

STUDENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

STUDY ABROAD

2025-2026 Academic Year



ALL STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO THE RRIS MUST READ THIS BOOKLET AND SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO THE RAPHAEL RECANATI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN REICHMAN UNIVERSITY!

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- You are about to embark on one of the most significant experiences of your life. Reichman University (RUNI) is a dynamic learning community that fosters creativity and innovation and promotes the development of new opportunities inside and outside the classroom.
- This booklet contains essential information regarding your studies at the RRIS and will assist you in making decisions prior to your arrival.
- We are here to help make your student experience the best that it can be.



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1

Read the information in this booklet carefully as it provides answers to your questions.

2

Log into your candidate information station in order to update your details and confirm your acceptance by paying the \$1,600 US enrollment deposit (which will be credited towards your annual tuition payment).

3

Share the important information in this booklet with your family.



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Please allow me to welcome you to our lovely campus and university. It is my hope that each of you excel in your academic studies during your time with us. We are here to provide you with the best tools we can offer so that in just a few years, we can meet you at graduation in your caps and gowns, on your way to achieving your professional goals. This year we are blessed with an impressive intake of undergraduate and graduate students.

One of our most important aims, in addition to providing you with a stimulating academic environment, is to offer you an opportunity for acculturation and integration at Reichman University and in the State of Israel. Please indulge in as many extra-curricular activities as possible during your time here. Among these are the Debate Club, Entrepreneurship Club, the Model UN, JLIC, RRIS hiking, biking, overnight field trips, AEPi, RUNI Radio, the Ambassadors' Club, the dance troupe, band or choir, festival celebrations, RUNI Talent, and so much more. Hopefully, the careful balance between your academic studies and extra-curricular activities will provide you with an enriching and well-rounded education, as well as dozens of friends for life and networks that will serve you even decades from now, when you have become veterans of your places of work and have raised beautiful families.

The dedicated staff of the Raphael Recanati International School is here to help solve any problems you may encounter, both on and off campus, to the best of our ability. Please do not hesitate to call us and let us know what's on your mind. Consider us your family here in Israel. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you - please do not hesitate to approach me!

Wishing all of you the best possible time at Reichman University.

Jonathan Davis

Vice President for External Relations

Head, Raphael Recanati International School



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WELCOME FROM THE RRIS DIRECTOR

Shalom and welcome to the RRIS!

On behalf of Reichman University's Raphael Recanati International School, I am honored to welcome you to our community. With students from over 90 countries worldwide, the RRIS takes pride in celebrating the diverse cultures that come together in the unique "melting pot" spirit of Reichman University.

Reichman University is a leading academic institution, striving to be a global center of excellence. Our distinctive educational approach is rooted in interdisciplinary methods, combining theoretical knowledge with practical experience.

At the RRIS, we educate talented young individuals to make a significant impact and contribute meaningfully in whatever fields they choose, both in Israel and globally. Our core philosophy, grounded in the principles of individual freedom and responsibility, emphasizes student entrepreneurship, leadership, and a commitment to community service.

Our dedicated staff is here to ensure you feel at home, providing attentive support to meet your needs and we all wish you great success as you pursue your academic goals.

All the best,

Carine Katz

Director

Raphael Recanati International School, Reichman University



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ORIENTATION WEEK

One of the innovative and important services that Reichman University (RUNI) provides to its students is an orientation for new students. Orientation is designed to make incoming students' entry into the academic environment as smooth as possible.

Orientation Week is vital preparation for succeeding at RUNI. Participation is mandatory.

Each incoming student is assigned a peer counselor (2nd or 3rd year Israeli student) who is tasked with helping new students acculturate to RUNI and to Israel. Your peer counselor will accompany you from your arrival to campus throughout your year/semester at RUNI. Your counselor will contact you shortly before your arrival to campus.

FALL SEMESTER

The academic year will begin with Orientation Week on October 19, 2025.

