To all students of the first cohort, academic year 5782, the notice:

Notice to students of Bachelor’s degrees in English during their academic year. For the purpose of registration for courses, it is requested to inform you of a part of the obligations you are required for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the degree.

In accordance with the decision of the Council for Higher Education, all students in Israel beginning their studies in the academic year 5782, must complete two courses in English as a language during their studies (not necessarily in the first year, of course).

The nature of these two courses depends on the level of English by which the student was admitted to the university, as follows:

- A student with a score of 119 or below in the psychometric test (Amir/Amir) must complete two English courses as a foreign language, that is, advanced English A and advanced English B, or more - for him the courses to which he is required are the two English courses. These courses will not count in his degree requirements in the department/department in which he is studying;

- A student with a score of 120-133 in the psychometric test (between Amir/Amir) must complete one course in English as a foreign language, that is, advanced English B - he will be required to complete a content course in English (EMI – English as a Medium of Instruction), that is, a course that will be given in the department in his department, with a weekly load of 2 semesters.

A course in this type will be credited to him as a certain number of credit points that are required to obtain the degree.

- A student with a score of 134 or more in the psychometric test (Amir/Amir) is free of all English courses as a foreign language, and must complete two courses in English (EMI) with a load of 201, that is, one course in English (EMI) for his department, which is required to be at least 2 credit points. Two courses in this type will be credited to him as a certain number of credit points that are required to obtain the degree.

You can check the time of your studies to see the English courses offered to you and make sure to complete this obligation during your studies for the degree, whether in this year, or in the following years before the completion of the degree.

Courses in English as a foreign language can be identified in the university system as such.

• The English courses will contribute to the strengthening of your command of the international language in which a large part of today’s professional, business and academic activity worldwide.
• Improvement in English will enable you to read and understand academic articles and teaching materials in English during your studies.
• It will help you in the future to find a job and succeed in it, and to excel in your studies for advanced degrees.

In any question or request, you can contact the division counselors who are happy to assist you on this topic.

In cordial regards,

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To All First Year BA Students,

Subject: **Mandatory registration for English courses during the undergraduate degree**

Course registration is approaching, and we would like to inform you of some mandatory degree requirements. In accordance with a decision by the Council for Higher Education, all students in Israel beginning their undergraduate studies from the 2021-22 academic year and onward, will be obligated at some point (not necessarily in their first year) to complete two English courses as a precondition for completion of their degree. The specifics of these two courses will depend on the English level at which the student was admitted to the university, as follows:

- Students whose English grade (up to 119 on the psychometric/Amir/Amirim) requires at least **two English as a Foreign Language courses**, that is, Advanced English A and Advanced English B – those courses will serve as their mandatory English requirements (just like before). These courses will not count toward their departmental degree requirements.

- Students whose English grade (between 120-133 on the psychometric/Amir/Amirim) requires **a single English as a Foreign Language course**; that is, Advanced English B – will be required to take also **one content course** in English (EMI – English as a Medium of Instruction). This will be a departmental course in the department’s discipline (for example, a physics course or a history course given in English, as relevant), of 2 semester hours. This EMI course will, of course, count as credits (nekedot zechut) toward the degree.

- Students whose English grade (134 or more on their psychometric/Amir/Amirim) **exempts them from English as a Foreign Language**, will be required to take two EMI courses of two semester hours each (not one course of 2 annual credit hours!). These two courses will count as credits toward the degree.

When you register for courses, check which English language courses are being offered. Be sure to fulfill this requirement at some point in your years of study, whether this year or in subsequent years, before completing your degree. The English content courses are indicated as such in the Inbar portal.

- English courses will strengthen your abilities in the international language in which a large part of professional, business and academic activity takes place.
- Improving your English will allow you to read and understand academic articles and other academic material in English in the course of your studies.
- It will help you find a job and be successful in it in the future, and will enable you to continue on to graduate school.

The departmental advisors will be happy to assist you with any related questions or issues.

Sincerely,

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