

## **THE PORTER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

<http://en-environment.tau.ac.il/>

The Porter School of Environmental Studies (PSES) offers a range of graduate environmental studies programs. All of our degree programs are based on an interdisciplinary approach, and maintain close cooperation with relevant faculties at Tel Aviv University, based on the premise that addressing environmental challenges requires a broad outlook and the integration of varied fields of research.

### **Master's Degree Program, Thesis Track – M.A. or M.Sc.**

The Porter School of Environmental Studies (PSES) offers a unique program for an interdisciplinary, research focused Master's Degree.

The PSES Thesis Track Master's Program is personally adapted for each of the students, and offers two possible degree courses for the student to pursue – either an MSc or MA degree. Every student undertakes research and submits a thesis focusing on a topic of his or her choice, under the guidance of two advisors, each from a different field of expertise, reflecting the PSES interdisciplinary outlook. Accordingly, the diplomas are signed by the university Rector and Deans of the relevant faculties.

The program provides a diverse, multi-dimensional environmental education, with in-depth knowledge of issues, including the interfaces between people and their environments, processes in local, national, regional and global levels, new technologies and approaches and advanced research methodologies. The program also includes a hands-on projects module, a module of field visits and the opportunity for a practical internship in environmental and public organizations.

The program is comprised of 28 semester hours and a thesis. This degree program is taught in Hebrew.

### **0910 Environmental Studies**

- Students in the program are required to have background knowledge in environmental areas, either from a first degree or from supplementary courses within the program. The supplementary courses taken will not be included in the quota of hours needed to receive the Master's degree.<sup>1</sup>
- Candidates for the Master's degree program must hold a Bachelors degree awarded by Tel Aviv University or another recognized university, in any field, with a final grade of at least 85. Admission to the program is subject to the approval of the school's Admissions Committee. The Committee may determine additional appropriate criteria for admission to the program.

**Candidates with final grade 80-85 interested in applying to the Master's Degree Program, Thesis Track should include the following documents in their university application pack:**

1. Curriculum vitae including details of experience in the environmental field, if any.
2. Two references, including at least one from a referee in academia.
3. A document detailing research interests and intentions. The letter should be typed with 1.5 line spacing and should be no more than one page in length.

Given that interdisciplinary research is an obligatory part of the program, interested applicants are advised to make contact with relevant supervisors as early as possible, and to formulate their research area together with their supervisors. Students who do not contact supervisors sufficiently early are at risk of not finding appropriate supervisors because they will already be committed to other students.

Further details on the application process, admissions and the study program can be obtained through the school secretariat: Room 304, the PSES Building, Tel: 640 5154 (appointments to be made in advance) and on the school website.

Details of the program of study can be found on the school website:

[http://en-environment.tau.ac.il/Research Masters](http://en-environment.tau.ac.il/Research_Masters)

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<sup>1</sup> Up to 4 semester hours of supplementary courses can be counted towards the Master's degree as elective courses.

<http://environment.tau.ac.il/about-thesis>

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### **Master's Degree Program, Non-thesis Track**

The Porter School of Environmental Studies (PSES) offers an interdisciplinary study program for a non-thesis MA degree.

The non-thesis track specifically addresses the needs of students who are already engaged in the environmental arena (whether in NGOs, government agencies, or public and private companies) who seek to expand their knowledge base and acquire a master's degree in Environmental Studies, as well as students without such professional background, who seek to pursue a career in the environmental field.

A normal duration of studies is two years (four semesters). The program is comprised of 36 semester hours and a final project. Each student must attend two seminar courses (including the submission of a seminar paper) and a final project.

This degree program is taught in Hebrew.

### **0910 Environmental Studies**

- Students in the program are required to have background knowledge in environmental areas, either from a first degree or from supplementary courses within the program. The supplementary courses taken will not be included in the quota of hours needed to receive the Master's degree.
- Candidates for the Master's degree program must hold a Bachelors degree awarded by Tel Aviv University or another recognized university, in any field, with a final grade of at least 80. Admission to the program is subject to the approval of the school's Admissions Committee. The Committee may determine additional appropriate criteria for admission to the program.

**Candidates with final grade 75-80 interested in applying to the Master's Degree Program, Non-thesis Track should include the following documents in their university application pack:**

1. Curriculum vitae including details of experience in the environmental field, if any.

2. Two references, including at least one from a referee in academia.

Further details on the application process, admissions and the study program can be obtained through the school secretariat: Room 305, the PSES Building, Tel: 640 8116 (appointments to be made in advance) and on the school website.

Details of the program of study can be found on the school website:

[http://en-environment.tau.ac.il/Non-Thesis Masters](http://en-environment.tau.ac.il/Non-Thesis_Masters)

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<http://environment.tau.ac.il/about-no-thesis>

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## **International Master's Degree Program**

The Porter School of Environmental Studies' International MA Program in Environmental Studies provides candidates with an intensive multidisciplinary insight into environmental studies with an emphasis on Israel's unique geographic and geopolitical setting. It takes place over one year (3 semesters), is full time and is taught entirely in English.

The International Master's Degree Program is an interdisciplinary environmental studies program leading to an M.A. degree.

Academic responsibility lies with the Academic Committee of the program, which is made up of representatives of the difficult faculties.

The Porter School of Environmental Studies is responsible for administrative management of the program.

The program is comprised of 38 semester hours and a final project. The program includes unique core courses taken by all students plus elective courses.

- The program is open to students from all backgrounds. Students are expected to obtain core knowledge in environmental areas, either from a first degree or from introductory courses taken in the first semester of the program.
- Candidates for the International Master's Degree Program must hold a Bachelors degree awarded by

Tel Aviv University or another accredited university, in any field, with a final grade of at least 80. Admission to the program is subject to the approval of the program's Admissions Committee. The Committee may determine additional appropriate criteria for admission to the program.

**All candidates interested in applying to the International Master's Degree Program should visit the TAU International website to apply to the program:**

[http://international.tau.ac.il/ma\\_environmental\\_studies](http://international.tau.ac.il/ma_environmental_studies)

Further details on the application process, admissions and the study program can be obtained through the program secretariat: Room 306, the PSES Building, Tel: 640 6616 (appointments to be made in advance) and on the school website.

Details on the program of study can be found on the Porter School website:

[http://en-environment.tau.ac.il/International\\_MA](http://en-environment.tau.ac.il/International_MA)