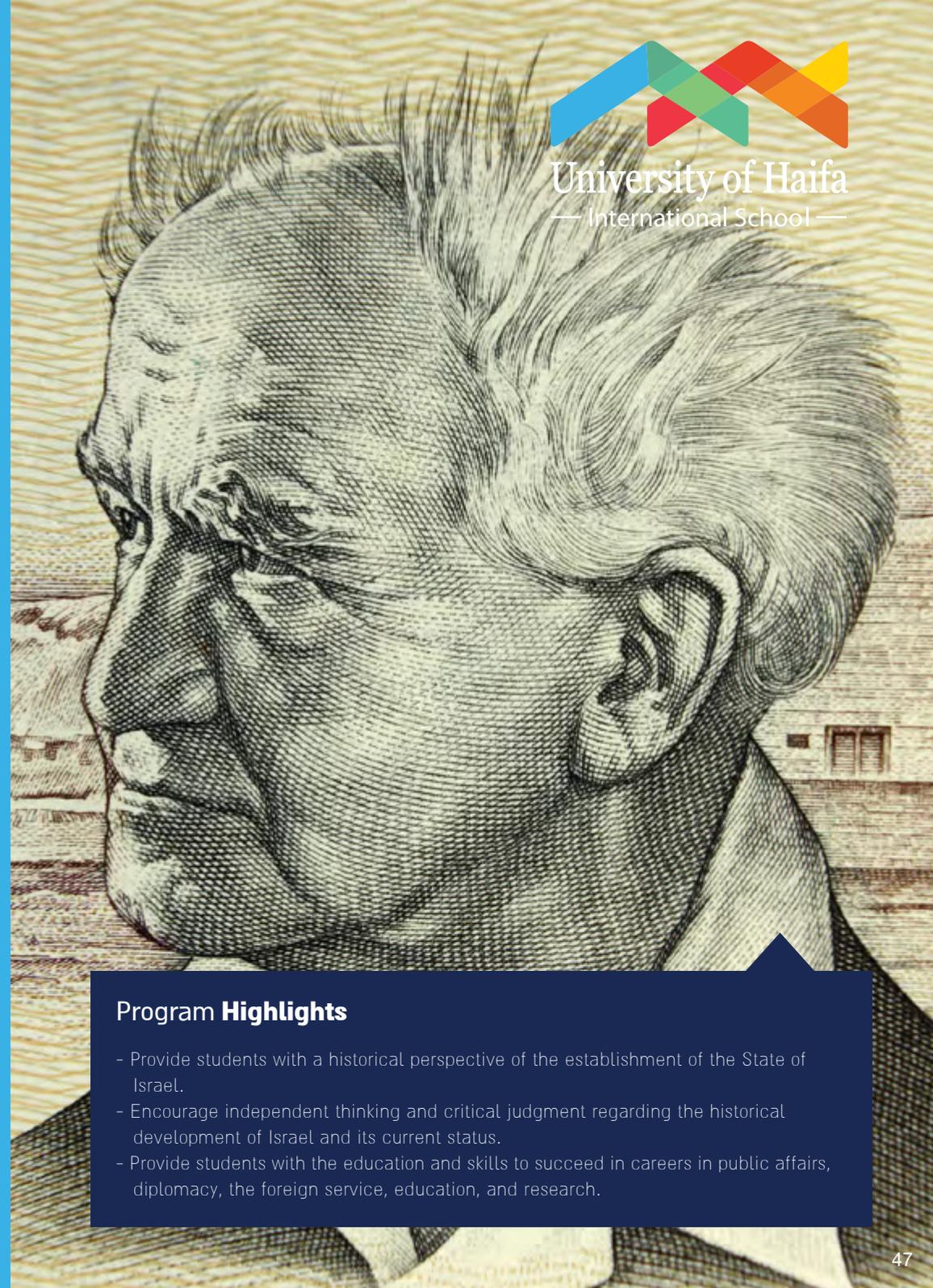
The program will examine Israeli society from a variety of perspectives, including Aliyah and migration, economics, politics, culture, religion, and the ties between Israel and Jewish communities abroad.

The one-year program is taught in English over three consecutive semesters from October through September. Students wishing to pursue the thesis track will need to submit a research thesis within one year of completing their coursework, which may require remaining at the university for additional one or two additional semesters. Upon completion of the program, students will be awarded a Master of Arts in Israel Studies, and a certificate of specialization in the field of Israel Studies and 20th Century Jewish History.

## Highlighted Courses\*

- The Zionist Ideology
- 1948 War – Field Course
- Religion, Science and Politics in the Cartography of Israel from the Middle Ages to our Time
- Israel Stories: Page, Stage, and Screen
- Modern Israeli Society
- The Arab-Israeli Conflict: History and diplomacy

\* The curriculum is subject to change without notice.



## Program Highlights

- Provide students with a historical perspective of the establishment of the State of Israel.
- Encourage independent thinking and critical judgment regarding the historical development of Israel and its current status.
- Provide students with the education and skills to succeed in careers in public affairs, diplomacy, the foreign service, education, and research.