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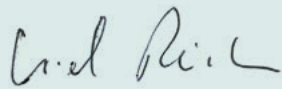
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Reichman University was founded with the aim of nurturing future leaders. In 30 years, we have created a pioneering and innovative academic center. Our students are imbued with a commitment to excellence and original thinking.

'The university of the future,' as we see it, has to prepare its students for a constantly changing world by being able to innovate skillfully, to dare, and to initiate. We believe that the knowledge and tools acquired at Reichman University support personal and professional goal fulfillment and enable our graduates to tackle the challenges of our global reality."



Prof. Uriel Reichman

Founding President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Reichman University



DEAN'S WELCOME



PROF. LIZA IRENI-SABAN
DEAN
LAUDER SCHOOL OF
GOVERNMENT

The 21st century has ushered in a new era of scientific and technological progress, improving lives around the globe. Yet alongside these advancements, humanity faces pressing and unprecedented challenges. From violent conflicts and the rise of extremist ideologies to the transformative impact of artificial intelligence and the ongoing threat of global pandemics, the need for innovative and ethical leadership has never been greater.

Reichman University's MA Program in Government stands uniquely positioned to prepare the next generation of leaders to confront and resolve these challenges. Our program brings together a world-class faculty trained at leading universities and seasoned through real-world experience in senior roles across government, business, and NGOs. This dynamic blend of academic rigor and practical expertise ensures that our students are equipped with the tools to understand today's complex global landscape and devise impactful solutions.



THERE IS A PRESSING NEED TO
TRAIN STUDENTS TO BECOME
BETTER POLICY ANALYSTS, PRACTITIONERS,
AND SCHOLARS."

**AMBASSADOR
RONALD S. LAUDER**



The program's comprehensive curriculum combines cutting-edge academic instruction with hands-on training designed to develop practical skills. Students engage in real-world simulations, policy analysis exercises, and collaborative projects that mirror challenges faced by leaders today. These experiences, combined with innovative teaching methodologies and the latest educational technologies, ensure that every student is equipped with the practical tools and skills necessary to excel in their chosen field.

Graduates of the MA Program in Government gain practical skills, including strategic decision-making, policy implementation, and effective communication. These tools have enabled our alumni to excel in diverse and impactful careers across policymaking, research, academia, and consulting. By fostering a focus on real-world applications, our program ensures that graduates are ready to contribute meaningfully to society in Israel and beyond.

We invite you to join the Reichman University community and become part of this prestigious program. Take the next step in your journey toward leadership and innovation—together, we can shape a better future.

Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder, an international businessman and Jewish communal leader, was appointed US Ambassador to Austria in 1986. In 1987, he established The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, which focuses on Jewish education and community outreach. Among the many positions he has held and continues to hold are President of the World Jewish Congress; Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Chairman of the Board of the Jewish National Fund; and Chairman of the International Public Committee of the World Jewish Restitution Organization. The Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy was established in 1999.



PROF. ASIF EFRAT
 HEAD, MA PROGRAM
 HEAD, RESEARCH TRACK

The Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy at Reichman University is among the leading schools of public policy, diplomacy, foreign policy, counter-terrorism, and strategy in Israel. The mission of the Lauder School is to educate and train the next generation of leaders, scholars, and educators. As Israel and the world are facing enormous challenges in the areas of terrorism, interstate and ethnic conflicts, poverty, public health, and the environment, there is a pressing need to train students to become better policy analysts, practitioners, and scholars.

Our programs are taught in English and Hebrew, combining theory and practice in an interdisciplinary and international setting. In addition to introducing you to key theories, models, and concepts in your area of specialization, the program will provide you with a set of analytical and practical tools for conducting policy research and addressing policy dilemmas and challenges. Students from the Lauder School can participate in the activities of the school's institutes, including the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), whose annual conferences bring policymakers from around the world to campus.

The MA Program in Government is a steppingstone for positions of leadership in the public sector and academia in Israel and worldwide. I invite you to enroll in this program and to become part of the Reichman University community.



REICHMAN UNIVERSITY FAST FACTS



Israel's first and only
private university



Over 2,500

Raphael Recanati International School students from more than
90 countries make up
1/3 of the Reichman University student body



Over **40,000**
graduates worldwide



The Israeli Council for Higher Education granted Reichman University permission to confer
doctoral degrees



Over **48 research institutes**

www.runi.ac.il/research-institutes



Reichman University created new, academic
interdisciplinary concepts in the fields of entrepreneurship and counter-terrorism models that are being implemented around the world



Reichman University's
Alumni Association, forms a professional and social alumni community that promotes
networking from different countries, and strengthens the pride and sense of belonging to Reichman University



The Career Center aims to assist alumni in integrating into the professional market, and connect them with employers seeking to recruit suitable candidates



22 unicorns founded by Reichman University alumni



Ranked **No.1** in Israel for our treatment of
IDF reservists



Over 400 lone soldiers studying for full degrees



CURRICULUM

There are three specializations taught in English in the MA program: Diplomacy & Conflict Studies; Counter-Terrorism & Intelligence; and the Research Track with thesis.