Orientation Week includes five full days of orientation to RUNI, your peers and your new home in Herzliya. In order to be prepared to begin studies and have the tools to access our online and social communities, your presence is mandatory.

The week will include:

Academic orientation: Consult with your academic coordinator regarding class assignment and selection, and participate in introductory lectures and conversations.

Technical Orientation: Receive your student ID card, learn how to access your email and use the RUNI online student portal (essential for class registration, email, grade access, and other key functions).

Social Orientation: Sign up for RUNI extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, societies, etc.), engage with the local community via volunteering opportunities, meet and bond with your peers as we engage in structured discussions and travel to the desert for an excursion including hikes, team building, and lots of fun.

See our [Orientation Trip Movie >>](#)

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Sample Orientation Week schedule for your reference, subject to changes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:30 Registration and extracurricular fair	9:00 Orientation group gathering		9:00 Student Portal: Technical Orientation	
10:00 Orientation group gathering	10:00 Library orientation and campus tour, student cards	10:00 MASA Meeting	10:00 Workshop	
11:30 RUNI Unique learning experience	11:30 Guest lecture & Lunch	10:00 <i>Minhal Ha-Studentim</i> Meeting	12:00 Opening Ceremony by school	
13:30 Meet your dean: academic orientation	14:30 RRIS Student Affairs Department	11:30 Health Insurance Info session	14:30 Student & alumni panel	RRIS Orientation Trip
15:00 RRIS Welcome Ceremony	15:30 RUNI Ethics	14:00 <i>Ulpan</i> placement test	15:30 Intro to campus Psychological services, Student Union and Study Skills Center	
16:00 Student Clubs Fair			17:00 Orientation group gathering	
			18:00 Student union activity - all campus	

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SPRING SEMESTER

The Spring Semester will begin with a mandatory Orientation Day on **March 20, 2025**.

The day will include

Academic Orientation: Meet the staff, consult with your academic coordinator regarding class assignment and selection, and campus and library tour.

Technical Orientation: Receive your student ID card, learn how to access your email and use the RUNI online student portal (essential for class registration, email, grade access, and other key functions).

Social Orientation: Sign up for extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, societies, etc.) and meet and bond with your peers.



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ELECTIVE HEBREW COURSE (*ULPAN*)

Learning Hebrew is essential to your acculturation in Israel. RUNI offers *ulpan* (Hebrew language studies during the academic year) at five different levels so you may improve your Hebrew AND get credit for it! *Ulpan* is a yearlong general elective course worth two credits. It is not possible to join the Ulpan course in the spring semester.

To join the yearlong *ulpan* elective course, you will need to take a Hebrew placement test after which you will be divided into classes based on your test results. Classes are designed to help students feel comfortable using Hebrew.

The placement test for the *ulpan* will be held during Orientation Week for all interested students.

Online registration for the course will take place during the first two weeks of the academic year.

INTENSIVE ACADEMIC SUMMER HEBREW *ULPAN*

RUNI is home to an annual five-week intensive summer *ulpan* in July and August. This is an academic *ulpan* and participants who attend the entire six weeks of classes will be awarded a certificate of completion from the Ministry of Education.*

There is an additional fee for participating in the summer *ulpan*. Please note that there are no RUNI dormitory arrangements during the *ulpan* and it is not part of the RUNI academic curriculum.

* Students at summer *ulpan* do not earn academic credits from RUNI.

For more details regarding the summer *ulpan* please contact ulpanrris@runi.ac.il

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To experience university life in the best way, nothing equals living on campus where students can enjoy convenience and a sense of community. In the 2025- 2026 academic year RUNI students will have the option of enjoying the high standard of living offered in the 748 fully equipped residential units located in three 12-story towers on RUNI's campus.

