

“People, Flora, and Fauna of the Holy Land”

Courses offered

Flora and Fauna of the Holy Land

(3 credits)

Discover the richness of the animals and plants of the Golan Heights, the Galilee, the Negev Desert, and the Coral Reef of the Red Sea. This course investigates the interactions between Israel’s flora and fauna and their surrounding environments. Students will study the abiotic and biotic conditions in different locations and the adaptive properties of animals and plants inhabiting them. Students collect data during field trips and evaluate their data using scientific equipment such as digital sensors and microscopes at the laboratories in Oranim and Eilat. Evaluation will be based on students’ commitment, assignments and a final project.

Challenges and Opportunities of a Multicultural Society

(3 credits)

Learn about the diverse populations of the region, their lifestyles, beliefs, and traditions. Find out about the intersections of religion, culture, and politics and the dynamics and challenges of a multicultural society. In this course students will conduct social research using qualitative methodology by interviewing people of different backgrounds and studying social norms, behavior, traditions, and cultural attitudes. Students will be evaluated for their collaboration, assignments throughout the period and submission of a final project.

Independent Research Project

(3 credits)

Students collect data throughout their field trips and create their own independent research projects, using “moodle” as a platform to access additional resources and exchange ideas with their fellow students and faculty. Each student is required to compile an evaluation report of the results and give a final presentation in front of their fellow students and faculty.