Experiencing the Fruits of Zionism – Winter Break 2013-2014
Jerusalem, Israel
IAP Program Handbook

The Experiencing the Fruits of Zionism program is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in conjunction with the Hebrew and Semitic Studies Department, the UW Madison First-Year Interest Programs office and Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJ). This IAP Program Handbook supplements the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and provides you with the most up-to-date information and advice available at the time of printing. Changes may occur before your departure or while you are abroad.

Questions about your program abroad (housing options, facilities abroad, etc.) as well as questions relating to your relationship with your host university or academics (e.g. course credit and equivalents, registration deadlines, etc.) should be directed to International Academic Programs at UW-Madison.

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Embassy Registration
Program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure. You can register on-line at https://travelregistration.state.gov. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country’s embassy or consulate.

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18 Agron Road, Jerusalem 94190

Tel: 972-2-6227230
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Program Dates
Winter Break 2013-2014
Depart from the United States December 29, 2013
Arrive in Jerusalem December 30, 2013
Depart Israel for US January 13, 2014
Students arrive in US January 13, 2014

*A detailed itinerary will be shared with students closer to the departure date
Preparation Before Leaving

Immigration Documents

Passport: A passport is needed to travel to Israel and to obtain your visa. Apply immediately for a passport if you do not already have one. Passport information and application forms can be found on the U.S. State Department website http://travel.state.gov/passport/. If you already have your passport, make sure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay abroad.

Visa: US citizens do not need a visa to enter Israel for this short duration. Non-US citizens should consult with their study abroad advisor to determine if a visa is needed. If you are an Israeli-American citizen with a military deferral, you should consult with the Israel consulate in Chicago about necessary paperwork you will need to assist with entering Israel.

Handling Money Abroad

The official currency of Israel is the shekel. To check the current exchange rate, visit http://www.oanda.com/. Oanda provides Travelers Cheat Sheets that can be useful to print and carry with you for a quick conversion tool.

ATM/Debit Cards: ATMs are generally available in Israel. Check with your local bank or credit card for additional procedures for international use. When you contact your bank, be sure to tell them the dates that you plan to be abroad—this will prevent the bank from shutting down your account due to fraud problems in different countries.

Electronics

Electricity in Israel runs on 230V. Consult the closest electronics store here in the US before departure on what converter/adapter pack you can purchase to take with you that will work in the Middle East.

Travel and Arrival Information

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements. You may use local travel agents to help you in finding airplane tickets, such as STA Travel or StudentUniverse.com or find using any other airline. It is extremely important to note the departure date and return date before purchasing your flight and to consult with the Resident Director or IAP about the arrival and departure time if they are very early in the morning or very late at night.

If you arrive during the suggested arrival date and timeframe, you will be picked up at the airport and brought to the accommodations. You will also be provided with the address of the accommodations in case you miss the arranged pick up at the airport.
The Academic Program

General Information
This program aims to enrich and expand the parameters of the UW-Madison fall semester FIG course: Zionism in Thought, Culture, and Literature: From Inception to the State. The fall FIG course elucidates the concept of Zionism by exploring the connections between Ancient and Modern Zionism. The study examines the concept of the Promised Land initiated by the Patriarchs and the central place that it played in the inception of the three monotheistic religions; it follows the transformations of the messianic ideal of the Holy Land in the Jewish Diaspora and explores the national Zionist movement which effected the Jewish settlement in Palestine and which eventually led to the establishment of the State of Israel.

Building on the fall FIG course, the 2 week study abroad course to maximize the exposure you will have to 1) important and relevant sites and locations in Israel and 2) HUJ scholars, as a means to more fully elucidate the Zionist idea. The very fact that it will take place in the birth site of the idea is invaluable.

Scholars from Hebrew University of Jerusalem from the fields of cultural studies, history, political science, and others will provide lectures (2-4 hours, daily) providing a multi-disciplinary perspective to this complex idea. Lectures will be complemented by visits to sites in Jerusalem that related to the topic. More significant half day visits will be made to the Old City of Jerusalem and Israel Museum. The group will also have the opportunity to visit sites of significance and relevance to the course, around Israel, including,
  - Half day tour to Yad Vashem;
  - Full day tour to Massada, Ein Gedi, the Dead Sea and Qumeran;
  - Full day tour to the Sea of Galilee and surrounding sites including Capernaum and Nazareth.

