A Tradition of Excellence

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Introducing Bar-Ilan University

Bar-Ilan University is the world’s leading institute of higher learning that combines academic excellence with a commitment to Jewish heritage and tradition.
The University has achieved an international reputation in the sciences and humanities while remaining firmly committed to the Jewish people, its tradition and culture. Bar-Ilan has also rapidly become one of Israel’s scientific research strongholds.

Since its inception in 1955, Bar-Ilan has accomplished a remarkable level of academic achievement. Although home to the largest student body in the State of Israel, the University has succeeded in providing a sense of personal attention and a family-style atmosphere for students and faculty alike.
Bar-Ilan University at a Glance

* including undergraduates at Regional Colleges
### FACTS & FIGURES

#### Students
- Total students: 34,436
- **Ramat Gan Campus**
  - Undergraduates: 11,756
  - Graduates: 8,442 (6,745 MA, 1,697 PhD)
  - Professional development and other programs: 6,131
- **Regional Colleges**
  - Undergraduates: 8,107

#### Alumni
- Total alumni: 95,000

#### Nationalities of the Student Body
- 28 nationalities

#### Academic Faculty
- 1,350 faculty members

#### Technical and Administrative Staff
- 1,000 staff members

#### Faculties
- 6 faculties

#### Academic Departments
- 46 departments

#### Courses
- 7,112 courses

#### Academic Tracks
- Over 300 in all degree programs

#### Libraries
- 15 libraries with over 1,000,000 publications

#### Research Centers and Institutes
- 76 centers and institutes

#### Academic Chairs
- 66 chairs

#### International Academic Cooperation
- 54 accords with overseas universities

#### Physical Plant Ramat Gan
- 140 acres (540 dunams)

#### South and North Campuses
- 1.75 million sq. ft (163,000 sq. m) research and teaching facilities
- 70 buildings
- 130 laboratories
- 200 classrooms

#### Regional College Campuses
- Ashkelon College
- Jordan Valley College (Tzemach)
- Safed College
- Western Galilee College (Acre)
- Jerusalem Haredi College
- Bnot Braq Haredi College
Bar-Ilan University offers undergraduate students a choice of more than 7,112 courses in 300 bachelor degree programs across 46 departments from six different faculties.

**Faculty of Jewish Studies**

- Zalman Shamir Department of Bible Studies
- Naftal-Yaffe Department of Talmud
- Department of Jewish History
- Department of Hebrew and Semitic Languages
- Berman Department of Literature of the Jewish People
- Martin (Szusz) Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology
- Department of Interdisciplinary Jewish Studies
- Department of General History
- Hebrew Language Studies Unit
- Shulman Center for Basic Jewish Studies
- Department of the History of the Middle East
- Contemporary Judaism Program
Faculty of Humanities

- Department of Philosophy
- Department of Comparative Literature
- Department of Information Studies
- Department of Arabic
- Department of English
- English as a Foreign Language Unit
- Department of French Culture
- Department of Classical Studies
- Department of Music
- Department of Translation and Interpreting Studies

Faculty of Social Sciences

- Department of Psychology
- Pinchas Churgin School of Education
- Louis and Gabi Weisfeld School of Social Work
- Department of Political Studies
- Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- Department of Criminology
- Institute for Local Government
- Department of Economics (in the S. Daniel Abraham Center of Economics & Business)
- Graduate School of Business Administration (in the S. Daniel Abraham Center of Economics & Business)
- Department of Geography and Environmental Studies
- Division of Communication and Journalism Studies
Faculty of Exact Sciences

- Department of Mathematics
- Department of Computer Science
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Physics
- School of Engineering

Faculty of Life Sciences

- Division of Developmental Biology and Physiology
- Division of Environmental and Plant Biology
- Division of Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Division of Optometry
- Biotechnology Program

Faculty of Law

- Tax Law
- Family Law
- Law and History
- Civil Law
- International Law
- Law and Society
- Law and Economics
- Constitutional Law
- Commercial Law
- Jewish Law
- Criminal Law
Bar-Ilan University offers several specialized study frameworks:

- **Soldiers**
  Soldiers, officers and active duty reservists of the Israel Defense Forces, as well as other members of the defense and intelligence community, benefit from a range of special study programs and scholarship opportunities at Bar-Ilan University. The University also provides special tutoring and exam services for soldiers called away to military service during the academic semester.

