Glocal International Development Studies is an innovative, interdisciplinary 18-month Masters’ program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which aims to translate academic research into practical understanding, and to work with communities and development organizations across the globe. To this end, the program includes a semester-long internship with an INGO or NGO in the developing world.

“The Glocal program unites the goodness that the university can offer its students with the goodness that the humankind can offer the world”

Prof. Tamir Sheafer, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Welcome by Prof. Guy Harpaz, Academic Head of Glocal

The pamphlet was designed to assist a variety of users: our current students, potential students, and those who are engaged in development – practitioners, volunteers, philanthropists, activists and others. I’d like to use this opportunity to express a personal sentiment. I consider myself very fortunate to head Glocal. I get to teach amazing students with such diverse backgrounds and rich experiences, and to work with the wonderful members of the Glocal team and with colleagues who combine the skills of academic teaching with the experience of volunteering and working in development NGOs. I also meet the exceptionally generous donors who support us not only with their financial backing but (no less importantly) with their moral support. These are experiences that transform us. We no longer think the same way about academia, about our roles as lecturers and researchers, and about why we do what we do. So whether you are considering studying with us or just interested in learning about what we do, I hope you too will embrace this feeling of enthusiasm.

The academic program

Glocal International Development Studies is an interdisciplinary program, integrating a body of knowledge from economics, law, demography, anthropology, gender studies and ethics. In our 36-credit curriculum, a theoretical background in these fields, studied in the first two semesters, is supplemented with a practical component, strengthened by an internship, during which students acquire skills such as fundraising, program management and M&E, which are necessary for a successful career in the field of development. Drawing on Hebrew University’s tradition of excellence, our international program is committed to high academic standards. In order to accommodate an international body of students, all our core courses are taught in English, while elective courses can be studied in Hebrew.

The Glocal research track

Every year, a limited number of outstanding Glocal students may apply to write a thesis. These students will focus on the Glocal’s mission to advance critical global thinking, while challenging existing theories in the field of international development.

Our learning environment

Glocal courses and professional workshops are taught in an open and supportive environment, with the goal of encouraging peer learning and group discussions. The courses bring the theory of international development work together with practical experience and case studies from the field in order to equip students with the most effective tools to perform academic research and actual development work. With its state-of-the-art teaching approach, Glocal serves as a hub for innovation in the field of community development.
Courses and professional workshops

Examples of mandatory courses at Glocal include:

• Development Economics: Principles and Application
• International Development in Practice: Approaches, Challenges and Skills
• Ethics of International Organizations
• Poverty, Inequality and Disadvantage
• Introduction to International Development
• Pre-internship: Mapping the World of Development
• Program Evaluation for Development and Social Change
• Program Seminar
• Qualitative Research Methods
• Research Methods for Development

Examples of elective courses at Glocal include:

• Development and Public Health
• Strategic Approaches to Social Innovation
• Gender and International Development
• Globalization and Organizations
• Researching Inequality
• Spatial Justice
• The International Dimension of Development
• Religion and International Development

“Thanks to the knowledge I gained from the mutual sharing between the students in my cohort, the academic skills passed on from the experienced staff, and my hands-on experience during the internship component of the studies, I truly feel ready to start my career as a community development practitioner, in a wide variety of settings. I recommend the Glocal program to anyone interested in understanding the mechanisms, ethical dilemmas and issues at stake, in trying to ‘make this world better’.”

Anne-Sophie Cardinal, Cohort 2 graduate, Canada
Glocal’s added value: The mini-practicum and the internship

One of the things distinguishing Glocal from many other academic programs is its practical components. During the program students complete both a mini-practicum with Israeli organizations and a full, 4-month internship in a local or international NGO in the developing world. Students can choose to specialize in relevant areas of community development work, such as agriculture, public health, education, advocacy etc. The internship period offers a unique opportunity for students to work alongside local and international professionals and to interact with members of a local community. This experience enables students to gain the practical skills and experience necessary for translating academic knowledge into effective action, as well as the needed experience to find future employment in the competitive field of Development.
What can I do with my degree?

The Glocal program provides students with the theory, academic background and practical experience necessary for a successful career in the field of international development. Armed with professional experience from Glocal’s internship and work in a mini practicum, and equipped with a strong, international network of development professionals, Glocal students have the tools it takes to take further electives and complete all assignments, and to move forward in a career with a development institution.

Glocal alumni

Glocal alumni are employed in a variety of development organizations across the world, working to empower communities in a variety of fields. This involvement includes Israeli organizations such as IsraAID, JDC, Tevel Be’etzedek, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, Shatil and SID-Israel Branch together with international agencies such as World Education, Care International, Oxfam, ActionAid and MSF (Doctors without Borders). Some of these alumni have acted as supervisors for Glocal students during their internships in those organizations.

Additionally, several alumni have started their own projects. For instance, alumni from our 2nd cohort have initiated Become, which is a small NGO working to support children, families and communities affected by HIV in Kenya, Haiti and South Sudan. Others founded private/social endeavors like 42KURA, the first Israeli-Rwandan Startup initiative for African ICT ventures.

Lastly, some of our graduates have continued onto Doctoral studies in relevant fields around the world and contribute significantly to the research executed in the world of international development.

Originally from Rwanda, Ernest Ngabonzima is a Cohort 5 graduate who completed his internship in Kampala, Uganda, with the organization ‘ACTogether’. Throughout his internship, he worked with slum dwellers in project design, business planning and market analysis. Ernest is currently working as a Consultant at FATE Consulting Ltd., a Rwanda-based consulting firm specializing in gender sensitive planning, social protection and children rights.

Gili Navon, Cohort 1 graduate, worked with Mising Women in Majuli, India during her internship. Today she is one of the co-founders of Amar Majuli, an organization supporting the Mising tribe. She is also a consultant to the government of Megalaya on community development.
Why study at HUJI?

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is the leading university in Israel and regularly ranked in the top 100 universities in the world - along with Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge and Oxford. Our students enjoy a long list of renowned professors who are at forefront of academic research in the world. After graduation, Hebrew University alumni assume key positions in academia and the business sector, public service and the worlds of culture and the humanities.

How much does the program cost?

- The program is run through the Faculty of Social Sciences for regular Israeli tuition. For Israeli students, the cost is approximately 28,000 NIS (for two academic years), and for foreign students the cost is approximately 34,000 NIS (for two academic years).
- Scholarships are available to students from the developing world. After completing the application process and being accepted to the program students may apply for a Glocal scholarship.
- Students are also responsible to cover their internship expenses, which will vary between USD 5,000-7,000. The program will provide partial scholarships to support students during their internships.
- Actual charges will be given by the Office of Overseas Students Admissions, as costs may vary slightly from year to year.

Am I eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants possess the following:
- A BA with an average of 85 and above from a university recognized by the Hebrew University. For American and European students, please contact the Office of Overseas Students’ Admissions in order to receive your equivalent minimum grade average.
- High motivation, background in social engagement.
- Fluency in English.
- The commitment to participate in an intensive program of study including a 4-month internship.
- Prior experience working or volunteering abroad or with communities is a definite advantage.

How do I apply?

- Registration starts January 25th. First round of applications closes on June 15th.
- Interviews will begin in April, as places are limited, we highly recommend applying as soon as possible.
- To apply, please complete the online questionnaire and follow the full instructions on our website or contact us.

The application process is lengthy. And candidates are advised to apply as early as possible and well in advance of deadlines.
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We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in our program!