



**Exchange Reports**  
**Tel Aviv University**  
**Tel Aviv, Israel**

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## Teaching and Learning Environment

- I took 6 courses which meant I had class around 6 days a week for the duration of the exchange. There were a fair number of courses offered in English. The quality and style of instruction differed from class to class however most instructors had expertise in their field. All my courses were 24 hour take homes, with the exception of one which was a 2-week paper.
- I took 6 courses at TAU. The course selection was good, but some of the class sizes were small so I did not get access to a few of the courses I wanted to take. The quality and style of instruction was very similar to Queen's Law. Most professors spoke English as a first language so there were no issues with understanding the professors. Assessment methods used were also similar to Queen's Law - small assignments and final exams.
- The course selection was a little bit limited, there was about 9 or 10 courses to choose from and you are required to take 6 courses. The subject matter was fairly broad, so it was good in the sense that I was able to take courses on matters pertaining to a variety of different areas of law. Most courses are more on the theoretical side, which is nice because knowledge gained is transferable to practice in Canada. 4 of my courses were take-home exams, 2 of them were in-class exams.
- I took 6 courses. Since it is a condensed semester, there was not much selection for courses. There were about 8 or 9 courses to select from and I had to choose 6. Most of the courses had take-home exams which was excellent for exchange. One of the courses I took had an in-class exam that was 6 multiple choice questions. Most of the professors were good! Class is typically mandatory. However, some professors don't enforce this.

## Quality of Administrative Support for Students

- Marie was very useful. While I did not need to switch courses, I heard that it was easy for those who wanted to do it. I did not need help in finding housing.
- Quality of administration at TAU was great. They responded quickly to any questions I had and aided whenever needed.
- Admin was very helpful with academic related matters. You are responsible to find housing on your own. Housing is fairly expensive. I used Airbnb to find a place.
- Very helpful in resolving administrative issues and communicating with students

## Campus Facilities

- TAU is a huge campus; the law library is a good place to study and do work although it closes far too early. TAU is in the north of TLV so it can be hard to get to in the mornings if you're living in an area like Florentin.
- School is just outside the city of Tel Aviv but is very accessible by bus. There is a gym on campus, but it costs money to join.
- Law school was not in a good location, but it was easy to commute there from downtown which is where I chose to live and would recommend to everybody. Do not live near campus. Gym membership on campus was way too expensive for what the gym was.
- Law school is outside the heart of the city. The bus system there is good. I would stay in the heart of Tel Aviv and commute to school.
- The law school is 20-minute bus ride from central Tel Aviv and is pretty easy to get to (depending on where you live). I did not use the gym or library on campus.

## Student Accommodation and Food

- There are lots of campus food options around the law building including a coffee shop right in the building. It is really expensive in TLV. Since the semester time length is short, I recommend trying to find housing via one of the Facebook sublet groups.
- Used Airbnb to find housing. Food is great in Tel Aviv, you can get anything you are looking for. Tons of cheap falafel!

- There was limited on-campus accommodation. Everyone I knew found accommodation off-campus and it was difficult and expensive.
- I lived off-campus in central Tel Aviv. There was a direct bus to the university outside my apartment building. The apartment was 2 minutes to the beach and was close to many restaurants, cafes, and night life. It was pretty expensive, but since the semester was shorter, it was easier to justify (ie. don't need to pay 4 months of rent). We found the apartment on Airbnb, and ended up negotiating the price down off the app. I would suggest joining Facebook groups and looking on Airbnb.

## Travel to Downtown and Environs

- Don't live on campus. Live downtown and then commute to campus for when you have class. I traveled for three months before/after the exchange. During the exchange I simply enjoyed TLV. Go to Jerusalem, the dead sea, Petra, etc. Definitely travel before and after the exchange.
- I suggest living near Ben Yehuda Street in Tel Aviv. That way you are close to the beach and downtown Tel Aviv, but also only need to take one bus to get to school.
- Public transit was easy. Scoots are ubiquitous.
- Public transit is good. They have e-scooters which can be used to get around.
- Lots of different ways to get around the city with bikes, busses, and scooters.
- It is very easy to get around Tel Aviv (buses, scooters, bubble Dan, Taxi service, bicycle, etc.), and Israel. Also note that Tel Aviv is a super walkable city so you can pretty much walk anywhere too. It is also easy to travel to the rest of the middle east and Europe. While it is really fun to travel a lot on exchange, I did not do a ton of travelling outside of Israel. I did a trip prior to starting at Tel Aviv University, but when I was in Tel Aviv, I truthfully never wanted to leave. Tel Aviv is such an amazing and fun city and has so much to offer. The weather was also amazing!

## City Life Highlights

- TLV has lots of great places to eat out and party. Go to the beach in November. Eat lots of sabich and falafel. Keep in mind that many things are closed from Friday night to Saturday night, so you have to plan your life in advance.
- I recommend looking for a place to live in advance because the city is very busy in October and November. Cell phones SIM cards are easy to find at any convenience store and are very cheap.
- Amazing city/country. Quite expensive in Tel Aviv, though.

- Good nightlife, good food. Imagine Toronto being on a beach, that is Tel Aviv!
- Definitely get a sim card to save money. Nothing specific. It's a major western country and very similar to Canada.
- Tel Aviv is truthfully one of the best cities in the world. It has so much to offer. The restaurant scene is incredible, the nightlife is amazing, and the weather is awesome. Everyone speaks English, and it's fun to become a local in the city. I would suggest living somewhere near the beach to take advantage of it.

## Student Life

- The host university paired each student up with a local buddy who attends TAU. There are various events on campus that exchange students can attend. Not to mention there are about 70+ exchange students so a lot of friends from everywhere can be made.
- We had a few get togethers through TAU to meet other students and tour the campus grounds. We were also set up with a buddy, but students and buddies did not interact often, and it is something TAU could improve.
- There were a few events run by the law school where they paired you up with an Israeli 'buddy' who would answer any questions you have.
- They put on a couple bar nights and introduced exchange students to local students.
- The school did not do much to integrate exchange students, except for the buddy program. We met some Israeli students through classes. We met exchange people through classes.