The dormitory towers were planned and designed to meet green building standards where students have many opportunities for interaction which contributes to their academic success and personal growth. The facilities include fully equipped study halls to enable students to focus on their studies and to maintain a diverse social life. Each building also has laundry rooms with washing machines and dryers at the residents' disposal, in addition to a Shabbat elevator and a synagogue in the Recanati building.

The apartments are available to all students pursuing undergraduate and master's degrees at RUNI. The dorms include apartments for single students, married couples (at least one of whom is a RUNI student), shared apartments and accessible units for students with disabilities.

The rent includes Wi-Fi, TV services (cable), building fees, maintenance, gardening, cleaning of common areas, and 24/7 security services on the premises; It does not include electricity and water fees.



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All apartments, except for the units for married couples, are designated for one student per unit. The apartments are furnished to accommodate all residents' needs: Every apartment has an air conditioning unit, a private bathroom with shower, a bed (120cm/190cm for which linen is not included), and a kitchen area. The kitchen is fully equipped with a refrigerator, electric cooking top, microwave, and an electric kettle. In addition, the apartment includes a desk, closet, TV, a dining table and chairs.

The rental fee for a single unit is \$950 USD per month.

The contract period for students who wish to reside in an RUNI dormitory suite begins on the day the student move into the suite and ends on September 30th, 2026.

For information please see the RU Dormitories [website](#) and contact the Dorms Coordinator at dorms@runi.ac.il

[RU Dormitories clip >>](#)

Single Units



The single units are approximately 20 square meters.

**The image is for illustrative purposes only.*

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All Reichman University students are required to have comprehensive health insurance coverage throughout the duration of their studies. Reichman University cannot cover medical costs or take responsibility for students who do not have insurance.

You may purchase your own health insurance policy to cover your medical needs while in Israel or purchase the UMS HAREL YEDIDIM insurance policy for international students, offered by **Reichman University (RUNI)**. If you are an Israeli resident covered by Israel's National Health Insurance (*Bituach Leumi*), you do not need any additional health insurance.

The insurance plan with HAREL YEDIDIM provides comprehensive health coverage for *\$1400 USD per academic year/\$700 USD per semester, which will be charged at the beginning of the 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 the student notifies the school in writing that he/she wishes to cancel.

- for students starting in the fall semester, the insurance policy will start on **October 1, 2025**.
- for students starting in the spring semester, the insurance will start on **March 8, 2026**.

The end date of the insurance policy will be March 15, 2026 for fall semester students, and August 31, 2026 for spring semester and one- year students.

IN ORDER TO REGISTER FOR HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH RUNI YOU MUST:

1. Log in to your [Candidate Information Station](#) and check YES for insurance on the Status & Insurance section.
2. Fill out the health declaration on the [Candidate Information Station](#) as required by "Harel Yedidim". Without this health declaration the policy cannot be issued.

The health declaration will be available **six weeks before the beginning of the policy**.

If you need a letter of confirmation for the student visa, please be in touch with rris.insurance@runi.ac.il

Medication

If you are taking prescribed medication it is advised to bring an adequate supply for at least the first few months until you can set up care in Israel. For purchasing the medication in Israel, you should bring a doctor's prescription (clearly typed in English) for the medicine that you are using, or a prescription of a generic medication that is suitable for your condition. It will have to be translated by an Israeli doctor in order to purchase it in a pharmacy in Israel.

National Health Insurance (*Bituach Leumi*) for Israeli residents:

All Israeli residents who are registered for National Health Insurance (*Bituach Leumi*) including new immigrants (*olim chadashim*) are entitled to receive National Health Insurance for a low monthly fee. New immigrants who are not employed are entitled to twelve months of free national health insurance.

