



MA Program in European Studies Study Regulations

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Admission requirements

This M.A. program is accessible to students of Israeli universities and colleges recognized by the Council for Higher Education who have completed a B.A. degree in one of the relevant disciplines in the faculties of the Social Sciences, Law or Humanities with a grade point average of 80 for an M.A. diploma degree or 85 for an M.A. research degree. It is possible to switch from an M.A. diploma degree to an M.A. research degree after M.A. courses of at least half of the total credit points have been marked with an average grade of 85.

About the program

The European Studies program deals with a wide range of topics related to contemporary Europe and the European Union. The significance of the program originates in the importance of Europe and the growing interest in issues related to the EU and its role in the world. The graduate study program combines research and teaching.

The teaching program is affiliated to the three Faculties: Social Sciences, Law and Humanities. The teaching language is Hebrew (with few courses offered in English).

The M.A. program offers the following two study tracks:

M.A. research track (34 credit points)

This track is a requirement for future Ph.D. studies.

Compulsory courses (16 credit points)

- Colloquium for European Forum Students (2 credit points) – course 54677
- Methodological course in 1st year (2 credit points) – course 54699
- Methodological course in the 2nd year (2 credit points)
- Introduction to the European Union (2 credit points) – course 54800
- EU – Israel Relations (2 credit points)
- Introduction to EU law (2 credit points)
- European History, Culture and Society (2 credit points) – course 54821
- 2 Simulation courses (2 credit points)

Elective compulsory courses (14 credit points)

- Courses from the list of elective-compulsory courses (10 credit points)*
- Seminary paper in one of the compulsory or elective-compulsory seminar courses (4 credit points)

*it is recommended to study course [54882 Designing Your Research](#) in the first year

Elective courses (4 credits)

Courses from the program's course list

M.A. Thesis (35% of the final grade) is written under the supervision of one of the teachers of the Faculties of Social Sciences, Law or Humanities. The thesis is graded by two teachers and, together with the final grade, determines the eligibility of the student for the Ph.D. program.

Foreign language

Knowledge of a European language besides English is not a pre-requisite for admission into the program for students; however it is compulsory for all students in order to graduate to pass an exemption exam or an advanced level exam in one of the following languages: French, German, Italian or Spanish. Credit points for language course will not be included in the average total credit points for the degree. Students, who speak one of the above languages and/or passed the language exams during their graduate studies, are not required to learn an additional European language.

M.A. non-research track (36 credit points)**Compulsory courses (14 credit points)**

- Colloquium for European Forum Students (2 credit points) – course 54677
- Methodological seminar in the 1st year (2 credit points) – course 54699
- Introduction to the European Union (2 credit points) – course 54800
- EU – Israel Relations (2 credit points)
- Introduction to EU law (2 credit points)
- European History, Culture and Society (2 credit points)
- 2 Simulation courses (2 credit points)

Elective compulsory courses (12 credit points)

- Courses from the list of elective-compulsory courses (8 credit points)
- Seminary paper in one of the compulsory or elective-compulsory seminar courses (4 credit points)

*students who intend to switch to the research track are advised to study course 54882 Designing Your Research in the first year

Elective courses (10 credits)

- Courses from the program's course list (6 credit points).
- Seminar paper in one of the program's seminar course list (4 credit points)

Foreign language

Knowledge of a European language besides English is not a pre-requisite for admission into the program for students; however, it is compulsory for all students in order to graduate to pass an exemption exam or an advanced level exam in one European language. **In the non-research track, any European language can be recognized provided that students submit an official document attesting their language proficiency.*** Credit points for language courses will not be included in the average total credit points for the degree. Students, who speak one of the above languages, passed the language exams during their graduate studies, or present a certificate (at least B2/1) from an accredited institution, are not required to learn an additional European language.

* Accredited institutions: **university or an institution authorized to provide language proficiency attests in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CEFR**, such as the Goethe Institute, the Cervantes Institute, Institut français de Jérusalem Romain Gary, Dante Alighieri Society.