

Before Your Year in Israel: Financial Aid & Course Registration Preparation Tips

Ordination students have a lot to juggle in your academic, personal, and professional lives as you prepare to study abroad in Israel for a year. We hope these tips help make the planning process easier when it comes to financial aid and course registration.

Things to think about if you use loans and scholarships:

- **Applying for aid for the new academic year:**
 - **By March 1 of the semester before:** you must reapply for financial aid for the next year. The application includes the [Hebrew College Application for Financial Aid](#) and the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). We cannot base any financial aid decisions on incomplete applications. Applications received after the March 1 deadline will still be considered, but there may be less institutional money available for distribution.
 - **You may apply for federal student loans at any time of the year, however.**
 - **August 15:** The deadline for loan request forms if students want loan funds disbursed at the start of the fall semester.
 - Students (U.S. citizens only) can request a federal loan at any point during the fall or spring semesters, even while you are in Israel.
- **Tuition charges:** You will not see tuition charges on your Campus Café account until **after** you have registered for the fall semester. See “Class Registration” below.
- **Collecting loan reimbursement checks:** If the federal government sends us loan amounts that exceed what you need for the current semester, Hebrew College will send you a check for any amount left over within 14 days after the disbursement date to be used for rent, etc. During that 14-day period, you may change your mind about borrowing, and the loan money will then be returned to the federal government.
 - **You will need to authorize a family member or friend** to pick up your loan reimbursement check and deposit it in your U.S. bank account. Hebrew College cannot be held responsible for storing your checks in your absence.
 - **Before you head overseas:** Send this person’s name, email address, and phone number to Mayan Baram, Student Accounts Coordinator & Assistant Registrar, at mbaram@hebrewcollege.edu.

Class registration:

- **Register through Campus Café for course “INT777”,** titled, “Israel Study Abroad for Rabbinic Students”. This will register you for six credits, which you need to qualify for financial aid.
- **Send the courses that you wish to take in Israel to Laurena Rosenberg,** Ordination Programs Administrator, to receive approval from Rabbi Daniel Klein, Dean of the Rabbinical School, and your advisor. These courses will be tracked through the Rabbinical School.
- Please contact Laurena for any questions that you may have regarding the Israel Study Abroad program at lrosenberg@hebrewcollege.edu.

Questions? Please contact studentservices@hebrewcollege.edu.