

## 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](mailto:mbaram@hebrewcollege.edu).

### Class registration:

- **Registration and Credit:** **To get credit for courses, students will register what they are taking with Pardes at the beginning of each semester.** Students are expected to regularly attend class and beit midrash, if relevant, and be active participants, as confirmed by course faculty at the end of the course.
- Please contact Laurena Rosenberg, Ordination Programs Administrator, for any questions that you may have regarding the Israel Study Abroad program at [lrosenberg@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:lrosenberg@hebrewcollege.edu).