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Jerusalem University College
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Location

The campus of the university is located on historic Mount Zion in the heart of Jerusalem, overlooking the Hinnom Valley. Just minutes away on foot from both the Old and New Cities of Jerusalem, the central location of the campus facilitates easy access for students to the city’s many educational and cultural institutions.

From the Jerusalem campus students travel to all parts of Israel and the West Bank to study biblical texts in their original settings. Truly the land of the Bible is a unique classroom for our students, whether they have come to learn geography, history, archaeology, or the language of the Bible.

Library

The library is located on the third floor of the main building. It houses approximately 12,000 volumes and subscribes to nearly 100 periodicals and journals. The library also has a collection of slides pertaining to the historical geography of the land of the Bible, maps, excavation reports, and a microfiche collection.

Students are able to use several libraries in Jerusalem. These include the libraries of the Caspari Center, Ecole Biblique, Hebrew Union College, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Jewish National Library, the Ratisbonne Christian Center of Jewish Studies, and the W. F. Albright School of Archaeology. Faculty and students may also use the libraries in museums, such as the Israel Museum, the Rockefeller Museum and the Pontifical Biblical Institute. Many of these libraries are within walking distance of the university campus. A brochure describing the holdings and access privileges of these and other libraries is available at the university library.

Cooperating Institutions

The university is part of a network of academic institutions in Jerusalem. Such schools as Hebrew Union College, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Ecole Biblique offer formal degree programs in which university students can enroll. Such other institutions as Tantur Ecumenical Institute, the Caspari Center, and the
Ratisbonne Christian Center of Jewish Studies, among others, provide research opportunities and resources. University students can benefit from what these Christian and Jewish schools offer in formal and informal educational and research opportunities. The academic community of the university can also take advantage of the many museums located in Jerusalem. Much academic research can be aided visually by visiting their collections, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, archaeological finds, and historical relics.

Recreation

On the Mount Zion campus, students are able to take advantage of recreational facilities such as a volleyball area, basketball hoop, and table tennis. A large grassy area and garden provide students with a beautiful place where they can relax or study outdoors. There are two student lounges, viz., a quiet lounge for reading and quiet conversation, and a lounge containing games, TV and video. A piano is also available for use by students. The university encourages students to bring their own musical instruments.

In addition to the facilities on-campus, there are swimming pools, weight rooms, and basketball and tennis courts at several locations in the city. Most hotels charge a daily rate for the use of their pools. The international YMCA across the Hinnom valley offers a special student membership for both men and women.

Movies, theater, and many musical and cultural events, as well as exploration of the various sites in the city, provide ample ways to make use of recreational time.