***The HAREL YEDIDIM yearly rate of \$1400 USD/\$700 USD is subject to change from year to year according to insurance company rate fluctuations. A notice about any rate change will be updated in the website in advance.**

For questions regarding insurance email rris.insurance@runi.ac.il

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HAREL Insurance & Finance Ltd., Israel's leading firm in health insurance, and "YEDIDIM", which serve thousands of students in Israel, have joined together to create an overall insurance protection program, providing for your health care needs. The medical services are provided by the **Clalit Healthcare** providers throughout Israel. Clalit and Harel operate a Call Center in English and in Hebrew 24/7. The medical coverage is based on the UMS – University Medical Services Policy. All costs are quoted in US dollars.

OUTLINE OF THE UMS POLICY

Coverage Item

- Overall coverage for insurance period
- Maximum period of hospitalization
- Visit to doctor & specialist
- Visit to doctor who does not have an arrangement with the Clalit
- Laboratory tests, x-rays, etc. with no ceiling
- Medicine in the health service basket at the Clalit pharmacies, according to doctor's prescription
- Emergency dental treatment
- Assistance for flight to country of origin due to medical problem, subject to approval of Harel's medical board
- Transport of mortal remains to home country
- House calls by a physician 24/7

UMS

\$100,000.-
 Up to 90 days
 Included, No co-pay
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 Only at Clalit Laboratories
 Included, No co-pay
 At Clalit Smile Clinics
 Up to \$10,000.-
 Up to \$5,000.-
 Included, no co-pay



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Exclusions

- Incidents related to alcohol ingestion and/or illegal drug use
- Pre-existing medical conditions
- Dental treatment
- Pregnancy
- Psychiatric and psychological care including ADHD etc.
- The insurance is valid **only in the State of Israel***

Note: Infectious diseases, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, system-wide problems and cancer in the treatment stage require a separate, private insurance policy.

* If you are traveling outside of Israel, it is recommended to purchase an additional travel insurance for the period of time abroad.

Harel Yedidim Insurance Company also offers various plans for Home Insurance, including laptop & other valuables, and third party liability insurance.

For details about Home Insurance: Email - y_health@yedidim.co.il

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VISA & STATUS INFORMATION

Students are responsible for clarifying and establishing their status in Israel and can turn to the Raphael Recanati International School staff for advice and assistance. Israeli visa requirements vary based on your country of citizenship. A student visa must be issued **in advance before your arrival to Israel, through the nearest Israeli consulate**. Please contact the nearest Israeli embassy / consulate for information regarding the exact procedure. Information for Israeli embassies and consulates around the world can be found [here](#).

The RRIS staff is here to help with the procedure and can provide students with certification of your status as an accepted student.

STUDENT VISA (A2):

A student visa is a multiple entry visa valid for one year after which time it can be renewed. To apply for a student visa you will likely be asked to provide:

- Passport valid for at least one year after required stay
- Letter of acceptance to Reichman University
- Visa application form (2 copies)
- Photographs (2)
- Visa fee
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of financial means to pay for studies and sustenance throughout stay in Israel
- Proof of health insurance to cover you in Israel, including COVID-19

Note: The Consul may request additional documents.

RETURNING ISRAELI

Students who were born in Israel must contact the nearest Israeli Consulate for updated information. Regulations regarding this population change frequently.

NEW IMMIGRANT (oleh chadash)

You must check your **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) status**. In general, you might need to serve in the army (this depends on your age upon arrival in Israel) but may be able to defer your service until after you graduate. The Jewish Agency provides advice and assistance to students considering immigrating to Israel. For more information click [here](#). Contact and information for North America/UK can be found [here](#).

STUDENTS WHO HAVE AT LEAST ONE ISRAELI PARENT

Contact the nearest Israeli Consulate to check your Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) status, and to obtain an Israeli passport in order to enter and stay in Israel. Request a status of "child of emigrants" (*b'nei mehagrim*) from your local Israel Consulate. You may be eligible for a special status from the IDF as long as you are a student. For more details contact Shelly Levy at levys@runi.ac.il. Information for Israeli embassies and consulates around the world can be found [here](#).

