

Study English at Oranim with Students from Around the World

In today's competitive job market, English language skills are crucial. This spring, students from all over the world came to Oranim College to study in the English for the Workplace program, run by Oranim International School in partnership with Masa Israel Journey.



Oranim International School is facilitating the semester-long program, English for the Workplace, for the second time this spring, after a very successful inaugural program in fall 2017. Seventeen international students are enrolled. In this program, students gain English language skills they need to succeed in the workplace. In the words of Ilya Katcov of St. Petersburg, a student in the 2017 program: "This is a great opportunity for me to develop my English language skills and immerse myself in the language environment."

Language Practice Meets Adventure

English for the Workplace is a four-month long program. Students learn English language skills needed for searching and applying for employment, preparing for interviews, doing interviews, starting a new job, and working with colleagues. English language courses are combined with Hebrew language instruction, day trips throughout the country, enrichment programming on Israel and Jewish identity, and celebration of Jewish holidays with host Israeli families. As one student describes the program: "Good language practice... meets adventures exploring the country and yourself."

Students live in the Oranim dormitories, and travel throughout Israel to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beit Shean, the Negev, Zikhron Yaakov, and Safed. These trips give students the opportunity to get to know Israel's history, geography, and diverse people.

Program Growth

Whereas the 2017 program included students from the Former Soviet Union, the spring 2018 program expanded to include students from all over the world, ranging from Switzerland to Brazil, in addition to Ukraine and Russia. Students also have joint activities with American participants in Oranim International School's Masa Israel Teaching Fellows, making friends from around the world.

In addition, several Israeli Oranim faculty members joined English for the Workplace courses. Although faculty was concerned at first about what it would be like to learn with younger students from abroad, they are loving it! They also report that they are dramatically improving their English skills.

Vision

International students can now study English at Oranim for most of the year, through English for the Workplace and the Masa ATI Intensive program (preparatory program for international English exams). We plan to build on this success to open up new programs and recruit students from a broader range of countries. The vision is for Oranim College to become an international educational center for studying English as a foreign language.