- **New Immigrants**
  New immigrants who have a matriculation certificate from their country of origin may choose to study in the one-year pre-academic preparatory Mechina, which prepares them for regular degree studies through intensive Hebrew language studies classes and a general and Jewish studies curriculum.

- **Executive and International MBA**
  The University has established an Executive MBA program tailored to a select group of senior Israeli executives. Acceptance is based on prior experience in the workplace.

  An additional program - the International MBA in English - provides an intensive 14-month degree program for qualified students from around the world.
Senior Citizens
Bar-Ilan views community service with great regard. Over 30 years ago, the University opened its doors to thousands of mature students via the Brookdale Program in Applied Gerontology, offering a wide choice of academic courses in addition to enrichment courses geared towards senior citizens.

Students at Bar-Ilan also visit senior citizens in their homes, thereby establishing special intergenerational bonds. Every student who participates in this “Hakesher” program receives a scholarship in recognition of his or her contribution to the community.

Overseas Students
After being accepted into the various departments, foreign students with the necessary Hebrew language skills may take regular degree studies alongside Israeli students.

Bar-Ilan University also offers “Tochnit Torah V’Derech Eretz”, an enriched one-year curriculum for English-speaking students from overseas. The program combines classes in Jewish heritage, the Hebrew language and general studies in English. These students may also register for the International MBA program.

Range of Electives in the Faculty of Jewish Studies
The Faculty of Jewish Studies at Bar-Ilan University is the largest Jewish Studies faculty in the world, with 1,200 courses taught by 300 faculty to over 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, in 33 research and teaching disciplines.

The University offers 300 courses in Basic Jewish Studies, from Jewish literature and music to Jewish history and philosophy.
Bar-Ilan views in the ethical principles of Judaism the unique character of the Jewish People.

Since its inception, Bar-Ilan University has been committed to providing every Jewish student with basic knowledge of his or her roots through its unique Basic Jewish Studies Program. Located in the striking Jack and Gitta Nagel Family Jewish Heritage Center, the program offers 300 courses a year to approximately 18,000 students. In these classes, learned academicians impart cardinal Jewish knowledge to religious and secular alike, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and intellectual inquiry.

Funded by the Presidential Fund for Torah and Science, the Center for Basic Jewish Heritage Studies publishes a Parshat Hashavua study sheet in cooperation with the campus Rabbi. Thousands of copies of the sheet are distributed every week within the campus and beyond.
Over 1,200 students with advanced yeshiva or other religious educational backgrounds choose to devote time each day to higher Torah study in a traditional chavruta framework, in combination with their regular academic studies and interdisciplinary educational programs in each of the six faculties. These studies take place at the Ludwig and Erica Jesselson Institute for Advanced Torah Studies - HaMachon HaGavoah LeTorah (for men) and HaMidrashah LeBanot (for women) - institutions affiliated with the University.

The Institute prepares students to have a positive impact on campus, within their communities and in Israeli society as a whole. Among the outreach programs offered are programs of excellence in Rabbinic Training and Advanced Halachic Studies for men, and intensive courses in pre-marital counseling as well as graduate studies in Law and Halacha for women.

The Institute prides itself on the elite group of PhD candidates, Israel’s future academic, scientific, professional, educational and public service leadership. These outstanding young men and women combine their academic accomplishments with the highest levels of Torah scholarship, thus exemplifying Bar-Ilan University’s ideal of “Torah and Science”.

Advanced Torah Studies
Graduate Studies

Masters, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Studies

Advanced students have the opportunity to study and conduct research through Bar-Ilan’s 46 academic departments as well as the University’s 76 research centers.

Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs

Bar-Ilan University also offers MA and PhD degrees for outstanding students in several unique interdisciplinary graduate programs:
- Contemporary Judaism
- Gender Studies
- Brain Sciences
- Conflict Management and Negotiation
- Science, Technology and Society
- Hermeneutics
Recognizing Excellence through Scholarships for Graduate Studies

Full scholarships, along with a generous living stipend, are offered to the most talented students and researchers. The President's Doctoral Fellowships of Excellence program has become a national model that has doubled the number of doctoral students at the University and significantly deepened the level of research. The Masters of Achievement program is an important vehicle for assisting the best and brightest at graduate level. These unique scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, with academic excellence the key criterion.
Bar-Ilan University maintains international academic cooperation accords with 59 universities around the world, enhancing its research activity and gaining global recognition for its scientists.