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LIVING IN ISRAEL

Moving to Israel can be exciting and challenging. A guide with basic information about banking, internet set up, transportation, mobile phones, etc., can be found in the [Counselor's Tip-Book](#).

SOCIAL & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AT THE RRIS

The RRIS organizes a wide variety of social and cultural activities for all the students on campus in English!

Throughout the academic year the school hosts cultural events, performances, educational tours, social gatherings and more. For information about our extracurricular activities at the RRIS please visit our [website](#) page, on  and .

E-MAIL

RUNI E-mail Account:

During Orientation Week you will receive an RUNI e-mail account. RUNI e-mail addresses are usually in the following format:

firstname.lastname@post.runi.ac.il

Please note that this e-mail account is our primary form of contact with you and you are expected to check it on a regular basis. There are many computers available on campus and there are wireless hot spots in every building on campus.



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Please note that the first chart below refers to students who will study at Reichman University for one semester, and the second chart below refers to those studying for a full academic year.

STUDY ABROAD TUITION FOR ONE SEMESTER

	Price USD
Tuition for one semester	\$12,000
Optional	
Health Insurance¹	\$700
Student Union (for Student Union benefits click here)²	\$37
Total	\$12,737

Due Date	Sum to be paid In USD	Health insurance in USD (if required)
Advance payment must be paid within 2 weeks from receipt of the acceptance letter.		
Fall semester Nov. 10, 2025	Spring semester Feb. 10, 2026	\$3,500 + \$37 Student Union fee
Dec. 10, 2025	March 10, 2026	\$3,500
Jan. 10, 2026	April 10, 2026	\$3,450
Total	\$12,037	\$700

1 For information and registration, contact RRIS.Insurance@runi.ac.il

2 Should you decide not to be a member of the student union, please make sure that you notify the Tuition Department and sign a concession form at the Student Union Office upon your arrival.



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Tuition Regulations for students who terminate their studies

A student who has registered at Reichman University for one semester, has paid the down payment, and subsequently decides not to study during the current academic year, must submit an official statement in writing (via e-mail) to both the RRIS Admissions Office and to the Reichman University Tuition Department. **A phone call will not be considered an official notification. The student must confirm the receipt of the notification.**

The calculation of tuition will be according to the date of official statement of cancellation in accordance with the table below.

Notice of termination of studies	Payment to be charged
Fall Semester	
By September 28, 2025	-
From September 29, 2025, to October 25, 2025	100% of the down payment
From October 26, 2025	Full Fall Semester tuition
Spring Semester	
By January 26, 2026	-
From January 27, 2026, to March 15, 2026	100% of the down payment
From March 16, 2026	Full Spring Semester tuition



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STUDY ABROAD TUITION FOR A FULL ACADEMIC YEAR

	Price USD
Tuition for a full academic year	\$24,000
Optional	
Health Insurance³	\$1,400
Student Union (for Student Union benefits Student Union website) ⁴	\$75
Total	\$25,475

Due Date	Sum to be paid In USD	Health insurance in USD (if required)
Advance payment must be paid within 2 weeks from receipt of the acceptance letter.	\$1,600	
Nov. 10, 2025	\$3,750 + \$75 Student Union fee*	\$1,400
Dec. 10, 2025	\$3,750	
Jan. 10, 2026	\$3,750	
Feb. 10, 2026	\$3,750	
March 10, 2026	\$3,750	
Apr. 10, 2026	\$3,650	
Total	\$24,075	\$1,400

³ For information and registration, contact RRIS.Insurance@runi.ac.il

⁴ Should you decide not to be a member of the student union, please make sure that you notify the Tuition Department and sign a concession form at the Student Union Office upon your arrival.



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A student who has registered at Reichman University for a full year, has paid the down payment, and subsequently decides not to study during the current academic year, must submit an official statement in writing (via e-mail) to both the RRIS Admissions Office and to the Reichman University Tuition Department. **A phone call will not be considered an official notification. The student must confirm the receipt of the notification.**

The calculation of tuition will be according to the date of official statement of cancellation in accordance with the table below.

