## Bylaws of the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Bylaws of the Faculty of Social Sciences have been determined by the Council of the faculty and subject to the Bylaws of the University.

The bylaws are written in the masculine form and relate to both genders in an equal manner.

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#### **Execution of the bylaws**

Execution of the bylaws:

- 1. The bylaws which apply to the students are the bylaws published in the bulletin for the academic year, as well as the regulations published in announcements and memos.
- 2. New regulations apply to all students, regardless of the year in which they began their studies, unless otherwise stated.
- 3. In addition to the faculty bylaws, the bylaws of the department in which students are studying apply to them.
- 4. The bylaws apply to all individuals taking courses in the faculty, including students of other faculties.
- 5. The department advisors and the teaching committee are the entities authorized to approve exceptions to the bylaws.

## **Execution of programs of study**

The program of study by which students are obligated is the one published in the bulletin in the year in which they began their studies. The program of study which applies to students who resume studies after taking a break or students who change departments is the program of studies for the year in which they resumed studying or changed academic departments (and not the year in which they began to study in the faculty or in the University).

## **Duration of studies**

- 1. The studies for a bachelor's degree are three years long (six semesters). Students will be allowed to extend the duration of their studies for a degree by an additional year, pending the approval of the department/school. In exceptional cases, it will be possible, at the most, to get an extension of one more additional year. The request must be submitted by the online form, "Petition to the Teaching Committee," on the inquiry portal
- 2. Studies for a master's degree are two years long (four semesters). For the thesis track, the duration of studies may be extended by one year, pending the approval of the department/school, and by an additional year in exceptional cases. For non-thesis track, the duration of studies may be extended by one year only, with the approval of the teaching committee. The request must be submitted by the online form, "Petition to the Teaching Committee," on the inquiry portal. For every additional year beyond the standard, a "fee for extending studies" is charged in addition to tuition, in accordance with tuition regulations. Students on the thesis track must submit a thesis proposal by the end of their first year of studies and get approval for their proposal (the departments have authority to set an earlier date). The studies of students who do not meet this requirement by the end of the first year will be discontinued.
- 3. In some of the departments, it is possible to choose a track of cumulative studies for a master's degree (students of special status). On this track, one can study for 3 years at the most. At least 25% of the master's degree requirements must be fulfilled by studies of a regular status. One cannot begin studying as a regular student and later switch to a track of cumulative studies. For the most part, students studying on this track are not eligible for scholarships and other benefits provided to regular track students.
- **4.** Students who did not complete the program of studies for the bachelor's or master's degree (including extensions by the departments) will not be eligible to continue their studies, except by approval from the teaching committee. The approval will only be issued in exceptional cases and the students may be charged for refresher courses.

## Recognition of prior academic studies (from Tel Aviv University or another institution)

- 1. The request form for recognition of courses is in the faculty's forms portal. Please complete the form and attach the relevant documents. Recognition of courses is only valid following approval by the Students and Division Secretariat and uploading the waiver into the students' system. Students interested in completing the recognition procedure for courses before the beginning of the semester must complete the form no later than a month before the beginning of the semester.
- 2. Minimal scope of studies for a degree:
  - Students studying for a bachelor's degree must study at least 1/3 of the department's program of studies, in case the students have not received a degree for their previous studies. If a student received an exemption that exceeds 2/3 of the department's program of studies, he/she will have to complete the hours of study so that the quota for his/her studies in the department at Tel Aviv University will amount to at least 1/3 of the quota required by the department. The departments have the authority to determine that students must take more than 1/3 of the program of studies. For example, in the School of Economics and the School of Psychological Sciences, students are required to take a larger scope of courses in the respective departments.
  - Students with a bachelor's degree studying in one department in a dualdepartment program (a post-degree department) or another bachelor's degree in a one-department program, will be required to take the full quota of hours for the degree. The exemptions given to students based on courses included in a prior degree will be exchange exemptions and students will be required to complete the full quota of hours for the degree by taking elective courses. Nevertheless, it will be possible to recognize up to 1/4 of the program of studies for the degree in mandatory courses, if the exemptions are based on courses that were not included in another degree. Exemptions given to students based on courses that were not included in a prior degree will not require the students to compensate for the hours by taking elective courses. In any case, students will study at least 3/4 of the department's program of studies. If students receive an exemption that exceeds 1/4 of the department's program of studies, they will have to complete study hours so that the quota of their studies in the department at Tel Aviv University will amount to at least 3/4 of the quota required by the department. The Students and Divisions Secretariat is the entity authorized to determine the quota of hours to be completed. The University Regulation can be found.
  - Students studying for a master's degree will be required to study at least 2/3 of the department's program of studies. If a student has received an exemption that exceeds 1/3 of the department's program of studies, he/she will be required to complete a quota of hours of studies in the department at Tel Aviv University that amounts to at least 2/3 of the quota required by the department. The Students and Divisions Secretariat is the entity authorized to determine the quota of hours to be completed.
- 3. In case that the final grade for a course is less than 60 (the lowest passing grade at Tel Aviv University), that course cannot be recognized, though the departments have the authority to set a higher grade as the lowest passing grade.
- 4. Grades from other institutions that were used as the basis for providing an exemption will not be calculated in the final grade.
- 5. The grades of courses taken at Tel Aviv University and recognized by the departments' advisors as required courses of elective courses will be calculated into the final grade, provided that they have not been calculated in another unit of studies for the student.
- 6. An exemption cannot be given for an elective course based on a course included in another component of the students' program of studies.
- 7. A course can only be the basis for exemption from one other course.

