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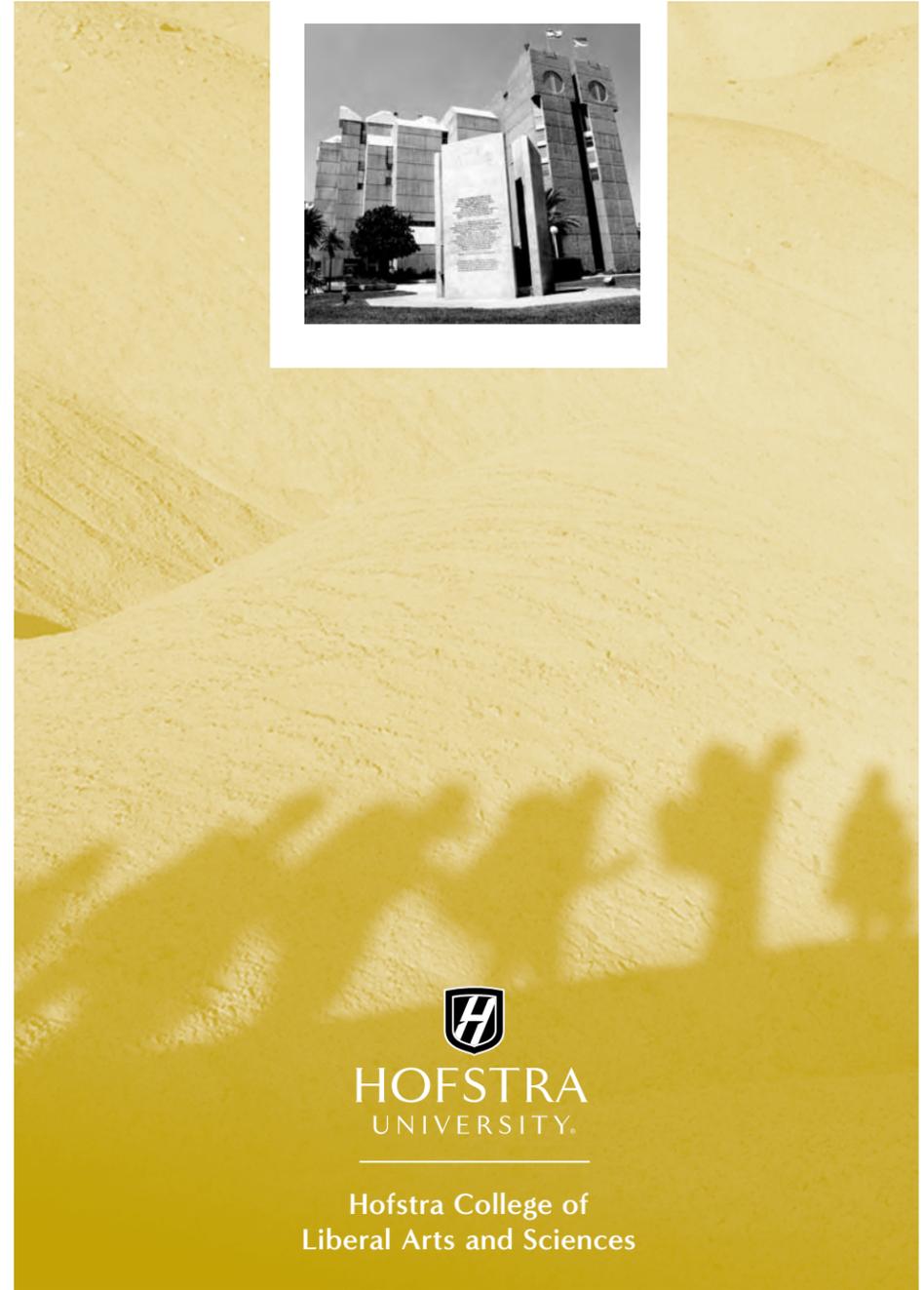
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If you think you know Israel, think again ... Hofstra in Israel's month-long program allows you to learn about the *real* Israel by living with Israeli students at their top-rated university.

LOCATION

The Hofstra in Israel program is based at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beer Sheva. Ben-Gurion University (BGU) is the top-rated university by Israeli students, and Beer Sheva, Israel's fourth largest city, is the "capital" of Israel's southern region. BGU is a safe, modern, and dynamic campus with a student body drawn from all of Israel's religious and ethnic communities. High-speed train service stopping directly on campus allows students to travel to Tel Aviv in about an hour, while downtown Beer Sheva is only minutes away. The city of Beer Sheva rests at the edge of the beautiful Negev Desert and boasts a restored Old City, an arts center, and a variety of restaurants, shopping venues, music clubs, movie theaters and cafes. With breathtaking desert canyons just beyond your dormitory and Tel Aviv's beaches just over an hour away, BGU offers a chance to discover Israel from the inside.

DESCRIPTION

Each week of this seminar is geared toward studying a different location in Israel and that location's role in the Israeli imagination. Classes are held at BGU three days a week, from Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. On consecutive Thursdays, students participate in guided site visits to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, a kibbutz, and into the Negev Desert. These daylong excursions coincide with our examination of literature that draws inspiration from these places. Students are free to explore on their own from Friday through Sunday. Over the course of four weeks, students come to know not only the physical landscape, but also the psychological landscape of Israeli culture.

Hofstra University continues its commitment to extending equal opportunity to all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status in the conduct and operation of its educational programs and activities, including admission and employment.

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COURSE

Hebrew Studies: The Problem of Place in Israeli Literature (HEBR 199)

"The land can read and write, its eyes are open."

- Yehuda Amichai

This three-credit course examines significant works of contemporary Israeli fiction, poetry, and popular culture in translation. These materials are organized thematically and consider how the narration of a landscape contributes to the formation of national identities. The selection of diverse voices and materials exposes students to the social, political, and historical changes wrought by the rise of modern-day Israel. Through lectures, discussions, exercises, site visits and meetings with Israeli academics and writers, students gain an appreciation for some of the fundamental tensions that define Israeli culture. Students not only read Israeli literature, but also explore the landscapes that the readings describe. The purpose of our travels together is to come in direct contact with several important sites in Israeli mythology: Tel Aviv (cosmopolitan center), Jerusalem (spiritual center), kibbutz (utopian center), and the Negev Desert (prophetic center).

In Tel Aviv, students visit the cultural and intellectual heart of the city and examine the European influence on it, especially its architecture. In Jerusalem, students visit the Old City and religious sites holy to Christianity, Judaism and Islam. On a visit to a local kibbutz, students have an opportunity to discuss the Jewish labor movement with founders of a collective farm. During a trip to the Negev Desert, students have the chance to experience Bedouin life and hike through the stark beauty of the land. These excursions, all of which are led by professional guides, are arranged through and accompanied by the security services of the Ben-Gurion Overseas Student Program.

This course fulfills the Hofstra University (LT) distribution requirement, and is eligible to satisfy major or minor requirements in the Comparative Literature and Languages, Hebrew, and Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies programs.

COST

The estimated \$3,300 program fee for Hofstra in Israel includes round-trip airfare (New York-Tel Aviv), all excursion fees (transportation, security and guides), and a single room in a comfortable dormitory suite for the month. This total does not include daily meals; however, students can self-cater economically in their dormitories (each suite is equipped with a kitchenette), or utilize the numerous inexpensive restaurants and cafeterias on campus and nearby. Hofstra tuition and fees are separate and are approximately \$2,400 for this three-credit course. Program and tuition fees are subject to change due to fluctuations in the exchange rate. A \$200 nonrefundable deposit will reserve a place in the program and must accompany the completed application form.

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