Scientific teams in flagship projects, among which are nanotechnology and brain research, have opened challenging new vistas, which are reflected in the University research grants.
SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS

- Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (Japan)
- Bi-National Science Foundation (USA-Israel)
- BMBF (Germany)
- DIP (Germany)
- European Union (Belgium)
- GIF – German-Israel Fund
- Horowitz Foundation
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute (USA)
- Israel Military Industries
- Israel Ministry of Defense
- Israel Ministry of National Infrastructures
- Israel Ministry of Science
- Israel Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Israeli Police Department
- ISF - Israel Science Foundation
- James S. McDonnell Foundation (USA)
- National Endowment for the Humanities (USA)
- National Institutes of Health (USA)
- National Science Foundation (USA)
- New Energy and Industrial Technology - NEDO
- Development Organization (Japan)
- NATO (Belgium)
- Safra Foundation
- Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (USA)
- United States Air Force
- United States Institute for Peace
- United States Office of Naval Research
- Volkswagen Stiftung (Germany)
- Wolfson Foundation
GLOBAL RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

The universities with which Bar-Ilan University professors maintain the closest research ties include:

• United States:
  Case Western Reserve, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), New York University, Rutgers, Stanford, University of California at Berkeley, Yale

• Europe:
  Austria: Graz University of Technology
  Belgium: Ghent University
  England: University of Cambridge, University of Bristol, University of Cardiff, Coventry University, University of Kent
  France: Universite de la Mediterranee, Marseille
  Finland: Department of Internal Medicine, University of Oulu Oulu
  Germany: Ulm University, Karlsruhe University, Zentralinstitut fuer Seelische Gesundheit, Koeln University, Bonn University, Max Planck Institutes (Stroemungst Forschung, Mathematik Bonn, Festkoerperforschung Stuttgart, PML Metall Stuttgart, Institute of Colloids and Interfaces Potsdam, Mainz, Leipzig) Munich University, Kiel University, Regensburg University, University Ludwig-Maximilian, Munich, Konstanz University,
Germany (cont.)

Potsdam University, Proligo Biochemie GmbH, Hamburg, Mira Diagnostica GmbH, Leverkusen, University of Bielefeld, Klinikum der Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Fraunhofer Institute, Berlin, Hannover University, University of Bayreuth, Kassel Witzenhausen University, University of Hohenheim, Justus-Liebig University, Giessen, Bielefeld University, DKFZ, Heidelberg, Heidelberg Cancer Research Institute, Hamburger Stiftung zur Foerderung von Wissenschaft und Kultur, Department of Pneumoloy of Hospital of Philip's-University, Marburg, Institut fuer Theoretische Physik III, The Institute of Animal Protection, Berlin

Italy: I.S.I. Institute for Scientific Interchange Foundation, The University of Milan, University of Peruggia, University of Padova

Norway: The National Institute for Consumer Research, Oslo

Poland: Technical University of Lodz

Portugal: Universidade do Minho, Braga

Spain: Polytechnical University of Catalunya, Barcelona, Istitut de Recerca Tecnologia Agroalimentaries, Barcelona

- The Far East

China: Nanjing University

India: Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi

Japan: Tokyo University

Vietnam: Hanoi University of Science
SOME LEADING RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES AT BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

- Aharon & Rachel Dahan Sephardic Heritage Center
- Aharon Meir Center for Economics and Banking
- Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies (founded by Dr. Thomas O. Hecht)
- Bernard Marcus Center for Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry
- Center for Study of Family Wellbeing
- Dafna Izraeli Center for Gender and Women’s Studies
- David & Jemima Jeselsohn Epigraphic Center of Jewish History
- Dr. Zerah Warhaftig Institute for Research into Religious Zionism
- Edmond J. Safra Program
- Edmundo and Raquel Safdie Institute for AIDS and Immunology Research
- Edward I. and Fanny Baker Center for the Study of Developmental Disorders in Infants and Young Children
- Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Center for the Study of Women in Judaism
- Hadad Center for Research on Dyslexia and Reading Disorders
- Ingeborg Rennert Center for Jerusalem Studies
- Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology
• Keren Adar
• Leslie & Susan Gonda (Goldschmied) Multidisciplinary Brain Research Center
• Kukin Center for the Study of the Family
• Mikraot Gedolot Project – "HaKeter"
• Minerva Center:
  • For Physics of Mesoscopics, Fractals and Neutral Networks
  • The Heinrich Hertz Center for High Temperature Superconductivity
  • Microscale and Nanoscale Particles and Films as Tailored Biomaterial Interfaces
  • Emmy Noether Research Institute in Mathematics for Algebra, Geometry and Function Theory
• Naime & Yehoshua Salti Center for Ladino Studies
• Pearl & Jack Resnick Institute of Advanced Technology
• Raymond V. Damadian Center in Magnetic Resonance Research
• Rena Costa Center for Yiddish Studies
• Responsa Project
• Ruth & Emanuel Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women
• S. Daniel Abraham Center of Economics and Business
• Shlomo Moussaieff Center for Research of Kabbala
• Yehuda Amir Institute for Social Integration in the Educational System
• Yeshaya Horowitz Association Solar Energy Research Project
Bar-Ilan University gives high priority to fostering Jewish education and leadership, and deals with current issues on the Jewish agenda:

• Aharon & Rachel Dahan Sephardic Heritage Center
• Avi Chai Chair in Society and Judaism
• Avi Chai Programs in Jewish Education
• Baruch & Ruth Rappaport Center for Assimilation Research and the Strengthening of Jewish Vitality
• Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum Practical Rabbinics Program
• Dr. Joseph Burg Chair in Education for Human Values, Peace and Tolerance
• Dr. Zerah Warhaftig Institute for Research on Religious Zionism
• Gwendolyn and Joseph Straus Career Development Award
• Gwendolyn and Joseph Straus Distinguished Scholars Program in Jewish Studies
• Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation MA Program in Civics and Democracy
• Jim Joseph Scholars Program
• Leiman Program for the Study of Current Social Issues through Jewish Content and Values
• The Mozes S. Schupf Fellowship Program
• Parashat Hashavua Weekly Study Center
• Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora
• Religious-Secular Dialogue Program
• Rennert Project in the International Center for Jewish Identity
• Roman Mandelbaum Torah and Science Doctoral Fellowship Program
• Sami Shamoon Centre for the Study of Philosophy, Ethics and Jewish Thought
• Sander and Samuel Kolatch Graduate Program in Talmudic and Rabbinic Studies
• Sara and Simha Lainer Chair in Democracy and Civility
• Shlomo Argov Center for Israel Diaspora Relations
Bar-Ilan is particularly proud of its community outreach programs aimed at improving and helping the Israeli public at large. These include programs for the elderly, for disadvantaged and gifted youth, for Jewish communities and for educational institutions abroad:

- Bar-Ilan Brookdale Program in Applied Gerontology
- Jonathan Shor Legal Aid Program
- Perach Student Volunteer Mentoring Program for Disadvantaged Children
- Phoenix Program for the Study of Road Safety
- Pre-Academic Preparatory Program (Mechina) for Israeli students and new immigrants
- Rehabilitation Center for IDF Head Injured Disabled Veterans
- Rennert Jewish Identity Center
As well as its commitment to intellectual pursuit, Bar-Ilan University embraces an approach to life that involves caring and concern for others.

- Psychological In-house Clinics for the Community
- Institute for Social Integration in the Educational System
- Male Fertility Clinic
- Edward I. & Fanny Baker Center for the Study of Developmental Disorders in Infants and Young Children
- Victor Bentata Mathematical Program for Gifted High School Students
- Benny Landa Center for Equal Opportunity through Education and Atidim Program
- “Science Beyond 2000” for Teaching Science in Junior High School
- Clinic for Conflict Resolution and Management
- Law Clinics:
  - Legal Aid (under the auspices of Justice Sol Wachtler Chair in Legal Aid)
  - Human Rights for the Disabled
  - Legal Aid for Women in Family Disputes
  - Community Negotiation
  - Environmental Practice and Policy
  - Criminal Law Workshop
- Social Action Unit programs for the hearing and sight-impaired, the physically and emotionally challenged and the chronically ill
Founded nearly 30 years ago, the world-renowned Bar-Ilan University Press is a window on the academic research at the University and its various research centers. BLU publications, noted for their academic as well as graphic excellence and technological professionalism, present a wide variety of topics from Judaic studies to the humanities and social sciences - the work of prominent researchers from Bar-Ilan's outstanding intellectual community.
Bar-Ilan University Press At a Glance

• Over 660 separate publications
• 20 prize-winning publications
• 55 publications in reprint
• 16 multi-volume series
• 11 academic journals
• 9 Israel Prize recipients among the authors
• Ongoing participation in major international and Israeli book fairs
• Partnerships with major publishing houses in Israel and abroad

The Bar-Ilan University Press ‘jewel in the crown’ is the publication of the new edition of “Mikraot Gedolot HaKeter”
Construction of Bar-Ilan's new north campus constitutes the most ambitious educational construction venture in the history of the State of Israel.