## **Fulfilling course requirements**

1. Class attendance and active participation
Here is the link to the University Regulations

#### 2. Papers, exercises, etc.

Students are required to fulfill all requirements assigned during the course (submitting exercises and papers, participating in experiments, and other requirements assigned by the lecturer) at the time determined by the lecturer.

In any case, these duties must be executed no later than the last day of the semester in which the course is taking place. For students who do not submit the papers and exercises as determined by the lecturer, a grade of "not eligible to be tested" (signified by the number 240) will be reported. This grade cannot be fixed.

Students repeating a course are required to fulfil all course requirements again, unless they have been released from this obligation by the course lecturer. Repeating a course with a passing grade will be determined by the department/school bylaws.

## 3. Final exam or term paper for a course

All students must submit a take-home exam or an independent paper. In the absence of any other instruction from the lecturer, partial or complete use of a text produced by ChatGPT or any other Artificial Intelligence tool is permitted subject to receiving permission in advance from the lecturer, and by explicitly and specifically citing the manner in which it was used and the parts of the paper in which said use was made.

- The choice between an exam, a take-home exam, or a paper as a final course assignment is only possible if offered by the lecturer to all students in the course.
- A course in which the final assignment is an exam: getting a passing grade for the course requires getting a passing grade for the exam, unless explicitly stated otherwise.
- For a course in which the final assignment is a take-home test, students must submit the exam at the time set by the lecturer. For such a course, the date for a second round of the test will be set.
- For a course in which the final assignment is a term paper (as opposed to a take-home test), the date for submission would be is up to six weeks from the end of the semester, unless the course lecturer sets an earlier date. There is no second round for such a course. For students who do not submit the term paper on time, a grade of "did not fulfil course requirements" will be reported (signified by the number 250).

# Dates for submitting term papers for a course/workshop for 2025-6 academic year:

- Submitting final papers for a course in the fall semester Sunday, Merch 08, 2026, 19 Adar I 5786.
- Submitting term papers for a course in the spring semester Sunday, **August 16, 2025,** 3 Ellul 5786.
- Submitting term papers for a course in the summer semester will be determined in each program separate.

## 4. Seminar term paper

All students must submit an independent seminar term paper. A joint paper may be submitted with another student only with the approval of the Faculty Teaching Committee. In the absence of any other instruction from the lecturer, partial or complete use of a text produced by ChatGPT or any other Artificial Intelligence tool is permitted subject to receiving permission in advance from the lecturer, and by explicitly and specifically citing the manner in which it was used and the parts of the paper in which said use was made.

The papers will be submitted to the lecturer through the department/school secretariat in order for them to document the date of submission and the subject of the paper. The final date for submitting the paper will be no later than the dates below, unless the lecturer has set an earlier date:

- Fall semester: Sunday, April 19, 2026, 2 lyar 5786
- Spring semester and yearly courses: Thursday, September 17, 2026, 7 Tishrei 5786
- Summer semester: Sunday, November 1, 2026, 21 Heshvan 5787

Students must keep a copy of the seminar paper that was submitted. For students who do not submit the seminar term paper on time, a grade of "did not fulfil course requirements" will be reported (signified by the number 250).

