



# ARIZONA IN ISRAEL - AND ZAMBIA

## AU Arizona Summer Study Abroad Program - 2024

Taught & Directed by Faculty from  
The Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

LOCATIONS:

ISRAEL (Jerusalem & Tel-Aviv)

And for the first time, ZAMBIA (Lukasa & Mphande)

### **CORE FACULTY & PROGRAM LEADERSHIP:**

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The *Arizona in Israel–and Zambia* Study Abroad program offered by The Arizona Center for Judaic Studies provides a hands-on introduction to Israel’s dynamic society. Israel is a modern country deeply rooted in ancient cultures, and it is situated in one of the world’s most important historical and geopolitical crossroads. Students will split the month in Israel between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and will enroll in credit-bearing courses that incorporate numerous field trips and fieldwork assignments. Throughout the month in Israel, the focus will be on engaging in authentic Israeli experiences, and learning about Israel from a wide range of perspectives. Students will be introduced to ancient, medieval, and modern archaeological and historical sites, and they will visit unique collections of Judaic and Near Eastern materials in Israel’s world-renowned museums. They will also be introduced to modern Israeli communities, and to institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including the Israeli Knesset (Parliament).

After studying, traveling, and training in Israel, students will travel together to Zambia, where they stay for five weeks. They will train in Lukasa, and then work on a development project in the village of Mphande.

**ACADEMIC CREDIT:**

- The Israel component of the trip is a **two course (6-credit) program**.
- **Six additional internship credits** are available, for five weeks of development work in Zambia.
- **GRADUATE STUDENTS:** For graduate courses and graduate credits, consult Prof. Graizbord.
- UA credits in JUS, POL, HIST, MENA, RELI, SGPP are available. For details, consult Prof. Graizbord.
- For credit in other departments and colleges at UA, or at other universities, consult with individual academic advisors.
- Academic credit for internships in Arizona and elsewhere, based on the Israel-Zambia experience, is possible, upon return to the States.
- All courses include field trips, fieldwork assignments, and applied learning in development projects.

**\*PROSPECTIVE\* PROGRAM DATES (subject to minor changes): June 2 – August 6, 2024**

- Orientation and introductory coursework  
online or in person at UArizona: June 2 – June 8
- Jerusalem: June 11 – June 24
- Tel Aviv: June 24 – July 8
- Zambia (Lukasa & Mphande): July 8 – August 6

**NOTE REGARDING FLIGHTS:**

All students will travel together. Flights to Israel and Zambia, and back to the U.S., are prearranged and booked together (same date; same carrier).

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:**

- Accommodations in Jerusalem, Israel: Abraham Hostel
- Accommodations in Tel Aviv, Israel: Abraham Hostel
- Meals in Israel: Meals available through hostel cafeteria and nearby market(s) and restaurants
- Accommodations in Lukasa, Zambia: Hotel (TBA)
- Accommodations in Mphande, Zambia: Permanent tents or brick hut
- Meals in Zambia: Meals available in restaurants (Lukasa) and in village kitchens (Mphande)

**ELEGIBILITY/APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UArizona UNDERGRADUATES:**

- 2.5 GPA. Interested students with lower GPAs should consult with Prof. Graizbord.
- Interview with Prof. Graizbord and/or Dr. Hammer.
- All students **must** declare a Judaic Studies major or minor prior to beginning summer program. For further information, consult Academic Advisor Christopher Cruz ([cbcruz75@arizona.edu](mailto:cbcruz75@arizona.edu)).

**ELIGIBILITY/APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-UArizona STUDENTS:**

- Official transcript from undergraduate or graduate institution.
- 3.00 GPA. Interested students with lower GPAs should consult with Prof. Graizbord.
- Letter of reference emailed by referee directly to Prof. Graizbord.
- Non-UArizona students are not eligible for UArizona and Judaic Studies scholarships.
- Consult Prof. Graizbord to discuss issues related to course registration.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS:** Consult Prof. Graizbord.

**ONLINE APPLICATION:**

<https://bit.ly/applyAZIsrael>

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2024**

**SUBMIT** as soon as possible, since financial aid is competitive.

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS:**

- Students are responsible for obtaining their own passports.
- UArizona students can consult The Global Center (<https://international.arizona.edu/passports>).
- Visas for entry into Zambia are provided upon arrival in Lukasa.

**HEALTH, EMERGENCY CARE, AND EVACUATION INSURANCE:**

- All students must have health insurance, available through University of Arizona.
- UArizona students will be enrolled in an insurance program that covers health emergencies and emergency evacuation.
- UA students can consult UA International (<https://international.arizona.edu/>).
- Students not enrolled at University of Arizona must provide proof of comparable health, emergency, and evacuation insurance.

**PROGRAM COST:**

\$13,000 (estimated, as of Nov. 2022), including airfare, sleeping accommodations, and tuition for UArizona courses. Students are responsible for their own meals, other than breakfasts in Israel.