Notice of termination of studies	Payment to be charged
By September 28, 2025	-
From September 29, 2025 - October 25, 2025	100% of the down payment
From October 26, 2025	Full Fall Semester tuition
From March 16, 2026	Full Spring Semester tuition

PAYMENTS OPTIONS

Tuition and fees can be paid either by **credit card**, or **wire transfer** to Reichman University bank account.

Paying by Credit Card

You may use the Online Payment Center with credit card for payments in **USD** or in **NIS** (according to the daily \$ exchange rate on the date of payment).

A Payment in USD can be done in one installment only, for each payment.

A payment in NIS can be done in one installment or in 3-18 credit payments. Interest rates are determined by the credit card company when paying in multiple installments.

Please enter : MyRuni account → [Candidate Info Station](#) → Finance → payments → make payment here

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Paying via wire transfer (bank details)

Beneficiary: Reichman University (CC)
Bank: 12-Hapoalim Bank
Branch: 628-Herzliya Branch
Account No.: 244144
Swift Code: Poalilit
IBAN: **IL90-0126-2800-0000-0244-144**

After each transaction, please send us the transaction document indicating the student's name and ID number by email to wireruni@runi.ac.il.

Please note:

A period of one week is necessary in order to receive confirmation of wire transfers.

Students may only pay 10% of their annual tuition fee in cash, in accordance to the Israeli law which restricts the use of cash.

Should a payment be made in NIS, the value in USD will be determined according to the exchange rate on the day that the payment is received.

There may be an extra charge by the bank when wiring a payment. Students are responsible for paying any extra fees that may be deducted by the bank.

It is the student's responsibility to make all payments on time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reichman University reserves the right to make changes to all the above-mentioned terms and regulations, without personally notifying all those concerned.

Tuition rates and additional fees are subject to change by Reichman University at its discretion, any time prior to the beginning of studies.

Students who do not settle their payments for tuition, health insurance and dorms on time, will be limited on their access to their Moodle (course website system) and their student information center.

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ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Students are responsible for their airfare to and from Israel.

Please note, tuition doesn't include the cost of the textbooks that we recommend students to purchase.

Tuition Department Reception Hours and contact details:

Sun. & Thurs. 10 am - 1 pm ; 3 pm - 4 pm

Sivan Hacarmeli

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General

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Fax: 972-9-9602999

Reichman University Dorms - for information, registration, please visit the Reichman University Dorms [website](#).

The Reichman University Dorms are a separate entity and therefore students who cancel or freeze and had registered for the dorms, must contact the dorms staff in writing at dorms@runi.ac.il



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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are various scholarships and grants available to our students.

We recommend that you check what scholarships or grants are available in your country for studies abroad. For further assistance please contact **Annette Behrendt-van Zeeland** or **Lisa Sharon**, from the financial Aid Department, at rris.financialaid@runi.ac.il

RRIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Raphael Recanati International School offers a needs-based scholarship to study abroad students who will study during the full academic year. The application will be available only online [here](#) until **October 26, 2025**. Students will be asked to provide information in regard to their needs and to attach relevant documents (pay stubs, bank statements, apartment lease, etc.).

JEWISH TOURIST

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: once you make *aliyah* you are not eligible for this grant so please check this out before making *aliyah*! More information and application forms www.masaisrael.org

FAFSA

Please note, study abroad students are not eligible for FAFSA at RUNI since they are non-degree students.



THE LEA AND NAFTALI BEN-YEHUDA ACCESSIBILITY & STUDY SKILLS CENTER

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The Lea and Naftali Ben-Yehuda Accessibility & Study Skill Center assists students recognized by the dean of students as students with learning issues and attention deficit disorders, students with physical, emotional, sensory, or cognitive disabilities, and students that are dealing with a temporary or permanent medical issue that has functional repercussions to studying.