Here is the link to the introductory chapter in the <u>comprehensive University regulation</u> relating to submitting papers.

## Exams

Here is the link to the University regulation on the subject of exams as specified below: Instructions to the examinee; eligibility for special exam dates; setting the special exam time; recognition of military reserve duty; an additional exam date due to an illness of at least 3 days; marking the exam and publishing grades; appeals.

#### **Exam dates**

The exam dates are published in the faculty bulletin, and after registration for the course, they are also published in the "individual information for students" system.

For bachelor's degree and master's degree courses, there are two exam dates. (This rule does not apply to midterm quizzes, international programs, and comprehensive final exams for the master's degree.) The two exam dates will be given in the same format. The grade for the later exam date is the grade that applies. In no case is it possible to take an exam more than twice for one registration for a course, and not more than four times for one course for as many times as the student is registered for it.

It is recommended that students take the exam on the first date offered. Students who do not take the exam on the first date or who have done so and would like to improve their grade are entitled to take the exam on the second date offered. Students who have failed on the first date must take the exam on the second date.

**Students participating in student exchanges –** Students who have been away on student exchanges will be eligible for two exam dates for any course in the Faculty of Social Sciences for which the course exam date is during the official period of the student exchange (this relates to additional dates only, for the next time the course is given). It is the students' obligation to follow publications online relating to exam dates.

#### Please note:

Students who have not taken the exam on the first date must take into account that if they are unable to take the exam on the second date, they will have to register for the course again.

Request for an additional or special exam date (subject to meeting the conditions of the University regulations) must be submitted to the Teaching Committee using the personal information system by online form, attaching documents supporting the request, following the publication of final grades for the second exam date and no later than a month after their publication.

It is the responsibility of the students for whom an additional or special exam date has been approved to get updated on the exam material.

## Arrangements for special exams

Link to the University regulations

Adaptation of exams for students who are new immigrants [Olim Hadashim]; special arrangements for exams (academically adapted exams) for students with learning impairments; eligibility for special exam dates.

## 1. Extension of exams due to age

All students over age 60, regardless of the type of degree or the framework in which they are studying, are entitled to apply to the Teaching/Students Committee to get approval for a 25% extension of exam time for the whole duration of their studies.

# 2. Adaptations of exams for students coping with a physical disability, a sensory disability, or a chronic disease

A request for adaptations for students coping with a physical disability, a sensory disability, or a chronic disease should be sent to the Accessibility Coordinator at the University, using the <u>inquiry portal</u> attaching the request form and required documentation.

#### 3. Academic adaptations for exams due to a medical situation

A request for adaptations of exams due to a medical situation which is not in the realm of the cases cited in clause #2 above. Must be submitted through the inquiry portal

## Appeals of decisions regarding adaptations of exams on a medical basis (for clauses 2 and 3 above):

**To submit an appeal,** one should complete an appeals request form within 15 days from the date upon which the decision was made known to the student, and send it through the <u>inquiry portal</u>, attaching the required documentation,

# 4. Exam adaptations for students coping with an emotional limitation or students on the autistic spectrum:

On the subject of adaptations for students coping with an emotional limitation or students on the autistic spectrum, students should contact the psychological services in the Students' Dean's Office, using the <u>inquiry portal</u>, phone: 03-6408505.

## 5. Exam adaptations for students belonging to the Arab society

Students from the Arab society studying for a bachelor's degree are entitled to use an electronic dictionary offline or use a hard-copy dictionary, and to have an extension of 15 minutes for every hour of exam time for exams conducted in the Hebrew language. This approval is automatically uploaded to the personal information for the student. Students must check that the approval was uploaded to the system no later than one month before the exams period.

### Grades

Link to grades regulation

## 1. Publishing of grades

Grades are published online in the "personal information for the student" system. Students who have not paid their tuition will not be able to see their grades. It is the students' responsibility to check their grades close to the time of their publication. The exam notebooks are held for the duration of only one semester and are destroyed at the end of the consecutive semester of the date of the exam.

