Universities and Social Outreach/Social Inclusiveness – The Hadassah Academic College Experience

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THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN ISRAEL
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES

- 9 UNIVERSITIES
- 20 PUBLIC COLLEGES
- 13 PRIVATE COLLEGES
- 21 TEACHERS’ COLLEGES
### HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS 1990-2017

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## BA Students Distribution 1989-2015

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Our College

- Fully accredited College
- **Career focused** public institution of higher learning with a pluralistic multicultural student body
- 15 Undergraduate and graduate degree programs
- Only academic institution in the heart of downtown Jerusalem
- Only general college in Jerusalem

Hadassah Academic College
Profile of our Students

Jerusalem residents 67%
Residents from other regions 33%
Jewish Students 81%
Muslims & Christians 19%
First generation pursuing academic studies 51%
Female students 70%
Male students 30%
Number of Students

Hadassah Academic College
Our Mission

- To offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs in career-focused professions.
- To ensure a high level of academic instruction in a supportive learning environment that offers personal attention to each student.
- To open opportunities in higher education for all sectors of society.
- To foster a multicultural campus environment in a spirit of mutual understanding.
- To strengthen Jerusalem by attracting students from all parts of Israel to live, learn, and work in the nation's capital.
- To forge academic ties with leading universities and colleges around the world.
Challenges for a multicultural Academic Institution

- Maintain a high academic education level while dealing with an heterogeneous student body
- Understanding different cultural sensitivities and requirements
- Developing a sense of acceptance for “the other”
- IMPLEMENT A CULTURE OF TOLERANCE AND MUTUAL RESPECT
- Use dialogue as the main tools for bridging differences

Hadassah Academic College
Pre Academic Programs

- Preparation for matriculation exam and intensive Hebrew study for new immigrants & Arabic-speaking students.

- High School graduates needing to improve their qualifications

- Students age 30 and above

- Ultra-orthodox students needing to complete their basic education
The Mission
To assist college students and graduates to convert their education into meaningful careers

Main Goal
Develop awareness of career opportunities and encourage students to pursue a professional career, thereby enabling personal and economic growth

Target Population
Final year students and new graduates
Contributing to Society

- Multicultural campus in downtown Jerusalem serves as a bridge and model of tolerance and mutual respect. Jews and Arabs, secular and religious, newcomers and Israelis.

- Strengthening Israeli society by reaching out to students from challenging socio-economic backgrounds.

- Strengthening Israel’s economy by educating and training students in high demand professions. 85% of HAC graduates find employment in their field within 6 months of graduation.

- Highest retention rate of any Israel institution of higher learning with 92% successful graduation.

- Over 70% of the college’s students are women preparing for marketable careers.
Community and Social Outreach

- Over 1,200 students active in community outreach programs in west and east Jerusalem contributing more than 80,000 hours of community service.
- Students participate in community activities in the field of their academic studies or fields relevant to their future professional expertise.
- Elective courses in social outreach.
- Non academic social and cultural activities.

Hadassah Academic College
Non academic social and cultural activities

Students assist in a variety of non-profit community settings: at-risk youth, after-school homework and extracurricular activities; individuals with special needs, senior’s care, social initiatives, culture and arts organizations, and neighborhood gardens.
Academic Projects
Community Projects
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THANK YOU