Services

Jerusalem University College
Orientation

An orientation program for new students is provided during the first week of each semester. The students are introduced to the academic and spiritual dimensions of the university programs, as well as to campus life on Mount Zion and to the local cultures of Jerusalem. Students’ spouses are encouraged to attend the orientation sessions. Special orientation is provided for off-campus married students by the coordinator for married students.

Student Services Department

The Student Services Department of the university addresses the non-academic needs of students. These include spiritual, health, social and counseling needs, and the provision of information services to students. The Director of Student Services advises the Coordinator of Services to Married Students, the Coordinator of Vespers (and Student Worship Committee), the Student Activity Committee and the university’s Resident Assistants. This department focuses both on the individual needs of the students and on the development of a positive and cohesive Christian community among all students. Opportunities are provided for students to be involved in a wide variety of volunteer ministries in the community. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in these opportunities to get to know and serve the peoples of the land.

Housing

Long-Term Program Students

The Mount Zion campus has dormitory housing which accommodates approximately 65 students each semester. The university may also use residences in other locations off Mount Zion.

Single students are required to live in campus residences during their first academic year at the university. Those who have resided in Israel for at least eight months prior to becoming a student at the university may request permission to live off-campus. Married couples without children are accommodated in university residences when suitable rooms are available. Those with children must arrange their own housing off-campus, but the university Student Services department assists in locating housing. Housing preferences may be indicated on the student’s application form. (see page 40 – Applicants for Long-Term Programs)
Students who will continue to study in the spring semester after finishing fall semester study may stay in the dormitory during the break period by paying appropriate lodging fees. However, food services are provided on a limited basis.

Off-campus students may purchase meal tickets for lunch and dinner in the university dining room if they choose.

The Mount Zion campus is a beautiful and historical Jerusalem site. The age and stone construction of its buildings give it an unusual ambiance. However, due to its character and age, living accommodations on-campus resemble those of the local community. Some of the luxury and modern conveniences present in the student’s home country may not be available. Bathroom and shower facilities are centrally located. Laundry facilities are provided. Electricity is 220 volts, 50 cycles. Converters or transformers are required in order to use 110-volt appliances on-campus and in Israel.

No dogs, cats, or other pets are allowed in the dormitories. The use of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco products is prohibited on all parts of the campus. No breakage fee is charged, but students are expected to reimburse the university for any damage they cause.

Short-Term Program Students
All the above rules and regulations also apply to students participating in short-term programs. If space is available on-campus, short-term students are housed in dormitory rooms accommodating four to 10 students each. Those requesting double rooms will be housed on-campus at a different rate, if facilities are available. Because of the growing student enrollment on-campus, short-term groups are usually housed in hospices, hostels or hotels in Jerusalem at a different rate. There are very limited provisions for children in short-term programs. Specific information is available upon request. Double or private rooms cannot be guaranteed on field trips.

Oasis Bookstore
The Oasis is the campus bookstore and snack shop. It stocks some of the textbooks required for courses at the university, as well as books related to subjects taught at the university. Also
available at the Oasis are such items as stationery, cards, school supplies, soft drinks, snacks, T-shirts and sweatshirts. Most items at the Oasis are sold at discount prices.

**Volunteer Campus Employment**

A limited number of volunteer positions are available on-campus on a part-time basis. Students work between five and 10 hours per week. Qualified students can supplement their finances through the volunteer stipend program, provided it does not jeopardize their studies. No students are allowed to work full-time on-campus. Also, no volunteer position offers a stipend equal to the cost of tuition or room and board. Stipends are given in Israel in shekels. Students should not plan to seek off-campus employment in Israel while studying at the university. Students who desire to volunteer should apply well in advance of the start of the semester by filling out and sending in a scholarship application, which is available through the Admissions Department.

**Counseling Services**

Students wishing to discuss personal issues or concerns may contact the university’s professional counselor, who maintains a regular schedule of counseling hours.

**Alumni/ae Relations**

The Jerusalem University College Alumni/ae Association consists of all students who have participated in long-term or short-term programs. There are approximately 13,000 alumni/ae around the world.

University alumni/ae take a life-long interest in their alma mater and often develop strong bonds among themselves. They can keep in touch through the alumni/ae newsletter, which publishes information about alumni/ae addresses and activities.

Alumni/ae are encouraged to support the university with their prayers and financial gifts and to introduce the university and its academic programs to their local communities, churches, and friends.