## 2. Improving a grade

- Students seeking to improve a passing grade may do so in the framework of
  the dates made available to them, and the last grade is the final grade.
  Registration for the second exam date for the purpose of improving a grade is
  done online in "personal information for the student.". Students who seek to
  improve a grade after both exam dates made available to them have passed,
  must register for the course for a second time and fulfil all course
  requirements (subject to the departments'/schools' bylaws).
- An exam grade cannot be improved by submitting a paper or by any manner that is different from the original assignment.
- A grade cannot be improved after receiving approval of eligibility for the degree.

#### 3. Final grade for the course

If students have been tested more than once for a course, the last grade is the final grade for the course. If students have not been tested on any of the dates made available to them, the grade that will be reported as the final grade is 240/250/260 (see clarification of grades in clause #6 below) in accordance with the case.

## 4. Scanning an exam notebook

A student may look at the scanned exam notebook, except in the case of classified<sup>1</sup> exams, online in the "personal information for the student." In order for the quality of the scanning to be good, a student must write the exam using a black or blue pen. Likewise, a student should not write inside the marked margins of the exam notebook.

#### 5. Appeals

Students are entitled to appeal a grade for a paper as long as they have been given the opportunity to review it before submitting the appeal. Students will submit a straightforward appeal within 5 days of publication of the grade. The lecturer will be required to respond to the appeal in writing within 10 days of the date of submission of the appeal.

The appeal of an exam that has been scanned will be submitted via the "personal information for the student". The appeal of a classified exam (one that has not been scanned) will be submitted in writing to the appropriate secretariat (courses from all faculties are handled by the inquiry portal.

Students who have submitted an appeal and are interested in ensuring that they will have the opportunity to take the course again in the following semester must register for the course during the regular registration period. If the appeal is accepted, the student will immediately cancel the registration for the course. (Registration for repeating a course is possible subject to the department/school bylaws.)

## 6. List of grade symbols

200	Passed.
210	Participated and fulfilled obligations.
220	Failed.
230	Did not fulfill requirements (administratively).
260	Did not take the exam.
250	Did not complete course requirements.
240	Not eligible to take the exam.
310	Took the exam; the grade has yet to be determined.
320	Submitted a paper; the grade has yet to be determined.
330	Owes a paper.

## Discontinuation of studies by the Faculty due to not meeting academic requirements

- 1. Students who have not reached the level of "exemption" in English within a year of beginning their studies are not eligible to continue their studies (new immigrants [Olim Hadashim] from countries which are not English speaking have two years).
- 2. Students with *Bagrut* [high school matriculation] certificates for studies that were not conducted in Hebrew and who have not reached the level of "exemption" in Hebrew by the end of the first year of their studies are not eligible to continue their studies.
- 3. Students are permitted to study in one department as part of a dual-department degree for one year only.
- 4. Students who have not completed their studies for a degree in the period of time required (3 years for a B.A., 2 years for an M.A.) are not eligible to continue their studies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For classified exams, an explanation will be provided in accordance with the department regulations.

- 5. Students who have not passed a mandatory course for which they have registered twice are not eligible to continue their studies in the department.
- 6. Students who have not met all terms for advancing to the second year (as defined by the department in which they are studying) within a year of the beginning of their studies in the department (including periods of times of discontinuation of their studies) are not eligible to continue their studies.
- 7. Students studying in a one-department track, whose studies have discontinued, are no longer considered students of the University and are not permitted to continue to study in any study unit (such as a division or enrichment studies), unless they have been accepted to another department.
- 8. Students who have had their studies in one of the faculty's departments permanently discontinued will not be eligible to resume their studies or to be accepted again to the same department. In order to be accepted to another department in the faculty, they will have to go through the acceptance process as new candidates to the University.
- 9. Students who have had their studies discontinued are permitted to take exams for courses in which an exam date is available to them and for which they are eligible to take the exam.

## Discontinuation of studies and resuming of studies by students (in attached link)

1. Submitting a request for resuming studies.

Request for resuming studies should be submitted via the "personal information for the student".

Dual-department students will submit a request to each department separately. Resuming studies involves payment in accordance with the rate set by the University. The request must be submitted to the department/school secretariat two months prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student intends to resume her/his studies, and at the latest a month before its beginning. Students resuming their studies are obligated by the format of studies in practice in the year in which they resume their studies.

