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Under the administration of its Binghamton campus, the State University of New York offers a program in Israel consisting of two months on a kibbutz and four months (spring semester) at Haifa University. Students may elect to attend only the university during the spring or, if space permits, in the fall semester.

• **Prerequisites**

The program is open to SUNY and non-SUNY students irrespective of their academic background and major. However, since the program is limited to a maximum of thirteen students, the program committee must necessarily be selective in admitting students. The main prerequisites are a grade-point average of at least 3.0 and evidence that the student is prepared to adapt to a foreign environment. Knowledge of Hebrew is not required, but students with a Hebrew background derive greater benefit from the program and are preferred. All interested candidates are advised to take at least a semester of Hebrew before going on the program.

• **Calendar**

Students leave from New York City on December 27 for the kibbutz part of the program. Following the kibbutz period, there is a short vacation, after which students move to Haifa University. The spring semester at Haifa starts on March 3 and lasts until June 7. Students may return to New York at the end of final examinations or they may elect to stay on in Israel during the summer.

• **The Kibbutz**

The kibbutz is a unique utopian experiment of women and men living and working together collectively in an agricultural setting. SUNY students live on a kibbutz in the north of Israel for two months and, by working together with kibbutz members, experience firsthand the rewards and difficulties of communal living. The students are adopted by kibbutz families and are welcome to return to the kibbutz after they have moved to Haifa University. Students work an average of six hours a day in all branches of the kibbutz economy.

During the kibbutz period, students take a Hebrew language program which meets two hours a day. By successfully completing the program, the student earns 4 SUNY credits.

After arrival at Haifa, the student may elect to write a paper on some aspect of kibbutz society, under the supervision of a Haifa faculty member. The paper is worth 3 SUNY credits.

• **Haifa University**

Situated on Mount Carmel overlooking the Mediterranean, Haifa University is the home of the SUNY students during the spring semester. Haifa is a liberal arts institution with strong programs in the humanities and social sciences (there are no courses in the natural sciences). Courses in Jewish history, Middle Eastern studies, archaeology, and other subjects are available in English. Students with sufficient Hebrew preparation may take courses in the regular university offerings subject to the normal prerequisites. Students with limited knowledge of Hebrew may take regular university courses and are allowed to write papers and do their reading in English. Tutorial assistance is available to help such students follow the lectures.

The students live with Israeli students in the university dormitories; rooms are equipped with small kitchens, and students do their own cooking.

• **Trips and Special Seminars**

Under the auspices of the Haifa School of Overseas Students and the SUNY resident director, a number of special seminars on kibbutz and other topics are held during both periods of the program.

Several optional trips are available to students at a nominal extra charge. After the kibbutz period, a five-day trip is taken to the southern desert. During the spring semester, short trips are offered to the Galilee, Jerusalem, and other sites.

• **Credits**

Credits earned in Israel are SUNY credits automatically transferred to the student's SUNY campus. The student may earn up to fifteen credits at Haifa University during the spring semester. Together with the four credits for the ulpan and three credits for the optional paper on kibbutz, a maximum of 22 credits is available. Students must take a minimum of twelve credits.

• **Costs:** SUNY-tuition payable at SUNY-Binghamton)  
Program fees — \$250 (payable at SUNY-Binghamton)

Flight — \$783 (approximate)

Dormitory and health insurance — \$300 (approximate)

Food, optional trips, entertainment, etc. — \$1000-\$1500 (estimate)

**Total Cost: SUNY tuition plus \$2300-\$2800**

• **Application deadline: October 30, 1985**

• **Further information and applications:**  
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