The length of each specialization track is one year (three semesters, including the summer). Required classes are held twice a week during the first and second semesters (with some elective classes offered on a third day) and potentially two additional days during the summer, depending on the specialization.

The Research Track with thesis is a two-year program.

- **DIPLOMACY & CONFLICT STUDIES** (Thursday, Friday) *
- **COUNTER-TERRORISM & INTELLIGENCE** (Thursday, Friday) *
- **RESEARCH TRACK WITH THESIS** (Thursday, Friday) *

Foundation courses (14 credits)

- Advanced Concepts in Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence/ Diplomacy and Conflict Studies
- Research Methods for Graduate Students
- The Middle East in Transition
- Decision-Making
- National Security and Strategy
- Political Behavior
- Political Economy
- Politics and Government in Israel
- Political Thought
- Political Leadership

Skill-Building courses and workshops (six credits)

- Data Science and Information Technologies
- Academic Writing for Graduate Students
- Policy Writing for Graduate Students
- Project Management
- Creative Thinking and Problem-Solving
- Applied Simulations in Policy Making
- Political Campaigning in the Digital Age

Specialization courses (12 credits)

For specialization courses, see pages 8 (Diplomacy & Conflict Studies) and 9 (Counter-Terrorism & Intelligence).

Electives (10 credits)

All MA-level courses can be taken as electives, including (selected list):

- Advanced Theories and Approaches to Politics
- International Mediation
- Research Seminar: Governance and Political Violence
- India as a Rising Power
- Current Topics and Trends in Global Terrorism

The program also offers two elective clusters:

Contemporary Middle East and Data, AI & Technology.

A cluster may be taken instead of the 10 elective credits.

A certificate will be awarded to students who complete a cluster.

Data, AI & Technology cluster (10 credits)

- Cyber-Space in Contemporary Terrorism
- Countering Cyber Threats
- AI Workshop
- AI: Politics and Policy
- Technical Aspects of Cyber Security

Contemporary Middle East cluster (10 credits)

- Arabic
- Palestinian Politics
- Iran: Society, Economy, and Politics
- Cross-Border Cooperation in the Middle East

Credits

42 credits for the Diplomacy & Conflict Studies and the Counter-Terrorism & Intelligence specializations (MA without thesis)

39 credits for the Research Track (MA with thesis)

The student's grade average must be above 80% to proceed to the final semester.

DIPLOMACY & CONFLICT STUDIES



CHAIR
DR. DANA WOLF

The specialization in Diplomacy & Conflict Studies combines ideas, skills, and practices for effective 21st-century diplomacy, conflict management, and engagement in international development work. Students are encouraged to explore the great transformations currently shaping the global order and to develop the understanding, vision, and tools necessary to become leaders in addressing those transformations. The specialization provides students with unique opportunities to analyze how international conflicts emerge and evolve and how they can be managed through negotiation, mediation, and peace building. By gaining knowledge and tools, students will be better equipped to address emerging trends in international diplomacy (including public diplomacy), conflict management, and the range of complex challenges in the globalized world.

Throughout the program, we emphasize the acquisition of practical skills and experience, so that students learn to deal with 21st-century regional and international challenges. These skills can be acquired through individual internships, research, and policy-oriented work with highly experienced practitioners.

Specialization courses (12 credits)

- Psychological & Cultural Aspects of Conflict Management
- International Law & International Conflict
- War, Peace & Strategic Aspects of International Relations
- Conflict Analysis
- Public Diplomacy
- China & Chinese Foreign Policy
- International Simulation: Negotiating Peace
- Global Migration: Challenges and Dilemmas
- The American Presidency

Electives (10 credits)

For the list of courses offered as electives, see page 7.

All MA-level courses may be taken as electives.

The cluster in either **Contemporary Middle East** or **Data, AI & Technology** may be taken instead of the 10 elective credits. A certificate will be awarded to students who complete a cluster.

Contemporary Middle East cluster (10 credits)

- Arabic
- Palestinian Politics
- Iran: Society, Economy, and Politics
- Cross-Border Cooperation in the Middle East

Data, AI & Technology cluster (10 credits)

- Cyber-Space in Contemporary Terrorism
- Countering Cyber Threats
- AI Workshop
- AI: Politics and Policy
- Technical Aspects of Cyber Security

COUNTER- TERRORISM & INTELLIGENCE



CHAIR
DR. AZANI EITAN

The Specialization in Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence is offered in collaboration with the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (IICT). The program enhances students' understanding of contemporary terrorism and intelligence challenges facing Israel and her allies and equips students with conceptual, analytical, and practical tools to enhance the struggle against international terrorism. The program also addresses key dilemmas related to national and international security, particularly with respect to counter-terrorism and intelligence.