- Students for whom studies have been permanently discontinued for academic reasons are not entitled to submit a request for resuming their studies in the same department.
- 3. Students who have not reached the level of "exempt" in Hebrew or English within a year from the beginning of their studies in the faculty are not eligible to renew their studies until completing the aforementioned requirement. Renewal of studies for the bachelor's degree and master's degree is subject to the limitation statutes regulations for studies. Here is the link to the University regulations.

## **TAU Faculty of Social Sciences: Master's Thesis instructions**

## Supervision

The supervision of a master's thesis will be conducted by a faculty member who has at least the rank of lecturer and whose appointment is in the regular track at Tel Aviv University. The university does not allow the preparation of confidential theses.

## The Thesis Proposal

A master's degree candidate in the thesis track will submit to the students' secretariat an approved research proposal no later than the end of the first year of master's degree studies and in accordance with the time table set by the relevant academic unit and the standard time period set for master's degree studies. The research proposal will include:

The student's name, ID number, name of supervisor(s), thesis title in Hebrew, thesis title in English, thesis topic, research method protocol, time tables and estimated completion date of the thesis, bibliography, and supervisor(s)' approval. The supervisor will approve the research proposal including all the aforementioned details by signing it.

## Rules for Approval of the Research Proposal

<u>The completed Research Proposal form</u> bearing the supervisor's signature must be submitted to the department/school secretariat.

## The Thesis paper

#### Language

The thesis must be printed and submitted in Hebrew or, by permission of the supervisor and for international students, in English. In special cases a thesis in a different language will be allowed. In cases in which the thesis is written in Hebrew, there will be an English abstract, in addition to the Hebrew abstract. If the thesis is written in a different language, the abstract and the table of contents are to be written in both Hebrew and in English. Students in the International Programs who submit a thesis in English need not attach a table of contents in Hebrew.

#### **Contents of the Thesis**

Page 2 will contain a title page matching the external title page. The table of contents will appear at the beginning of the thesis.

The bibliography will appear at the end of the thesis. The rear title page of the thesis will be in English. The page inside the English title page will contain a brief summary in English of the main points of the thesis.

The title page: <u>Examples of the master's thesis title page in Hebrew and in</u> English can be found here.

## **Distribution of the Thesis**

The student's personal supervisor will receive a digital or printed copy, according his or her preference. If the thesis was supervised by two faculty members, the student will submit an additional copy. Sociology students will submit an additional copy for the thesis judge.

The final version of the thesis in the form of a PDF file is to be submitted to the department's secretariat. It is to be accompanied by the form for the deposit of a master's thesis in the library, allowing the preservation of the thesis in the digital data base. Please sign the form and have the thesis supervisor sign it.

#### **Examination of the Thesis and Review**

The thesis will be examined by its supervisor/s and by at least one additional judge. The judges will be faculty members of at least the rank of lecturer, in the regular track of Tel Aviv University or other universities. The procedures of judging a master's thesis are confidential. In general, the identity of a judge who is not the thesis supervisor will not be revealed to either the student or the student's supervisor. Nevertheless, the student may ask the school's secretariat for the judge's opinion, to be provided anonymously.

## **Presentation of the Thesis to the Library**

Upon completion of the process of approval of the student's entitlement to the master's degree, the secretariat will transmit a digital copy of the thesis to the Library of the Social Sciences, Management, and Education. The thesis will be transmitted whatever its grade and will appear in the digital database. For each thesis the student and the supervisor will submit a signed form expressing permission or withholding permission for the thesis to appear in the digital database.

## Appeal of the Grade

There is no possibility of appealing the thesis grade.

## **Publication**

The student may not publish the thesis or any part of it without the written permission of the thesis supervisor. The student must declare that the publication is a thesis or part of a thesis conducted at Tel Aviv University under the supervision of the thesis supervisor, who must be named.

#### **Excelling students**

## Dean's List students in the course of the bachelor's degree

Every year, students with excellent achievements are awarded certificates of recognition by the Rector of the University. In addition, students with especially high achievements are awarded certificates by the Dean of the Faculty. The criteria for receiving certificates of recognition are determined every academic year.

The certificates are awarded for academic achievements in the previous academic year. For the purpose of determining the grade-point average, grades from **all** courses taken for which there is a numeric grade (including extra courses) are calculated. Certificates of honor by the Dean are awarded to 3% of the bachelor's degree students in each of the faculty's departments, with the highest achievements in the previous academic year according to the criteria specified below:

The highest achievements in more than 6 courses or 18 semester hours at least.