Over the past five years, Bar-Ilan University has invested enormous resources into building a magnificent north campus in Ramat-Gan, doubling the campus area to more than 140 acres (540 dunams). This unprecedented expansion will eventually result in a campus of some 300,000 sq. m.

Among the outstanding buildings on the new north campus will be the Hall of Learning, the Student Advancement Center, the Social Sciences Community Service and Library Buildings, the Central Humanities and Library Buildings, and the Administration Building.

In addition, construction of a major new sports complex and dormitory facilities are on the drawing board during this new development phase.
Major New Facilities at BIU Campuses

- Aharon & Rachel Dahan Family Computer Engineering Building
- Aharon & Rachel Dahan Family Unity Park
- Fred & Barbara Kort Language Studies Building
- Jack & Gitta Nagel Family Jewish Heritage House
- Jeanne & Maurice Benin Annex for Real Estate Law
- Jerome L. Stern Family Graduate Studies Building
- Jesselson and Schottenstein Families Electronic Technology Building
- Jim Joseph Building for Jewish Education and Values (*in construction*)
- Leslie & Susan Gonda (Goldschmied) Brain Research Building
- Leslie & Susan Gonda (Goldschmied) Nano-Medicine Triplex (*in construction*)
- Lilly Shapell Central Promenade
- Marc Rich Foundation Bio-Engineering Building
- Marcus & Ann Rosenberg Music Building
- Mordecai & Monique Katz Information Technology Building
- Mordecai & Monique Katz Interdisciplinary Studies Building
- Peter and Aliki Rzepka Twelve Tribes Plaza (*in construction*)
- Sami Shamoon Centre/Beit HaRav Jakobovits for the Study of Ethics, Philosophy and Jewish Thought
- Max & Anna Webb and Family Psychology Building
- Wohl Centre
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The Student Ambassador Program, presents Bar-Ilan’s outstanding students – the “face of our future” to our friends and supporters in Israel and abroad. After a rigorous selection process, a unique group of students was chosen to represent Bar-Ilan, meeting with Friends Associations, donors and public officials and imparting the uniqueness of the University, its high academic level and strong communal involvement.

The invaluable goodwill spread on behalf of the University by these impressive students has been a decisive influence on the University’s image in the Jewish community worldwide.
With the assistance of its friends and supporters, Bar-Ilan University runs a multi-branched scholarship program in order to help students complete their studies. Scholarships are awarded to needy students, new immigrants, students with learning and other disabilities, gifted students and those who have served the State of Israel, such as active combat duty reservists of the Israel Defense Forces. In return, scholarship beneficiaries contribute their time to society and to other students by participating in social and educational activities, thus fulfilling the words of the prophet: “Each proffers help to his neighbor, and to his brother says ‘Be strong’.” (Isaiah, 41:6)

Bar-Ilan’s student assistance and scholarship programs include, among others:

For Needy Students and New Immigrants

• Aharon & Rachel Dahan and Family Sephardic Student Scholarship Program
• Landa Center for Equal Opportunity through Education
• Landschaft Scholarship Program
• Moshe & Rivka Gercek Scholarship Program
• Peter and Aliki Rzepka Scholarships
• Yellin Scholarships
• Trump Family Scholarships
• Gabi and Louis Weisfeld Scholarships

For Outstanding MA Students

• Isaac, Alice and Ralph Marienberg Memorial Scholarships

Special Programs

• Rose & Sigmund Strochitz Judaic Teaching Fellowship Center
• Werner Straus Graduate Scholarship Program

For Outstanding Doctoral Students

• Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Caesarea Foundation
• Jeffrey Friedland Fellowships
• I.D.B. Foundation Fellowships
• Israel Pollak Doctoral Fellowships of Excellence
• Anne Lehmann Fellowships
• Isaac, Alice and Ralph Marienberg Memorial Fellowships
• Nesher Israel Enterprises Ltd
• Marc Rich Foundation
• The Mozes S. Schupf Fellowship Program

For Post-Doctoral Students and Young Scientists

• Fred and Barbara Kort Sino-Israel Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
• Samuel and Helen Soref Young Scientist Program