The program harnesses Israel's deep experience with matters related to counter-terrorism and intelligence and features internationally renowned faculty from both Israel and abroad who combine relevant academic training with in-depth practical experience. The program incorporates state-of-the-art educational tools, including simulations, skill-building workshops, and field trips. Courses in the program are designed to familiarize students with a broad range of counter-terrorism tools, such as psychological, legal, military, and intelligence aspects of counter-terrorism. The program also hones students' understanding of best practices in intelligence collection, analysis, and dissemination, with the aim of bolstering security infrastructures to better address terrorism and other contemporary security challenges.

Specialization (12 credits)

- Insurgencies and Civil Wars
- Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence in Israel
- Radical Islamic Ideologies
- The New Theater of Terror: Online Terror
- Terrorism Fundraising
- Negotiating with Terrorists
- Palestinian Terrorism: From Nationalism to Fundamentalism
- Introduction to Homeland Security
- Counter-Terrorism Issues & Challenges: Intelligence in the New Era
- Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism Decision-Making
- Legal, Ethical, and Operational Aspects of Counter-Terrorism
- Open source and Geospatial Intelligence
- Right-Wing Extremism and Antisemitism
- Intelligence and Counter-Proliferation

Electives (10 credits)

For the list of courses offered as electives, see page 7.

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- Palestinian Politics
- Iran: Society, Economy, and Politics
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Data, AI & Technology cluster (10 credits)

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- Countering Cyber Threats
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- Technical Aspects of Cyber Security

RESEARCH TRACK WITH THESIS



CHAIR
PROF. ASIF EFRAT
Head of the MA Program

The Research Track with thesis is intended for students who plan to pursue a research-oriented career in academia or other settings in which critical analytical skills are necessary. The student's original research project is at the core of this MA specialization.

The project includes the following steps:

- Select an advisor from the Lauder School's permanent faculty by the end of the first semester.
- Design a plan of study together with your advisor.
- Submit a thesis proposal by the end of the first year (to be approved by the advisor).
- Submit the thesis by the end of the fourth semester and defend it.

Research skills courses and workshops

(24 credits)

- Research Methods MA
- Research Seminar MA
- Advanced Research Seminar
- Advanced Research Methods
- Advanced Theories and Approaches to Politics
- Faculty Seminar
- Qualitative Research Methods

Foundation courses (six credits)

- Politics and Government in Israel
- Political Leadership
- Political Economy
- Political Behavior Political Thought
- The Middle East in Transition

Directed studies with advisor

(four credits)

Electives (five credits)

For the list of courses offered as electives, see page 7.

Approval of the thesis proposal and a GPA of 80% are required to proceed to the second year of study.

Reichman University reserves the right to cancel, alter, or expand the academic programs offered.





THE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY AND STRATEGY (IPS)

The Institute for Policy and Strategy at Reichman University, the convener of the Annual Herzliya Conference Series, aspires to contribute to Israel's national security and resilience by conducting integrative and comprehensive policy analysis on the unprecedented challenges facing the nation, identifying opportunities and threats, producing strategic insights and policy recommendations for decision-makers, and informing the public and policy discourse.

The annual Herzliya Conference on the balance of Israel's national security is the flagship of IPS activities. The conference draws together international and Israeli participants from the highest levels of government, business, and academia to address the most pressing national, regional, and global issues.

www.runi.ac.il/en/research-institutes/government/ips/



H.E. Amb. Jacob J. Lew, U.S. Ambassador to Israel in a conversation with **Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Gilead**, Executive Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), Chairman, Annual Herzliya Conference Series, Reichman University | 2024 Herzliya Conference



Ambassador Mark Regev,
Head of The Abba Eban Institute for
Diplomacy & Foreign Relations (AEI)

Photo: Gilad Kavalarchik



THE ABBA EBAN INSTITUTE FOR DIPLOMACY & FOREIGN RELATIONS (AEI)

The Abba Eban Institute for Diplomacy & Foreign Relations (AEI) at The Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy is a proactive research center focusing on the theory and practice of diplomacy; regional and thematic research and action; and advanced training and the role of diplomacy and soft power as a key component of national security.

The AEI was founded in 2016 by Ambassador Ron Prosor, who served as its chairman until August 2022, when he assumed the position of Israel's ambassador to Germany. Today, the institute's leadership consists of its Chair, Ambassador Mark Regev, Israel's former ambassador to the UK and senior advisor to the Israeli Prime Minister, and Executive Director Goor Tsalayachin, a defense strategy and national security expert.

The Abba Eban Institute takes pride in its efforts to impact policy and the future generation of policymakers and thinkers. The institute's leadership and senior members all teach original accredited courses as part of the BA and MA curricula, and every year, dozens of Israeli and international students from all Reichman University schools take part in the AEI Internship Program. They work closely with the institute's senior team, acquiring firsthand experience through various activities and projects. Many interns have gone on to careers in the fields of tech, diplomacy, business, and media.

AEI operates several regional and thematic programs, such as the Policy & Technology Program, Israel-Asia Policy Program, and the Israel-Arab Gulf Program. The Institute publishes the Arena Magazine for Diplomacy & Foreign Relations and runs a Media Operations Department that works closely with all programs.

