

**The Faculty of Humanities**

**The Weiss-Livnat  
International MA program in  
Holocaust Studies**

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<http://holocaust-studies.haifa.ac.il>

**Program Objective**

The prime program objective is training young scholars – of different origins – in the field of Holocaust studies, while providing them with vast, multidisciplinary education which would enable them to conduct their own independent research.

The program is unique in the sense that it sets out to expose its students to various intellectual fields in the realms of Humanities and Social Sciences (history, education, social psychology, anthropology, genocide, Museology art and literature), alongside providing them with versatile research methods – of both humanities and social sciences – through guided work in different archives, studying relevant languages, enriching extracurricular activities, guest lectures and educational field trips in Israel and Poland.

The program is also unique thanks to the cooperation with different museums and archives of the period of the Holocaust in Israel, such as The Ghetto Fighters' House, Yad VaShem, the Atlit Refugee Camp, and abroad such as: the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, Polin - the Museum for Jewish history in Warsaw & more – in all which the students would be able to conduct their research based on primal sources, while gaining experience in writing academic research essays. The field trip to Poland will introduce the students to historic sites that teach of the rich Jewish lives that were led there prior to WWII, the Ghettos, Death camps and museums.

The program offers various internship opportunities in different museums, schools and archives in Israel and abroad. The internships will allow different types of work such as classification and cataloging of information, putting together an educational curriculum for day schools, conducting research based on rare historic findings, etc.

**The program is aimed for both Israeli and International students and will be conducted in English**

## Application Requirements

- An undergraduate degree achieved from a recognized academic institute in Israel or abroad
- A minimum 3.0 GPA or an 80% average
- A minimum 80% grade on the TOEFL exam (students who have graduated from an academic institute where the language of instruction was English will be exempted from this requirement)
- Two academic references
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Purpose

## Prerequisites

Students that lack an academic background in history will be required to take an extra course of introduction to European history and the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The course will be taken on-line. The students will be requested to complete the course prior to the start of the academic year.

## Program Structure

We offer two tracks of study:

- Track A – with a dissertation (thesis paper)
- Track B – with a final exam / final project

## Program Duration

The duration of the program is one year, 2.5 days per week (spread over 3 semesters – including a summer semester). The program can be spread over two years (6 semesters), one day a week.

## Requirements for Concluding the Program

Track A – with a dissertation: 32 hours per week and a thesis paper which will count for 50% of the final grade.

Track B – without a dissertation: 38 hours per week and a final exam / final project that will count for 30% of the final grade.

## Diploma

Once finishing the studies and after having completed the program's requirements, each student will be qualified to earn a **Masters of Arts in Holocaust Studies** from the University of Haifa.