

Info Session: Tues., Jan. 24th , Noon, Room 207, Robson Hall

2012 U. of M. Faculty of Law- Hebrew University Summer Program

Introduction to Israeli law and society: ancient peoples and newcomers in the Start-up Nation

May 6th- May 24th, Jerusalem, Israel

This three week program is an academic partnership between the UofM law school and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. This course is open to all Asper School of Business and Faculty of Law students. This course is made possible through the subsidy of the Government of Manitoba and Friends of Hebrew University. This program will only be offered if 18 students have **registered by February 5th, 2012**. **Places are limited**, so express your interest as soon as possible to **Larissa Weber**: umweber4@cc.umanitoba.ca

What is the focus of the program?

Students will learn how Israel adapts its legal system to its social and economic challenges and then compare and contrast that with the Canadian experience. Many issues affecting Canada - building a modern high tech economy, integrating newcomers and members of traditional societies, and promoting human rights in the face of various internal and external pressures – also apply to Israel.

Specific areas of study will include: Israel as the start up nation; the rise of Israel as a world leader in high tech innovation; the challenges of integrating traditional societies such as ultra-orthodox Jews, immigrants from Ethiopia, non-Jewish immigrants from places like Eritrea and Darfur and various Arab minority group into the mainstream economy. Many areas of academic interest are covered by aspects of the program including: constitutional law, family law, business law, immigrant and refugee law, human rights law, aboriginal law, criminal law and international trade law.

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Where is the Program located?

Students will spend most of the program at the Meirsdorff residence at Hebrew University. There will be one or two overnight field trips, in places that may include Tel Aviv and Haifa.

What are the important dates?

May 6th - Registration

May 24th - Exam

How do I get there?

Students make their own travel arrangements. Is entirely up to you whether you choose to arrive early or stay on in Europe after the course.

Any free time during the program?

We aim to have free time, at least on weekends, in which students are free to explore on their own.

What do I need to bring?

A laptop is extremely helpful. Internet is available throughout the campus and residence/hotel. You can arrange to have a cell phone while in Israel. Summer clothing is appropriate as the average temperature in Israel is warm to hot in June.

How much do I have to pay?

We have obtained generous subsidies from the government of Manitoba, the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

Who is attending from the U of M Law school?

Professor Bryan Schwartz and Associate Dean Lisa Fainstein will likely attend again this year to provide academic oversight. The Israeli academic coordinator is Ofer Shiner, an expert in human rights law.

What does it cost?

A contribution to tuition: approximately \$1000; the remainder is subsidized.

Residence cost is covered by the program.

Meals: free breakfast most days, other meals are at your own expense.

Travel to and from Israel is done at your expense and through your own arrangements; flights tend to cost in the \$1500 range.

Total costs will be approximately \$3000. Programs like these typically cost students at least \$8,000.

When do I have to decide?

For the program to be viable, at least 18 firm commitments must be received by the end of January. Plan to attend the info session on January 24th and if you are interested in the program please send an email to Larissa Weber as soon as possible.