Students will find engagement with the Abba Eban Institute instrumental to their future professional and academic pursuits.

abbaeban.runi.ac.il

THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COUNTER-TERRORISM (ICT)

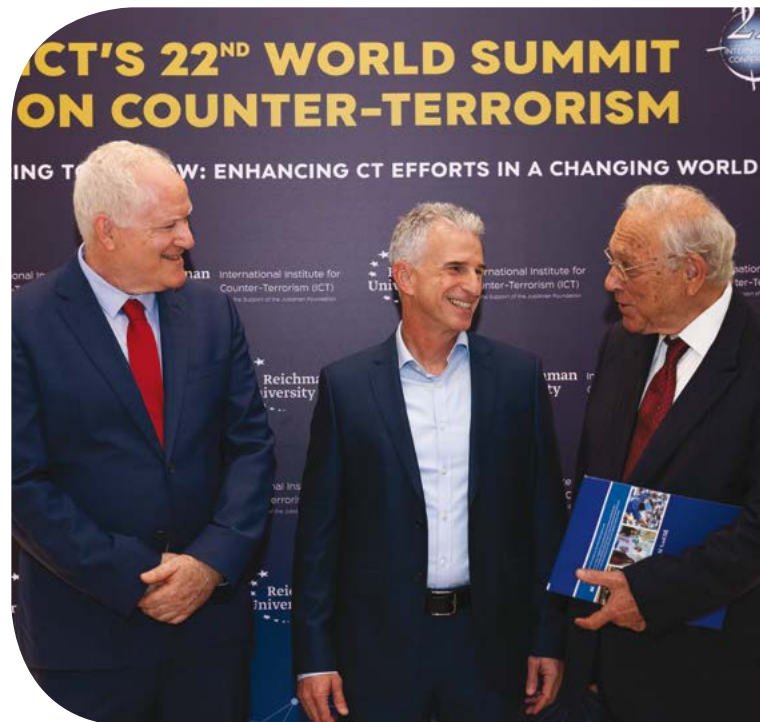
The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is one of the leading academic institutes for counter-terrorism in the world, facilitating international cooperation in the global struggle against terrorism. ICT is an independent think tank providing expertise in: terrorism, counter-terrorism, homeland security, threat vulnerability and risk assessment, and open intelligence analysis policy.

ICT holds an annual World Summit on Counter-Terrorism Conference, one of the most influential events in the field of counter-terrorism today. Speakers and participants at ICT's previous conferences have included current and former ministers, members of parliament, heads of security agencies and police departments, first responders, academics, professional experts in the field of counter-terrorism, jurists, business executives, and students.

ICT also serves as a joint forum for international policymakers and scholars to share information and expertise through research papers, situation reports, and academic publications for worldwide distribution.

www.ict.org.il

The 21st Herzliya conference –
On the path of strategic surprises
June 24-25, 2024



Mr. David Barnea, Head of the Mossad alongside
Prof. Uriel Reichman, Founding President & Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Reichman University, Israel and
Prof. Boaz Ganor, President of Reichman University and Founder of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at the ICT's 22nd World Summit on Counter-Terrorism at Reichman University.

THE PROGRAM ON DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT

The Program on Democratic Resilience and Development at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy is an interdisciplinary research, educational, and policy platform dedicated to the understanding and nurturing of free and responsible societies in Israel and around the world. It seeks to better understand, protect, and promote the values, institutions, and processes that enable human beings to create and sustain conditions of human dignity, security, liberty, and well-being. The program is focused on analyzing 21st-century threats to those values, institutions, and processes, and seeks to nurture a cadre of young leaders committed to freedom and responsibility.

The Program on Democratic Resilience and Development is a partnership between the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).



FACULTY

Prof. Dima Adamsky, PhD, University of Haifa
Head, Honors Track Strategy & Decision-Making, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University

Areas of interest: International Relations; International Security; Security & Intelligence Studies; Modern Military Thought; Arab-Israeli Conflict; US, Russian & Israeli National Security
Courses: Israeli Politics; American Politics; Public Opinion; US-Israel Relations; Politics, Agenda and Policy; Political Behavior; Surveys and Public Opinion; The American Presidency

Dr. Eitan Azani, PhD, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Colonel (Res.), Israel Defense Forces; Director of Research, ICT, Reichman University

Areas of interest: Terrorist Organizations in the Middle East; Global Jihad; Cyberterrorism; Terror Financing
Courses: Terrorism Fundraising; Radical Islamic Ideologies; Cyberspace in the Modern Terrorism Strategy; AI Workshop

Prof. Amnon Cavari, PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Director, Institute for Liberty and Responsibility, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University

Areas of interest: Israeli Politics; American Politics; Public Opinion; US-Israel Relations
Courses: Intermediate Research Methods; Research Methods; Advanced Research Methods; Political Leadership

Prof. Asif Efrat, PhD, Harvard University
Director, MA Program in Government, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University; Chair, Research Track with Thesis, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University