In the departmental quota, the following are also included:

- 1. Students who have completed their studies in the department within 3 years and have been awarded a certificate of recognition by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences twice, who have taken less than 6 courses in the department in the past year and meet the required grade-point average criteria.
- 2. Students who have completed their studies in the department within 3 years, who have taken 5 courses in the department and meet the required grade-point average criteria.

The certificates of recognition are awarded at ceremonies that take place in the course of the spring semester of each year.

#### Scholarships for master's degree students

## Merit scholarships for academic excellence

Once a year, during the fall semester, the faculty grants merit scholarships for academic excellence for graduate students studying in a research track, based on achievements meriting special honors in the previous academic year. The Faculty Scholarships Committee decides, based on the lists of recommended students submitted by the departments, which students will receive scholarships.

## **Scholarships for PhD students**

#### Merit scholarships for academic excellence

Once a year, during the fall semester, the faculty grants merit scholarships for academic excellence for PhD students based on achievements meriting special honors in the previous academic year. The Faculty Scholarships Committee decides, based on the lists of recommended students submitted by the departments, which students will receive scholarships.

Details regarding the regulations, and additional information can be found in the <u>Social Sciences Bylaws for Graduate Students</u> [in Hebrew] and in the summary of the University instructions for Ph.D. studies, in the Division for Ph.D. Students.

## Calculation of the final grade

The final grade is the adjusted calculation of the students' grades for courses included in their program of studies (grades for general requirements such as English or "Kelim Shluvim" courses are not included in the adjusted calculation of the final grade). Grades from other institutions are not included in the adjusted calculation. If the student has studied extra courses beyond the required quota of hours for the degree, the courses for which the student had the highest achievements among the extra courses will be included in the adjusted calculation, while maintaining the framework of the quota of hours for the degree as required according to the bulletin.

The courses which will not be included in the adjusted calculation for the final degree will remain as extra courses. Students may choose that their final grade to include courses with lower achievements in the adjusted grade calculations (and to transfer the courses with the higher achievements into the framework of extra courses) by requesting this in writing from the department secretariat at the time of requesting the adjusted calculation of their final grade. If the students have studied extra hours which are part of the course hours, the full number of course hours will be included in the adjusted calculation. In cases in which there is no key

specified for the adjusted calculation of the final grade for a given unit of study, the weight of a course will be equivalent to the number of study hours it involves.

## Following are the details of the composition of the final grade for the bachelor's degree by the different formats:

## One-department:

With one extension unit

Department studies 70% Extension unit studies 30%

#### With two limited extension units

Department studies 70% (80% for Psychology)

Each unit 15% (10% for each unit in Psychology)

The final grade will be rounded to a whole number.

#### **Dual-department:**

The final grade will be adjusted for each of the departments. The grades will be rounded to whole numbers.

In the confirmation of the final grade, the final grade for each of the departments will appear.

#### **Eligibility for degree – regulations**

The date of eligibility for the bachelor's degree or the master's degree is the day on which the students have completed their last requirements for the degree. Students who have completed all requirements for the degree must submit a request for confirmation of eligibility for the degree. The confirmation is not given automatically, but only upon request by the students. Students must submit a request for confirmation of eligibility for the degree no later than a year from the completion of their last requirement.

Following the 'Iron Swords' war and the use of binary grades, a temporary directive has been formulated regarding the procedure for awarding degrees with Honors or High Honors: The scope of binary grades in the academic years 5785–5786 (2024–2026) will not affect eligibility for receiving a degree with Honors or High Honors.

- 1. A student may not appeal a grade for a course after submitting a request for confirmation of eligibility for a degree, and the grade cannot be improved.
- 2. Students who have not submitted a request for confirmation of eligibility for a degree within a year of being eligible, may be assigned supplementary studies in accordance with the program of studies for the year in which they submit the request.
- 3. A request for eligibility for a degree should be submitted online in the "personal information for the student" section.
- 4. The request will be submitted only after receiving the grade for the last exam/paper, and after the student has checked that all of the grades have been uploaded properly. By submitting the eligibility request, the student is in effect declaring that he/she confirms the accuracy of the registered grades.
- 5. Prior to providing confirmation of eligibility for the degree, a thorough review of the student's file is being conducted, including:
  - Checking that the student had fulfilled all requirements of the department/s, the division, and enrichment studies.
  - For the bachelor's degree, checking that 2 courses of content matter were taken in English.
  - Checking that the student had fulfilled general requirements (English, Hebrew).
  - Verifying payment of tuition and returning books to the University libraries.
- 6. The eligibility confirmation will specify the following information: the department/s in which the student completed a degree, the final grade, and the date of eligibility for the degree.

