



DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

Higher Education System in Israel

Degrees

Higher education in Israel is a three-tiered system offering Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degree programs. Programs granting Bachelor's degrees (e.g., BA, BSc, BSN, BSW) usually last three or four years. Completion of this first degree qualifies students for admission to subsequent degree programs. Master's degree programs generally last two years and offer a thesis or non-thesis tracks. Students who complete a Master's degree with a research track are eligible for admission to Doctorate programs. Each university determines additional admissions requirements. Doctorate programs generally last four to six years and are offered in various disciplines.

Access to Higher Education

Israeli institutes of higher education generally require a matriculation diploma and a standardized psychometric examination. The exact requirements vary depending on the institution and field of study. Programs may have additional requirements such as entrance interviews, examinations, or artistic portfolios. Admission requirements for all programs are determined on a competitive basis by the institution and are approved by Israel's Council for Higher Education (CHE).

Types of Higher Education Institutions

Israel has 61 academic institutions: nine universities (including the Open University) and 31 academic colleges that award Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Currently, only research universities offer research PhD degrees.

Government Agencies

The Council for Higher Education (CHE), established according to the Council for Higher Education Act 1958, is the regulatory body responsible for the academic aspects of all institutions of higher education in Israel. According to the Council for Higher Education Act, higher education institutions are accredited by the Quality Assessment Division of the CHE at the study program level in universities and colleges.



Ruppin Academic Center

With 5000 students, Ruppin Academic Center (RAC) is one of the largest public colleges in Israel. It was established in 1949 by Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion.

Today, RAC awards 21 undergraduate (BA, BSc, BSN, BSW) and graduate degrees (MA, MBA, MSc) in Marine Sciences, Engineering, Social and Community Sciences, Economics and Management. RAC offers innovative study programs committed to developing knowledge and professional competencies that address Israel's most vital social and economic challenges.

Ruppin Academic Center has been consistently awarded top ratings in satisfaction surveys conducted among Israel's higher education student population.

The Ruppin Academic Center has four faculties:

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration awards BA degrees in Economics and Accounting, Economics and Management, Business Administration, and a Global Master's in Business Administration (MBA).

The Faculty of Social and Community Sciences awards Bachelor's degrees in Behavioral Sciences (BA), Nursing Sciences (BSN), and Social Work (BSW) and Master's degrees in Immigration and Social Integration, Organizational Psychology, Clinical Psychology (with thesis), and Clinical Psychology of Adulthood and Aging.

The Faculty of Engineering awards BSc degrees in Industrial Engineering and Management, Computer Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Computer and Information Sciences, and MA degrees in Logistics and Global Supply Chain.

The Faculty of Marine Sciences awards BSc degrees in Marine Environmental Sciences and Marine Biotechnology, Master's degrees in Marine Resource Management and MSc degree in Marine Sciences (with thesis).



The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at the Ruppin Academic Center has been awarding CHE-accredited academic degrees since 1979. The Faculty currently offers three undergraduate programs with CHE accreditation: BA degrees in Economics and Management; Economics and Accounting, and Business Administration, as well as a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA). Students in these undergraduate and graduate degree programs acquire basic concepts in management and economics and advanced analytical and thinking tools that enable them to move into challenging and diverse roles in Israel's business and public sectors. The academic programs at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration combine theory, research, and practice with a wide range of specializations, including Finance, Accounting, Marketing, Human Resource Management, Organizational Development and Consulting, Information Systems Management, and Business Innovation. The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration is divided into four departments.



Undergraduates (BA) in Economics and Management – Profile

The Economics and Management program provides its graduates with comprehensive academic knowledge, analytical methods, and professional skills. It consists of general fundamental studies (mathematics, English, academic writing, computers, and statistics), core studies in economics, management, and finance, and various advanced elective courses and seminars in these areas. In addition to the general track, the program offers three specializations: Finance and Financial Consulting, Real Estate Economics and Land Appraisal, and Information Systems. The degree program takes three years (six semesters), and students earn 120 academic credits.

Upon completion of the study program and professional training in the general track, graduates are expected to have the following knowledge, competencies, and skills:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals and main fields of economics and the role played by various markets and institutions in the national and global economy;
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding in the main fields of finance, including a high degree of specialized knowledge in specific areas;
- The ability to apply theoretical knowledge for analyzing individual economic behavior, macroeconomic events and processes, and government interventions;
- A national and international perspective on the Israeli economy;
- The ability to map feasible choices and prioritize them for optimal economic decisions in line with resource constraints;
- The ability to examine and critically discuss alternative economic and social policies and assess their possible benefits and risks for the economy and the welfare of the people;
- The ability to apply theoretical knowledge to an empirical research question, design and perform a small-scale research project and present its results and conclusions in writing and orally;



- The ability to identify, collect, and integrate economic and financial data and use appropriate econometric methods and suitable software and statistical packages to analyze trends and relationships between variables;
- Have specialized skills in applying various tools, methods and measures for building financial models, quantifying financial risk, evaluating feasible financial alternatives and examining the profitability of business investments and loans;
- Demonstrated ability to apply theory and methods to economic, financial, accounting and managerial information systems to analyze a company's performance and make business decisions;
- The ability to work independently and in groups and contribute to a common learning environment;
- Demonstrated social, professional and moral responsibility and a respect for human rights, multiculturalism, and diversity.
- Handle new and upcoming accounting regulations and pronouncements and analyze their impact on a client's company.
- Further, studying in a culturally diverse program enables graduates to acquire values related to human rights, gender equality, equal opportunities, non-discrimination, and accessibility for disabled people and other disadvantaged groups.