Areas of interest: International Law & Politics; International Cooperation; International Relations
Courses: Research Workshop in Government; Research Seminar MA; International Conflicts & International Law

Prof. Boaz Ganor, PhD, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
President, Reichman University; Former Dean, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University; Founder, Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), Reichman University; Former Advisor, Prime Minister's Office on Counter-Terrorism

Area of interest: International & Local Terrorism
Course: Advanced Concepts in Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence

Prof. Sandra Destradi, DPhil, University of Hamburg

Areas of interest: Global Governance and the Global South; Populism and Foreign Policy; Emerging Powers
Courses: Global Governance; India as a Rising Power

Prof. Sivan Hirsch, PhD, University of Antwerp

Areas of interest: Political Extremism & Violence; Collective Action & Social Movements; Political Behavior; Political Sociology; Religious & Ethnic Conflict
Course: Research Seminar: Contentious Politics

Prof. Bruce Hoffman, PhD, Oxford University
Director, Center for Jewish Civilization, Georgetown University

Course: Counter-Terrorism Issues & Challenges for Homeland Security

Prof. Liza Ireni-Saban, PhD, Tel Aviv University
Dean, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University

Areas of interest: Public Administration; Public Policy & Ethics
Course: Political Thought

Dr. Ely Karmon, PhD, University of Haifa
Advisor to the Israeli Ministry of Defense; Member, International Permanent Observatory (IPO) on Security Measures During Major Events, UNICRI, Turin, Italy; Senior Researcher, Institute for Counter-Terrorism

Area of interest: International Terrorism
Course: Open Source and Geospatial Intelligence

Dr. Shavit Matias, LL.M., Georgetown University; SJD, George Washington University
Deputy Attorney General of Israel; Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University; Member, Jean Perkins Task Force on National Security and Law; Member, UN Commission on International Trade Law; Member, Institute for Policy and Strategy, Reichman University

Areas of interest: National Security Affairs; International Institutions & Regulation; International Law & Diplomacy; Negotiations & International Dispute Settlement
Course: Diplomacy & Conflict in the Era of Globalization

Col. (res.) Miri Eisin, MA, Haifa University

Areas of interest: Arab-Israeli Conflict; Security in Israel; Israeli National Security; Terrorism
Course: Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

Prof. Assaf Moghadam, PhD, Tufts University
Former Dean, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University; Senior Researcher, Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT); Fellow, Combating Terrorism Center, West Point

Areas of interests: Terrorism & Political Violence; Insurgency; Civil Wars, Proxy Wars
Courses: Formal & Informal Terrorist Actors; Insurgencies & Civil Wars

Prof. Karine Nahon, PhD, Tel Aviv University

Dean, Sammy Ofer School of Communications, Reichman University; Chair, Data & Democracy Cluster, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University; Former President, Israel Internet Association

Areas of interest: Politics of Information; Power Dynamics & Network Gatekeeping in Social Media; The Role of Virality & Information Flows in Elections & in Politics in General

Course: Research Seminar: Dynamics of Power & Technology

Prof. Liav Orgad, LL.D., Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Director, Global Citizenship Governance, European University Institute

Areas of interest: Citizenship Theory; Comparative Immigration Law; International Jurisprudence

Courses: Citizenship & Technology; Human Rights & International Order; Global Migration: Challenges & Dilemmas; Technology Citizenship & Digital Government

Prof. Daphné Richemond-Barak, PhD, Tel Aviv University

Academic Head, BA in Government, Raphael Recanati International School, Reichman University

Areas of interest: Role & Status of Non-State Actors; Asymmetric Warfare & the Morality of War; International Court of Justice; Relationship Between International Law & International Relations; Comparative Analysis of Systems of Law

Course: Project Management

Dr. Alisa Rubin Peled, PhD, Harvard University

Academic Director, Argov Program in Diplomacy, Reichman University

Areas of interest: International Political Economy with a Focus on the Middle East; Business-Government Relations; Globalization

Course: International Political Economy

Dr. Jennifer Shkabatur, PhD, Harvard University

Vice Dean, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy

Areas of interest: Information Law & Policy; Open Government & Open Data; Governance Innovations in Developed & Developing Countries; The Political Economy of Post-Soviet Countries

Courses: Data Science and IT; Key Issues in International Development

Dr. Lesley Terris, PhD, Tel Aviv University

Director, Program on Democratic Resilience and Development, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University

Areas of interest: Conflict Processes, Negotiation & Mediation in International Conflict

Courses: Conflict Analysis; Advanced Concepts in Diplomacy in the Globalized Era; Advanced Research Seminar for Thesis Students; Political Leadership; International Negotiations Simulation

Prof. Gabriel Weimann, PhD, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Areas of interest: The Study of Media Effects; Political and Commercial Campaigns; Terrorism and the Media; Terrorism and the Internet; Public Opinion Research

Course: The New Theater of Terror: Online Terrorism



APPLICATIONS, ADMISSIONS, AND TUITION

● APPLICATION PERIOD

The application period for the academic year starting in fall 2026 is **November 16, 2025–August 31, 2026**.