Course Information
Students will earn two (2) credits in Jewish Studies 371: Topics in Jewish Civilization

Registration: IAP will register you for the two credit course. You do not need to register for any courses at UW – IAP will place you in a study abroad placeholder course until your final grade is received from the Resident Director. The course will post to your spring 2014 semester.

Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)
Once the Resident Director submits your final course grade to IAP, we will work to process and post Jewish Studies 371 onto your UW transcript. You will be asked to review and sign off on your final grade report before it is sent to the Registrar’s office for posting via your My Study Abroad account online.

Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit
Students cannot take this course pass/fail.

Grades and Grade Conversions
See the course syllabus for grading information. This will be provided electronically prior to departure for the program.

**Going Abroad**

**ISRAEL**

Israel – for more information and details about the country of Israel, please refer to the US State Department’s background notes at: [http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3581.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3581.htm)

The weather in Jerusalem during December/January is on average a high of 60-65 and a low of 45-50.

**Housing**

While on the program the group will be staying at Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJ) campus dormitories on the Mount Scopus campus. The dormitories are within walking distance to the classroom buildings where students will have lectures taught by HUJ professors. For more information about the dormitories at HUJ you can visit their website [http://overseas.huji.ac.il/housing](http://overseas.huji.ac.il/housing).

**Safety**

Most students that have never been to Jerusalem before are surprised at the amount of security found in all areas of the city. You will find it common to go through metal detectors when entering a building, including shopping malls, etc. You will also find the HUJ campus is guarded and you may be asked to show an ID as you enter the campus.

It is advisable to take extra precaution with your passport and money. Normally, one should not carry their passport and large sums of cash on their person. Use a money belt or pocket sewn inside your clothes for the safest way to carry money. Velcro tabs sewn to seal your pockets shut will also help thwart roving hands.

Keeping all your money in one place is not advised—guard against possible loss by leaving a small amount of money in your room or buried in your backpack, with a record of the travelers check, credit card, and passport numbers. If you leave expensive items in your room, make sure to put them in a spot not easily in sight and to lock the door when you leave.

Travel in groups or with another person at all times. You should avoid walking alone at night. If leaving the group, make sure the Resident Director knows where you are going and who else is going with you and how you will plan to meet with the group for the next part of the program.

**Health**

Food and water standards in Israel are similar to those in the United States. Most travelers do not need to take special food or water precautions beyond what they normally do at home.
To read more information about staying healthy while traveling in Israel, please visit the Center for Disease Control’s traveler’s website at http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/israel.

Traveler’s diarrhea is a common occurrence when traveling abroad. Some people’s stomachs can handle new food and ingredients better than others. You can choose to carry an over the counter stomach aid with you, such as pepto bismal (made now in pill form) or you can ask your doctor for a stronger prescription pill that you can also take with you. For more information, you can read about the symptoms at the CDC website: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2010/chapter-2/travelers-diarrhea.aspx.

COMMUNICATION

Telephone: When making calls, keep in mind time zone differences www.timeanddate.com/worldclock. To make an international call to the United States, dial the access code for the country from which you are calling plus the United States country code (always “1”) followed by the appropriate U.S. area code and local number. To call internationally from the United States, dial “011”, the country code, city access code (if necessary) and the phone number. Country and city codes can be found online www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/dialing.html. Some of above steps can vary if you are using a calling card.

Skype: Skype is a free, downloadable software application that allows users to make live video and voice calls over the internet. Skype users can also add money to their account and can then use the service to call land lines and cell phones internationally at very low rates. Additionally, Skype also provides an instant messaging function as well as file sharing.

To create a Skype account, users must download the application from www.skype.com and create a user name and password. Once the application is installed onto their computer, they can search for friends either by first and last name or using their friends' Skype usernames. Once a friend is added to a users contact list, they will be able to see whether that person is available to chat. If two users both have web-enabled video cameras for their computers, they will be able to chat face to face. For users without a web cam, a microphone is all that’s required for calls to another computer.