7. The next graduation ceremony will be held in June of every year. Students completing degrees interested in participating in the ceremony will submit requests for authorization of eligibility for the degree no later than March 15 of the year of the ceremony.

# Completion of studies with honors and high honors (cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude)

## **Bachelor's degree**

The criteria for receiving a final grade with honors or high honors are determined annually. Students completing their studies in a dual-department format will have their achievement of honors or high honors cited in their certificate if they excelled in one or both departments. The honors or high honors will be recorded on the certificate next to the name of the appropriate department.

Students completing their studies in the format of one department will have their honors or high honors cited in their certificate with their final grade which includes the grades from the divisions if they have met their department's criteria for honors.

Students who received an exemption from courses based on studies in another academic institution exceeding 6 semester hours will receive a degree with honors or high honors only if the average of their grades in both the other institution and at Tel Aviv University meet the honors' criteria.

Concerning students who will receive the bachelor's degree diploma at the ceremony to be held in June 2024, the criteria for honors or high honors in the faculty units are as follows:

Department	Honors	High honors
Economics	91	95
Labor Studies	95	97
Political Science	94	95
Sociology and Anthropology	94	96
Communications	93	96
Psychology	96	97

## Master's degree

## The terms for awarding a degree with honors or high honors will be a combination of grade and percentile.

Concerning students who will receive their master's degree at the ceremony to be held in June 2024, the final grades entitling a student to a master's degree with honors or high honors in the faculty units are as follows:

Department	Honors <sup>[1]</sup>	High honors <sup>[2]</sup>
Diplomacy Studies (1035+1045), Security Studies (1052+1062	94	96
Cyber, Politics and Government	94	96
Public Policy	95	96
Political Science	94	96
Communications	92	95
Labor Studies	94	95
Conflict Management and Mediation	95	96
Sociology and Anthropology	96	97
Economics	95	97
Psychology	98	99
Sustainable Development	93	95
Social and Policy Aspects of Climate Change	93	95

<sup>[1]</sup> For students on the thesis track, a grade of at least 90 is required for the thesis (in the Psychology Department, a grade of at least 96).

The final list of students with the honors will be determined close to the date of the graduation ceremony, as long as the rate of those receiving master's degree with honors in each of the

<sup>[2]</sup> For students in the thesis track, a grade of at least 95 is required for the thesis (in the Psychology Department, a grade of at least 97).

departments does not exceed 15% of the students, and at the most one-third of them will receive high honors.

## University requirements

"Kelim Shluvim" Program (Here is the link to the program)

### **English**

Students must reach the level of exemption for English by the end of one calendar year from the day of the beginning of their studies in the faculty. Students who, prior to their acceptance to the Faculty of Social Sciences, have studied in another faculty in which the period of time for achieving an exemption for English exceed one year of studies, must reach the level of exemption for English by the end of the third semester from the time of their beginning their studies at Tel Aviv University.

Exceptions to this rule are new immigrants [Olim Hadashim] from countries which are not English-speaking (details can be found in the University introduction information). The faculty recommends that students make the effort to complete their knowledge of English prior to the beginning of their studies in the faculty.

Students who have studied in the past at another university must contact the Unit for Foreign Languages for clarification of their level of English. A student who has studied an English course at Tel Aviv University prior to being a student at the University must contact the Unit for Foreign Languages in order to assure that the grade for the course is reported.

Information on registration for English courses can be found with this link.

#### Hebrew

Students who have a non-Israeli *Bagrut* [high school matriculation] certificate must take a Hebrew screening test (details can be found in the University introduction information). These students must reach the level of exemption by the end of the first year of studies.

#### Courses of content matter in the English language

Every student for a bachelor's degree must study a total of 2 courses of content matter in the English language (the course and the assignments will be given in English). These courses may be studied in any of the departments or divisions.

When studying in a department after a degree, one course of content matter must be studied in English.