For MA Government research applicants, the deadline for applicants coming from abroad is **March 31, 2026**, while Israel-based applicants have until **July 31, 2026**, to complete their submissions.

Due to the competitive nature of the admissions process we recommend that applicants prepare their application well in advance of the deadlines. Reichman University reserves the right to impose stricter criteria upon applicants during the late application period or upon applicants who submit material late. Preference will be given to applicants who submit all required material during the regular application period.

● ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or 80% and above. For the Research Track a GPA of 88% is required.
- Prerequisite courses may be required. (There may be additional costs for these courses.)
- The academic program of the Raphael Recanati International School is taught entirely in English. Graduates of schools where English was not the primary language of instruction are required to pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or an equivalent test, such as the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the Israel Psychometric Examination.

TOEFL www.toefl.org

IELTS www.ielts.org

● ONLINE APPLICATION

Please note your application must include:

- Official transcripts of previous academic studies. Transcripts must bear the official stamp of the issuing institution. If you do not send the original transcript, scanned photocopies of the original documents will be accepted if properly notarized.*
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Copy of passport or identity card
- Two letters of recommendation or references, to be sent directly to the Admissions Office
- Personal statement: One page explaining the applicant's background, interest in the program, and aspirations. For the thesis track: a two-page personal statement highlighting academic background, research interests, and professional aspirations.
- MA Government Research applicants must submit a 10–15-page writing sample on any subject in either English or Hebrew.

** An official, notarized English translation must be submitted for all transcripts not originally issued in English.*

● TUITION & FEES

- The application fee is **300 NIS** (non-refundable).
- The down payment is **8,500 NIS**. Applicants must pay the fee to secure their place in the program after being accepted. Once the down payment has been received, the applicant's place is secured and confirmed.
- Tuition for Counter-Terrorism & Intelligence and Diplomacy & Conflict Studies is **56,650 NIS**.

If payment is in Israeli shekels, the value in dollars will be determined according to the exchange rate on the day that payment is received.

Reichman University reserves the right to change all tuition and fee rates without prior notice.

APPLY ONLINE AT

<https://forms.runi.ac.il/#/Public/Registration?lang=en&form=MA>



SCHOLARSHIPS

● MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The RRIS awards excellent students with merit scholarships based on their previous academic performance. Students do not apply for this scholarship—the RRIS Admissions Office will notify you if relevant.

● STUDENT AID FOR US CITIZENS

US Citizens Free Application for Federal Student Loans (FAFSA)

US citizens are eligible to apply to borrow FAFSA Stafford loans (as part of the Direct Loans Programs) and/or Sallie Mae loans. The deadline to apply for loans for the 2026–2027 academic year is **April 1st, 2027**.

Our school code is **G40703**.

School name: Raphael Recanati International School

For further information and to start the process, please email Rina Haller in our US office: rina@aforu.org

● MASA SCHOLASHIPS

Masa is the global leader in immersive international career development and leadership experiences in Israel for young Jewish adults from around the world. Through a variety of long-term programs in Israel, Masa provides meaningful, enriching experiences to young Jews from various countries, backgrounds, levels of education, and fields.

Jewish tourists between the ages of 18–30 who have not been in Israel on a prior long-term program are eligible for grants and scholarships through the Masa project. Please note: Masa is an independent initiative, and therefore, its criteria for evaluating funding requests may differ from those used to evaluate requests for Raphael Recanati International School scholarships. Once you make Aliyah, you are not eligible for this grant, so please check this out before making Aliyah! More information and application forms at:

www.masaisrael.org



● STUDENT AID FOR CANADIANS

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

Canadian students interested in loans and grants from the Canadian Government for all provinces can find information online at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid.html>

● OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Various sources in the Jewish and general communities provide financial aid and scholarships to students pursuing academic degrees in Israel. We recommend that applicants check with their communities, non-profit organizations, and local Jewish federations and schools about the availability of such scholarships and the criteria. Many countries also have government-sponsored loan programs for students. Check with local government representatives for details.

See the following list for some of the many organizations that offer scholarships based on various criteria.

GRANT FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS

The State of Israel offers financial assistance for graduate school tuition to new immigrants under the age of 30, provided the immigrant does not already have a graduate degree from abroad and the program is recognized by the Student Authority. Students must begin their graduate studies within three years of their Aliyah date (not including army service), in order to be eligible for this assistance.

https://www.gov.il/en/departments/topics/student_authority/govil-landing-page

HESEG FOUNDATION FOR FORMER LONE SOLDIERS

HESEG Foundation | A philanthropic foundation
Rothschild Boulevard 46, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel (Hebrew)

<https://www.heseg.com/>

JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA (JFNA)

www.jewishfederations.org

TELFED

Awards grants for students from South Africa. Contact the Jewish community of South Africa: www.telfed.org.il

For full details about scholarships:

<https://www.runi.ac.il/en/schools/rris/admissions/graduate/financial-aid-and-scholarships/>

For other scholarship possibilities, contact our Financial Aid Managers:

rris.financialaid@runi.ac.il



WHY REICHMAN UNIVERSITY ?



