

# MA IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Herta and Paul Amir Faculty of Social Sciences  
Center for the Study of Child Development

Head of Program: **Prof. Abraham (Avi) Sagi-Schwartz**

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## **The Program:**

**The International MA Program in Child Development** was established with the goal of improving the lives of children around the world. It is designed to prepare the next generation of international experts who will focus on pressing questions regarding the nature of child development and how it applies to the lives of children and their families in the developing world. This unique program equips professionals with the knowledge and skills that are necessary when returning to their home countries to affect and influence the well-being of children and their families.

## **Admission Requirements:**

- ◆ Accredited BA in relevant academic disciplines related to social services for children: social work, occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, physical therapy, medicine, nursing, early childhood education, psychology and law.
- ◆ Copy of diploma and transcript.
- ◆ A minimum of 3.0 GPA, 80% or equivalent.
- ◆ **At least three years** of experience working with children and families. Preference will be given to individuals who already demonstrate experience in leadership positions in their respective fields.
- ◆ English test scores might be required if native language is not English or candidates have not previously studied at an institution of higher education where the language of instruction is English. In such events we will consider each candidate on an individual basis, also based on further evidence attesting to mastery of the English language.
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation from university faculty members and/or senior professionals in the field.
- ◆ Statement of Purpose (500 words).
- ◆ Personal History Statement (500 words).

- ◆ Copy of valid passport.
- ◆ Medical forms.

### **Courses:**

Courses are subject to change. Please see program website for the most up to date curriculum.

### **Fall semester**

*Early Socioemotional Development* (2 Hours)

*Early Detection and Screening of Developmental Problems* (1 Hour) **Prof. Emanuel Tirosh**

*Cognitive & Language Development and Emerging Literacy* (2 Hours) **Bat-Sheva Hadad-Mantur**

*Parenting and Attachment* (2 Hours) **Dr. Sarit Alkalay**

*Statistics for Developmental Sciences* (2 Hours) **Dr. Keren Or-Chen**

*Selected Issues in Child Development Research* (2 Hours) **Ella Levert -Levitt**

*Developmental Science (A)* (2 Hours)

*Final Project Seminar (A)* (2 Hours) **Dr. Smadar Dolev, Dr. Nurit Gur Yaeish, Dr. Efi Stolarski**

*Program Seminar Including Selected Topics in Applied Developmental Sciences (invited lecturers including international)* (A) (2 Hours) **Prof. Abraham Sagi-Schwartz**

*Emotional and Professional Development (A)* (2 Hours) **Dr. Shlomit Bresle**

*Children with Special Needs* (2 Hours)

### **Spring Semester**

*Selected Issues in Child Development Research* (2 Hours) **Prof. Abraham Sagi-Schwartz and Dr. Shira Youval Adler**

*Early Intervention Programs* (2 Hours) **Dr. Kathy Jacobi**

*Psychological Assessments of Young Children* (2 Hours) **Dr. Sarit Alkalay**

*Developmental Psychopathology: Internal & External Risk Factors* (2 Hours) **Dr. Kathy Jacobi**

*Observation and Evaluation Methods* (2 Hours) **Dr. Smadar Dolev**

*Final Project Seminar )B) (2 Hours) Dr. Smadar Dolev, Dr. Nurit Gur Yaeish, Dr. Efi Stolarski*

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### **Program Duration:**

The duration of the program is one academic year, spread over three semesters, from October to the end of July. All coursework for the program should be completed during the first two semesters, while the third semester is dedicated to supervised independent projects.

### **Evaluation:**

The final grade will be assessed as follows

Course grades – 75%

Final project – 25%

### **Diploma:**

Master of Arts in Child Development

### **Further information regarding the program:**

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