Academic learning strategies:

Learning How To Learn - Free modular training units developed specifically for students at Reichman University. The training units are based on brain research and learning and provide practical tools for academic success.

Offering students best practices for both online and on campus studying.

Teaching learning skills – one on one:

Every student is welcome to enjoy one on one meetings with a professional teacher who specializes in learning strategies.

Academic accessibility counseling one on one:

Students with sensory, physical, or other disabilities caused by a chronic disease with direct implication on academic study abilities are invited to contact the academic accessibility coordinator, to schedule a personal meeting.

Accommodations and accessibility due to Medical Disabilities:

Every student can receive the accommodation they need, the applications are to be submitted by the date advertised on [web page](#) and in student announcements. We recommend submitting the application as soon as possible.

Students are most welcome to join activities during the semester. You can read more information in our [website](#).

For more information please refer to our [web page](#) or send an email to negishut@runi.ac.il or call us: +972-9-9602738



THE LEAH AND ITZAK SCHECHTER CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING SERVICES

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The Center for Psychological Counseling Services provides interested students with the opportunity to receive help and support dealing with various problems and challenges that students may encounter during the period of their studies.

Students who apply to the center may receive **short-term counseling** or up to two semesters of ongoing therapy through personal meetings with professionals who have extensive experience treating students from a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds. Group meetings or workshops dealing with concerns relevant to students may also be available.

What are the most common problems for which students apply for counseling?

Students apply for personal counseling for a wide variety of reasons, which may include the following: culture shock or experiencing difficulty coping with the many challenges inherent in being in a new and unfamiliar environment; difficulties with school or job; struggling with personal or professional identity; social, interpersonal, or romantic difficulties; dealing with grief or loss; problems occurring in the family which have a stressful impact, such as illness, divorce, or financial crisis; feeling overly anxious or depressed; coping with attention deficit disorder and/or learning disabilities. These problems may be new to the student or may be issues from the past that are resurfacing or intensifying when students are far from home and/or feeling alone and isolated.

Sometimes due to a student's particular circumstances, he or she might be better served by seeing a professional in the community. In these cases, the student will receive help with an appropriate referral.

Students interested in booking an initial consultation are kindly requested to contact our administrative coordinator, tel.: +972-9-960-2872 email: psyhelp@runi.ac.il.

Please note that the Psychological Counseling Services are not equipped to provide long-term care for students who need continuous psychological or psychiatric support. Therefore, students dealing with ongoing mental health issues are strongly advised to set up a professional support system before coming to Israel. We are happy to provide more information about the various options if needed.

For more information regarding our services, please see our [website](#).

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EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES

Reasonable accommodations are provided by Reichman University to students who have been diagnosed with learning disabilities or attention deficit disorder. The accommodations are awarded to minimize as much as possible the negative effects that these difficulties can have on students' performance, while simultaneously maintaining the exam's reliability and validity. Therefore, the exam accommodations that the University provides are designed such that they do not alter the essential character of the exams, i.e., the scope of the material tested, or the essence of the exams' demands upon students (for example, comprehension, applying knowledge, etc.).

All students dealing with a learning disability and/or ADHD who wish to apply for exam accommodations must submit relevant documentation. International students dealing with a learning disability and/or ADHD must submit acceptable documentation according to the guidelines listed on our website, under [Students with Learning Disabilities](#).

After the documentation has been submitted, a meeting with a psychologist from the Counseling Center will be scheduled where the eligibility for specific accommodations will be discussed. Documents must be submitted no later than five weeks before the end of the semester in order to guarantee the request will be processed in time for that semester's exams.

Students who finished high school in Israel and completed the Bagrut in Hebrew, who wish to receive accommodations, are obligated to submit a particular kind of diagnostic report called MATAL. Please make sure you get all the information about the MATAL evaluation process, how it works, who it applies to, and who might be exempt, by referring to the [Hebrew website](#).