Reichman University offers a wide range of extracurricular activities: sports, debate club, Model UN, Israel advocacy, JLIC-RRIS Friday night dinners, shiurim, mincha club, choir, band, and much more.



Reichman University is one of the most prestigious universities in Israel. Employers seek Reichman University graduates because they come with practical tools and hit the ground running. Reichman University operates a Career Development Center that aims to prepare students and alumni for the job market, and to provide them with the tools to find suitable employment both before and after they graduate.



The Raphael Recanati International School takes very special care of its students. We are the largest academic absorption center in the country. We are especially proud that we are home to more than 400 lone soldiers, who are currently studying here.



Networking is the name of the game! To date, there are more than 40,000 Reichman University graduates from over 90 countries. This gives students a unique opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds and learn about other nations and cultures, and to establish friendships that last a lifetime. This also creates a global network that provides our graduates with an advantage throughout their professional career.



Our small classes create a more intimate learning setting, which allows students to get to know each other and the staff. Our philosophy is that our students are our partners.



We are the first non-government-subsidized academic institution to grant doctoral degrees.



One third of Reichman University students are international, making us the most international university in Israel for full-degree students. Israeli students serve as counselors for first-year students in order to help them find their way around and get to know the system.



In a nationwide survey conducted by Israel's Council for Higher Education, Reichman University was ranked number one in student satisfaction for quality teaching for four consecutive years.

● VISA AND STATUS ASSISTANCE

Students are responsible for clarifying and establishing their status in Israel, and are welcome to turn to the Raphael Recanati International School staff for advice and assistance. Before commencing studies, all students must clarify their status and eligibility for a student visa (A-2) or Israeli citizenship with the Israeli embassy or consulate in their country of origin.

A student visa should be obtained in advance, in the student's country of origin. International students who are children of an Israeli parent must settle all matters, such as whether they must obtain an Israeli passport and deferment of military service, with the nearest Israeli embassy or consulate.

For students considering making Aliyah (immigrating to Israel): www.jewishagency.org/Aliyah/, or from North America: www.nbn.org.il

● CAREER CENTER

The Career Center strives to guide and prepare students to enter the working world and help them navigate their career paths and find employment opportunities through counseling, placement, and informational services. The Center's services are tailored to meet students' and graduates' specific needs and challenges in each of Reichman University's schools, according to their relevant market.

These services include personal career counseling and assistance (including one-on-one LinkedIn sessions), introducing AI-relevant tools, lectures and workshops on job-seeking strategies, resume enhancement, interview prep, etc. In addition, the Career Center provides recruitment and networking opportunities such as job fairs, career weeks, and potential employer meetings. The Career Center also maintains an updated list of hundreds of job openings in Israel for students and graduates.

For more information:

www.runi.ac.il/en/career-center/

www.facebook.com/groups/710557439037233/

www.linkedin.com/groups/1862147/

● HEALTH INSURANCE

All Reichman University students are required to have comprehensive health insurance coverage throughout the entire period of their studies. Israeli residents, including new immigrants, receive national health insurance for a low monthly fee in accordance with the country's health insurance legislation. International students who are not covered by Israel's national health insurance (Bituach Leumi) should purchase their own health insurance policy to cover their medical needs while in Israel or purchase the **UMS HAREL YEDIDIM** insurance policy for international students, offered by Reichman University.

Our special arrangement with the HAREL YEDIDIM insurance company provides comprehensive health coverage for NIS 4,970* per academic year, which will be charged at the beginning of each year.

In order to have continuous coverage, the policy is automatically renewed from one academic year to the next until the scheduled end of the program unless students notify the school in writing that they wish to cancel.

** Rates are subject to change according to insurance company rate fluctuations.*





THE RRIS GLOBAL VILLAGE 2025-2026

30% OF THE STUDENT POPULATION
OF REICHMAN UNIVERSITY ARE
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

RRIS IS THE LARGEST ACADEMIC
ABSORPTION CENTER IN ISRAEL.

