



## **THE MECHINA**

### **FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS AND TOURISTS**

### **INFORMATION SHEET**

***“The Mechina for New Immigrants”*** is a preparatory program for Olim Chadashim (new immigrants) and tourists intending to embark on academic studies in Israel.

The Mechina offers a 1 year program, aiming to familiarize the student with the teaching methods of the university, and prepare them for continued education in ANY Israeli institution of higher learning. The program covers a broad spectrum of subjects and includes, among others, Judaic studies, Math, Hebrew, and elective courses. The courses are taught in a pleasant environment, adapted the specific needs of the new immigrants and tourists who have just arrived in Israel.

- The Mechina runs in two cycles. The first cycle lasts from August and till June, the second starts in January and ends in August.  
The Mechina program consists of compulsory courses and a several electives.
- The Mechina teachers, instructors and administration try to assist the new student to successfully adjust to studying at Bar Ilan, and to become a part of campus life. In addition to the educational aspect, the Mechina also focuses on getting to know the country in order to facilitate the students' integration and naturalization processes. Studies are complemented by social gatherings, tours and weekends spent all over the country.

**Compulsory courses:** Hebrew, English, Math, Government, and 2-3 Judaic courses.

**Optional courses:** Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Land of Israel Studies, Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

Classes take place Sunday through Thursday, over approx. 30-40 weekly hours. Within the Mechina framework, students can also participate in a psychometric exam preparatory course (for an additional fee).

- A Hebrew Ulpan course is included in both Mechina cycles. Study level is "bet" to "vav" (2-6). The Ulpan runs for 6 weeks, followed by a short break, after which the Mechina begins.
- Mechina Graduates receive a diploma specifying the study track, courses and grades, including the general average. Courses in English and Hebrew are acknowledged for continued study at **all academic institutions in Israel**.

### **Tuition:**

- ❖ New Immigrant students are entitled to full tuition coverage according to the Students' Authority criteria.
- ❖ New Immigrant students who served in the I.D.F. are entitled to full coverage according to the Defense Ministry criteria.
- ❖ Tuition for the Mechina cycle starting in August (Mechina Aleph) for tourist students is \$8,750.
- ❖ Tuition for the Mechina cycle starting in January (Mechina Bet) for tourist students is \$8,250.
- ❖ Tourist students are entitled to request a scholarship from [MASA](#).

### **Accommodations:**

Dormitory rooms are reserved only for religiously observant students (Shabbat, kashrut and modest dress). The number of rooms is limited, and acceptance is conditional upon an interview with the dormitory division.

Single new immigrant students are entitled to Student Authority Absorption Center dormitory allocation.

Apartments and rooms for rent are available in the vicinity of Bar-Ilan University. Our office will try to assist in finding housing in this vicinity.

### **Acceptance requirements and registration procedures:**

In order to register for the Mechina, candidates must present the following documents:

Original and copy of:

1. A high school diploma and grade sheet
2. An Ulpan diploma
3. A picture ID
4. Certificates of immigration (for new immigrant students)
5. A health insurance membership card (kupat cholim)
6. 2 photos
7. 350 NIS in registration fees (these fees are non refundable)

Applicants who are not in Israel at the time of registration only need to send a copy of their high school diploma. The remaining documents and the registration fees can be submitted to the Mechina registration office upon the student's arrival in Israel.

**Placement exam** (required): Hebrew, Math, and English.

### **Program calendar:**

<b>Mechina Aleph</b>		<b>Mechina Bet</b>
Summer Ulpan	August 2010 - September 2010	
Duration of classes	October 2010 - June 2011	Duration of classes January 2011- August 2011

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