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the information in this booklet. Please note that our offices are closed on weekends which are Friday-Saturday in Israel.

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STUDENT ADMINISTRATION

The Student Administration Office provides a variety of services to students concerning the administrative aspect of their academic studies and handles all academic matters: grades; registration for courses; credits; and records of studies.

Communication with the administration is through your [candidate/student info station](#).

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Fall semester begins	26.10.2025
Memorial Day for Yitzchak Rabin Z"l	3.11.2025
Hanukkah vacation	21.12.2025
Fall semester ends	23.01.2026
Fall exams begin	25.01.2026
Spring Semester begins	15.03.2026
Passover vacation	29.03-10.04.2026
Studies resume	12.04.2026
Eve of Holocaust Memorial Day	13.04.2026
Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony	14.04.2026
Israel Memorial Day Ceremony	20.04.2026
Eve of Israel Memorial Day	20.04.2026
Israel Memorial Day	21.04.2026
Israel Independence Day	22.04.2026
Memorial Day ceremony for Ethiopian Jews who perished on their way to Israel	TBA
Shavuot vacation	21-22.05.2026
Graduation ceremony (2025)	TBD
Honorary Fellowship & Outstanding Researchers and Lecturers ceremony	TBD
Student day	TBD
Spring semester ends	26.06.2026
Spring exams begin	28.06.2026
Summer semester begins	2.08.2026
Summer semester ends	10.09.2026
Summer exams begin	13.09.2026

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FALL SEMESTER CONCLUSION, EXAM SCHEDULE AND POTENTIAL FOR TIME OFF

Exams begin immediately following the conclusion of fall semester. In accordance with traditional Israeli higher education models, RUNI offers students the opportunity to take a first sitting of exams ("*moed aleph*") generally during the first four weeks between semesters. Students will receive their *moed aleph* exam schedule at the beginning of the semester. If a student fails the *moed aleph* exam, is not happy with the grade or had to miss the exam due to unforeseen circumstances, he/she is entitled to sit for a second exam ("*moed bet*"). These second exams are scheduled immediately following the *moed aleph* exams. Therefore, each student has a highly individual schedule, very often with no vacation whatsoever between fall and spring semester dependent on 1) *moed aleph* schedule, assigned during the first week of the semester and 2) the student's desire to be present for *moed bet*/retakes.

If you are certain that you will not need a retake, you can book your return ticket date upon receipt of your *moed aleph* exam schedule (following your final exam time). If you are booking a ticket to Israel and are concerned about choosing a return ticket date, we strongly urge you to purchase a "flexible fare" ticket that allows you to change your return date with no penalty fee. This will allow you to alter your date according to our exam schedule and need (or lack thereof) to sit for *moed bet* exams. While this class ticket is more expensive than a ticket with inflexible dates, it is significantly less expensive than altering the return date on an inflexible fare ticket if the need arises.

SPRING SEMESTER CONCLUSION, EXAM SCHEDULE AND EXTENDED BREAK

Exams begin immediately following the conclusion of spring semester. Students will receive their *moed aleph* exam schedule at the beginning of semester. As described above, following *moed aleph* exams students are entitled to sit for *moed bet* exams. Spring semester *moed bet* exams are generally scheduled through August. When students have concluded their exams (based on their highly personal schedule and desire to take *moed bet* exams), they are on semester break until mid-October when the next school year begins.

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1

Accept your admissions offer within the next 7 days.

2

Update your personal details in the [Candidate Information Station](#).

3

Confirm your acceptance by logging in to your [Candidate Information Station](#) and paying the \$1,600 USD enrollment deposit (which will be credited towards your annual tuition payment).

4

If you request RUNI Dormitories, contact the dorms student coordinator in the relevant section in this booklet.

5

Share the important information in this booklet with your family.



Welcome to Reichman University - we're looking forward to meeting you!