31%

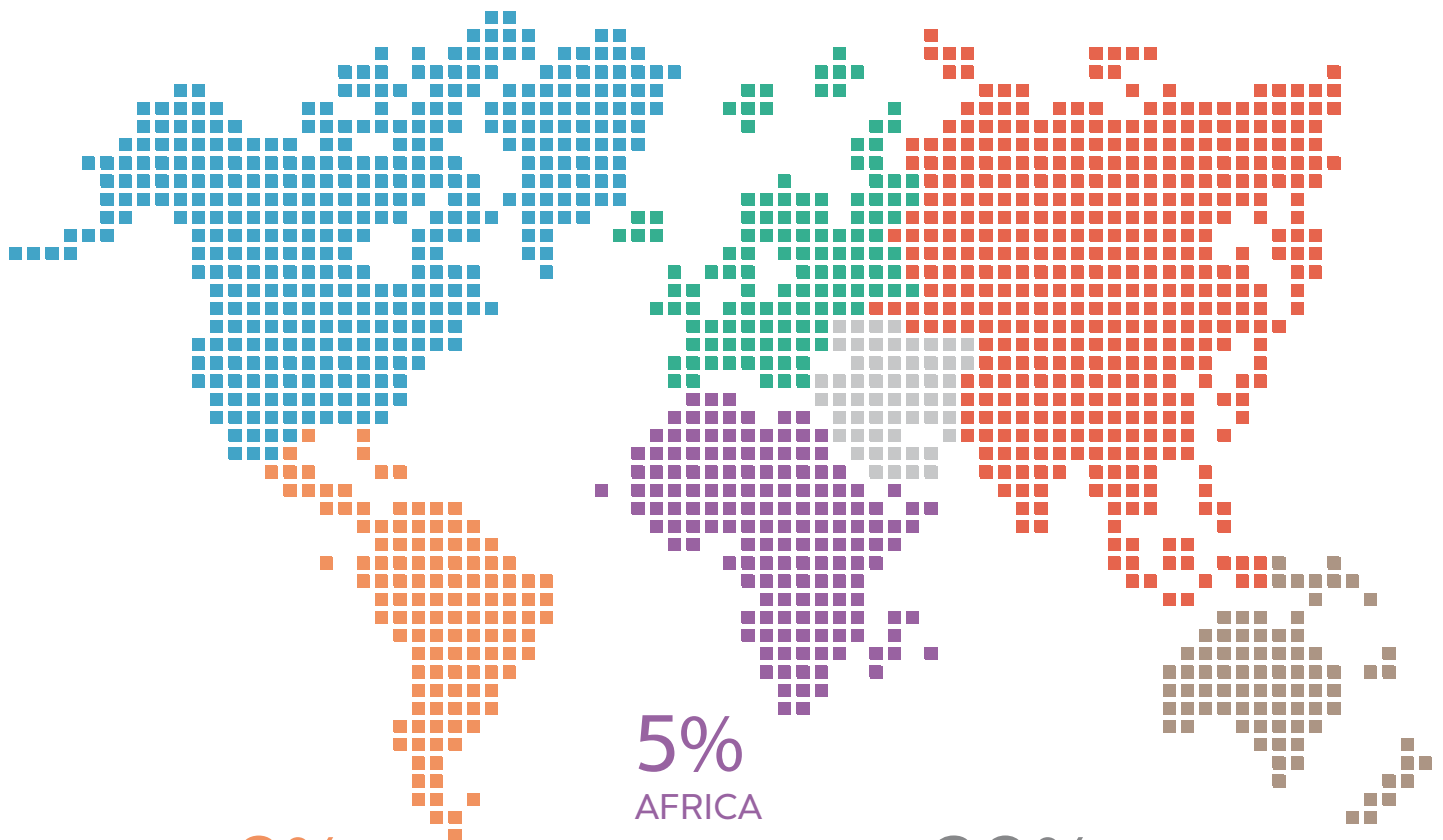
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24%

EUROPE

2%

ASIA & OCEANIA



8%

LATIN
AMERICA

5%

AFRICA

30%

ISRAEL &
THE MIDDLE EAST



CAMPUS LIFE AT REICHMAN UNIVERSITY



North Trip



Yom Hazikaron Ceremony



Tazuz Yoga



Hannukah Jerusalem Tour



North Tripal Festival



October 7th Sites Tour



Orientation Trip



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

ה'תשפ"ז 2026-2027

Orientation week Oct 11-16, 2026

Fall semester begins Oct 18, 2026

Memorial Day for Yitzchak Rabin Z"L Oct 22, 2026

Hanukkah vacation Dec 6, 2026

Fall semester ends Jan 15, 2027

Fall exams begin Jan 17, 2027

Spring semester begins Mar 7, 2027

Purim vacation Mar 23, 2027

Passover vacation Apr 18-30, 2027

Studies resume May 2, 2027

Eve of Holocaust Memorial Day May 3, 2027

Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony May 4, 2027

Israel Memorial Day ceremony May 10, 2027

Eve of Israel Memorial Day May 10, 2027

Israel Memorial Day May 11, 2027

Israel Independence Day May 12, 2027

Memorial Day ceremony for Ethiopian Jews who perished on their way to Israel Jun 3, 2027

Shavuot vacation Jun 10-11, 2027

Graduation ceremony (2026) TBD

Honorary Fellowship & Outstanding Researchers and Lecturers ceremony TBD

Students' Day TBD

Spring semester ends Jun 18, 2027

Spring exams begin Jun 20, 2027

Summer semester begins Jul 25, 2027

Summer semester ends Sep 10, 2027

Summer exams begin Sep 12, 2027

*There may be further changes and updates depending on campus needs **

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