Arizona in Israel, 2023: A UArizona Summer Program

LOCATION: Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv—and now Zambia too! (SEE BELOW)

ACADEMIC CREDIT AVAILABLE:

- This is a 2-course, 6-credit program in Israel PLUS
- 6+ additional credits for internship/development work in Zambia (program dates and details below)
- Additional credit for anticipated local internship in Arizona/US based on Israel-Zambia experience
- JUS, POL, COMM, and SOC direct credit is available. For details, inquire with the Program Director (Prof. Graizbord). For possible RELI, ANTHRO, PSYCH, ELLER, ENG, MENAS (and others) transfer credit, consult individual departments.
- All courses include field trips, fieldwork assignments, and applied learning in development projects.

PROGRAM DATES (subject to slight change): June 2 – August 12

CLASS/FIELDWORK DATES (subject to slight changes):

On-line or in person at UA: June 2 – June 8
Jerusalem: June 11 – June 24
Tel Aviv: June 24 – July 8
Zambia: July 8—August 12

ELEGIBILITY/APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UArizona STUDENTS:

- 2.5 GPA (undergraduate and/or graduate)—lower with 1 letter of reference (on-line or hard copy)
- Interview with program leaders (Prof. Graizbord and/or Prof. Hammer)
- Must pursue Judaic Studies Minor after program (see JUS advisor)

ELEGIBILITY/APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR non-UArizona STUDENTS:

- Official transcripts from undergraduate or graduate institution
- 3.00 GPA (lower GPA acceptable with good recommendations)
- 2 letters of reference (on-line or hard copy submission)

ON-LINE APPLICATION: https://forms.gle/sLJUpdGdUBu36mUh9

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2023—but PLEASE SUBMIT ASAP as financial aid is competitive.
PROGRAM COST (est. as of November 2022): $13,000 including round trip airfare(s)

(IT’S A LOT, BUT DON’T WORRY! WE HAVE SCHOLARSHIP MONEYS AND HAVE HISTORICALLY COVERED MUCH OF THE EXPENSE. SEE BELOW)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- **Jerusalem**: Abraham Hostel.
- **Tel Aviv**: Abraham Hostel.
- **Zambia** (Lukasa): Hotel (TBA)
- **Zambia** (Mphande village): Outdoor tents
- In Israel: Meals available through hostel cafeteria and nearby market(s) and restaurants
- In Zambia: Meals available in restaurants (in Lukasa) and outdoor village kitchens

HEALTH INSURANCE:

- Available through UA.
- UA students will be automatically enrolled in an insurance program to cover emergencies and evacuation.

FINANCIAL AID:

Students may submit the FAFSA to receive need-based loans and grants to support their summer academic studies. Pell Grant recipients may qualify for $2000 stipend for study abroad. Students may also apply for scholarships from various private sources, some of which do not share the UA’s commitment to equal opportunity. These sources include:

1) UA Office Scholarships and Financial Aid:

[https://financialaid.arizona.edu/](https://financialaid.arizona.edu/)

2) UA Office of Study Abroad and Student Exchange:

[http://global.arizona.edu/study-abroad/financial-information](http://global.arizona.edu/study-abroad/financial-information)

3) UA College of Social and Behavioral Studies:

[http://web.sbs.arizona.edu/college/scholarships](http://web.sbs.arizona.edu/college/scholarships)

4) The Arizona Center for Judaic Studies (UA): Weintraub and Kaiserman scholarships; info. at:

[https://scholarshipuniverse.arizona.edu/suha](https://scholarshipuniverse.arizona.edu/suha)

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. In some cases, the scholarship may also be used by Judaic Studies
majors for tuition at The University of Arizona. Applicants must be full time Judaic Studies students at The University of Arizona and in good academic standing. For application procedures, contact Martha Castleberry of Judaic Studies at marthac@arizona.edu.

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

The Ronald and Diane Weintraub Israel Study Award is intended for students who enroll in a UA accredited study abroad program in Israel. For application procedures, contact Martha Castleberry of Judaic Studies at marthac@arizona.edu.

