



Exchange Experience Reports

Israel Institute of Technology, Israel

Host University Evaluation

Reports

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Academic life

How easy was it to figure out your course selection at your host university?

- Super simple!
- Relatively straightforward
- Pretty difficult to navigate
- It was complicated and frustrating

What did the process look like? Was it easy to register in your preferred classes?

You had to email them for individual courses and their online database wasn't too up to date. Then I had to email the professors individually to get registered on the Moodle. I didn't know the schedule of classes until the week of.

Were your courses as academically rigorous as your McGill courses?

- Yes, they were as rigorous as my McGill courses
- They were similarly rigorous to my McGill courses
- No, they weren't as rigorous as my McGill courses

We'd love to know more about the academic level of your courses compared to McGill. Please explain your answer to the previous question using examples, ex: assessments, readings, labs.

The academic level was pretty high. However, professors and TAs were not rigorous in terms of preparing classes, having appropriate material available and answering questions.

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How did the teaching quality at your host university compare to what you're used to at McGill?

- It was better!
- Pretty similar
- It was much worse

Tell us about it! How did it differ from the teaching quality at McGill? What can other students expect from their profs and course work?

Most of the profs are just there to teach in Hebrew and they don't like to do it in English, therefore they don't seem invested in their lectures.

What were the main evaluation methods in your courses?

Homework, midterms, finals and some laboratory reports.

How would you describe the evaluation and grading methods at your host university? Please select as many adjectives as applies!

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transparent | <input type="checkbox"/> Complicated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Easy to understand | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Similar methods to McGill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Different methods from McGill |

Student Life

Were you satisfied by the welcome and orientation services provided to you by your host university?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Very satisfied, everything was clear | <input type="radio"/> Pretty satisfied |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> I was able to figure things out, but it took some time | <input type="radio"/> Pretty confusing |
| <input type="radio"/> Very confusing, I was lost | |

What is the best resource that helped you find your way at your host university?

The international office was pretty unhelpful, so I had to ask around and be added to various WhatsApp groups

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What was the campus environment like at your host university? Please describe your experience on campus with regards to safety, social opportunities, accessibility, etc.

Very safe campus. Guards at the entrance. Felt like a mini city inside a city. A lot of social events organized by the student body to destress students. 1 month of finals period to spread out exams.

Where did you live? Was it easy to find housing? Did you receive any support from your host university?

I lived in the university dorms. It was hard to get a spot in them and especially in a decent one. Fought my way to it but ended up paying twice as much rent as local students.

What advice would you share with students travelling to your host university? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Be patient, everything is sorted out at the end.

Enjoy the laid-back lifestyle.

What advice would you share with students who will live in your host city? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Definitely get a student bus card.

Try and bring the rent's money in cash as the exchange rates will be better than withdrawal.

Enjoy the beauty of Haifa and Israel.

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