- In past years, The Arizona Center for Judaic Studies has funded at least half of all students' expenses for the Israel segment of the program.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AND FINANCIAL AID:**

- Partial and/or full scholarships for the Israel segment are available for UArizona students.
- Seven full scholarships for the Zambia segment are available for UArizona students.
- Students can search for funding through University of Arizona (see below), and will be required to submit the FAFSA to receive need-based loans and grants to support their summer academic studies. Pell Grant recipients may qualify for \$2000 stipends for study abroad.
- Students are encouraged to apply for funding from private sources, as well.

**For University of Arizona Funding Sources, contact:**

1) UArizona Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid:

<https://financialaid.arizona.edu/>

2) UArizona Office of Study Abroad and Student Exchange:

<http://global.arizona.edu/study-abroad/financial-information>

3) UArizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:

<http://web.sbs.arizona.edu/college/scholarships>

**The Arizona Center for Judaic Studies' Scholarships for Study in Israel:*****The Florence Kaiserman Scholarship***

The Florence Kaiserman Memorial Scholarship is primarily intended to assist Judaic Studies students wishing to enroll in an accredited study program in Israel. Applicants must be full time Judaic Studies students at the University of Arizona, and in good academic standing. The scholarship may also be used by Judaic Studies majors for tuition at The University of Arizona. For further information and application procedures, contact Martha Castleberry.



***The Ronald and Diane Weintraub Israel Study Award***

The Ronald and Diane Weintraub Israel Study Award is intended for students who enroll in a UArizona accredited study abroad program in Israel. For further information and application procedures, contact Martha Castleberry.

**Additional JUS Departmental Scholarships**

Amounts vary, depending upon factors that include submitted program applications and commitment to participation in the program. Direct inquiries to Martha Castleberry or to Prof. Graizbord.

**COURSES OFFERED FOR CREDIT:**

1. *Jewish Civilization: A Gateway Course* (JUS 301) – 3 credits
  2. *Modern Israel* (JUS/HIST/MENA/POL 377) – 3 credits
  3. *International Human Rights, Transitional Justice, and Israel* (JUS/SGPP 384) – 3 credits
  4. *Independent Study* (JUS 399), *Internship-for-credit* (JUS 493), and/or *Practicum* (JUS 494) – 3 credits
- For full course descriptions, see <https://catalog.sbs.arizona.edu/?dept=2>.
  - For additional coursework possibilities, including graduate credits for graduate students enrolled at UArizona or elsewhere, contact Prof. Graizbord.

**NOTE: Martha Castleberry, in the Arizona Center for Judaic Studies, will handle all enrollment for students in this summer program. For further information, contact her directly.**

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# FROM ISRAEL TO ZAMBIA



During their four weeks in Israel, students will stay in the Abraham Hostels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. They are in great neighborhoods in each city, and offer access to fun and engaging sights, and to a real feel for life in two very different cities. Hostel rooms will be shared with fellow students. A hearty Israeli breakfast is included! Throughout the two weeks in each city, students will visit museums, NGOs working on issues ranging from politics to LGBTQ+ and gender rights, and more etc. They will visit governmental offices, start-ups, businesses, and law firms. They will have opportunities to meet with interesting and engaging people from all walks of life, who comprise Israel's diverse social and cultural fabric. Students will share in unique cultural activities in each city, and experience the contrasting approaches to Shabbat that highlight a range of approaches to Israel's day of rest. During their month in Israel, students will train for their work in Zambia, through a series of orientation seminars.

They will then travel to Lukasa, Zambia, where they will attend additional workshops. From Lukasa, they will travel overland to the village of Mphande. In Mphande, students will join multicultural teams working on on-going and/or new development projects. *Tevel b'Tzedek* will train students to work alongside local and international activists, with the goal of creating sustainable change for rural communities. Students will work on *Tevel's* projects, joining together with local partners and supervised by *Tevel's* Israeli staff and by UArizona faculty. The goal of these projects is the empowerment of Mphande's villages. All work is done in accordance with the spirit of local culture, and with the Jewish value of *Tikun ha-Olam* (Repairing the World), while taking advantage of Israeli entrepreneurial expertise and know-how.

## **Areas of Special Interest:**

Judaic Studies, Engineering, Agriculture, Hydrology and Arid Lands, Water Resources, Business, Geography, Political Science, Anthropology, Religious Studies, Africana Studies, Women and Gender Studies – and many more.

## **Post-Summer Internships:**

Upon returning to the States, participants should consult with their home departments and/or with Judaic Studies, in order to design and undertake internships focused on community resilience in Arizona, using those skills and experiences acquired through the Israel-Zambia Program.

## **Ideal Summer Program Participants are Mature and Committed Students Who:**

- Seek meaningful service opportunities focused on socio-economic challenges in the global south.
- Wish to acquire first-hand knowledge of the connection between service, Jewish and Zambian values, and Israeli entrepreneurship.
- Are eager to engage with people in rural communities, and to share in improving their lives.
- Work well in multicultural teams.
- Are willing to undertake challenging roles that will provide new skills and experiences in various fields of learning and endeavor.