**Additional Ad Hoc JUS Departmental Scholarships**

Amounts vary and are dependent on students’ completion of their program applications and their formal commitment to participate in the program. Inquire with Martha Castleberry, Judaic Studies Business Manager, 520-626-5758, marthac@email.arizona.edu, or with Prof. Graizbord.

Historically, Judaic Studies has been able to fund at least ½ of all students’ expenses—or more according to need.

**COURSES OFFERED:**

1. International Human Rights, Transitional Justice, and Israel (JUS 384)—3 credits
2. JUS 399: Independent Study, and/or JUS 493: Internship-for-credit for work in Zambia

Note: The UA Office of Study Abroad and/or UA Judaic Studies will enroll students in Study Abroad/UA summer courses.

**CORE FACULTY:**

Prof. David Graizbord, Program Director (http://judaic.arizona.edu/user/david-l-graizbord)
Prof. Leonard Hammer (http://judaic.arizona.edu/user/leonard-hammer)

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SAMPLE COURSE DESCRIPTION:

**JUS 384—International Human Rights, Transitional Justice, and Israel** (Prof. Hammer).

When it comes to discussing Israel, “human rights” is a term that tends to be bandied about quite a bit. What do human rights imply and what might be the impact of international human rights in Israel? Can international human rights assist with addressing Israel's pressing internal and external issues such as social divisions among the majority, minority rights issues, and how it deals with humanitarian issues? Can international human rights assist in providing an inroad towards some form of transitional justice that would benefit the region as well, presumably to lead towards stability and eventually peace? Understanding international human rights and transitional justice can assist the long-term process of reconciliation between Israel and its neighbors, especially when accounting for past wrongdoings and working towards healing social ruptures. Transitional justice aspects like criminal prosecution, official investigation commissions, as well as memorialization efforts (among other things) rely on an international human rights framework and the grounds that human rights provide – and can play an important role for Israel.

International human rights and transitional justice are important to Israel given the past traumas that went into creating the state, internal divisions within Israeli society (especially when deriving from human rights conflicts), and the manner by which to apply human rights to its minority population and areas under its military control. As such, the course will explain how international human rights operate, how transitional justice fits into that operation, and where Israel stands in relation to these different processes.

**FroM ISRAEL TO ZAMBIA**

In 2023, Arizona in Israel is cooperating with the TevelB’Tzedek NGO and the Africa Access Water NGO (AfAW), to provide UA and other students with an on-the-ground, applied-learning experience in communal development in central Africa.

After spending 4 weeks in Israel, and undergoing orientation seminars there, students will travel to Lukasa, in Zambia, for additional preparation workshops and ground transportation to the village of Mphande.

At Mphande, students will engage in on-going and/or new development projects as part of a multicultural team. The goal of these projects is to empower Mphande’s villagers in the spirit of local culture, as well as the Jewish value of Tikun ha-Olam (Repairing the World), and Israeli entrepreneurial experience and know-how.

Specifically, participating students will work alongside local and international activists to create sustainable change for rural communities while participating in Tevel b’Tzedek’s training experience.

Participants will spend much of their time in chosen service roles within Tevel's projects with local partners, supervised by Tevel's Israeli staff and UA faculty. Areas of interest: Engineering, Agriculture, Social Sciences (Geography, Political Science, Geography, Anthropology, etc.), Business, Religious Studies, Women and Gender Studies, Hydrology/Arid Lands—and many others.
Upon return to the US, participants will be required to consult with their home departments and/or Judaic Studies to design and undertake an internship focused on communal resiliency in Arizona that uses skills and experience acquired through the Israel-Zambia program.

Ideal participants are young adults up to thirty-five years old who:

- Seek a meaningful service opportunity focused on socio-economic challenges in the global south
- Wish to acquire first-hand knowledge of the connection between service, Jewish values, and Israeli entrepreneurship
- Are eager to engage with and improve lives in rural communities
- Work well in an intercultural team
- Are willing to take on a challenging role that will provide new skills and experience in various fields