

Two scholarships Available: MA Program in Maritime Civilizations, University of Haifa

The International Maritime Civilizations MA Program provides students with an understanding of the sea and maritime civilizations and prepares them for research in their chosen areas of specialization. Haifa's coastal location and the Mediterranean region's rich maritime history provide the ideal backdrop for this field of study.

#### International MA Program

The University of Haifa's international master's degree in Maritime Civilizations offers a unique interdisciplinary curriculum. Students will have an exceptional opportunity to explore the history, archaeology and fabric of maritime societies, as well as the natural environment in which they developed and currently exist. Students will examine a variety of fields pertaining to maritime civilizations and the marine environment including coastal and underwater archaeology, marine biology and ecology, maritime history, and maritime geology and geomorphology.

Special emphasis will be placed on harbors, ships and seafaring as part of the maritime heritage of the Mediterranean. Moreover, the program sheds light on the ecological and geomorphological dynamics in the eastern Mediterranean and their influence on the interaction between man and the sea in ancient and in modern times. This program is based on ongoing, active research carried out in the field and in laboratories at the Department of Maritime Civilizations and the Leon Recanati Institute for Maritime Studies.

The curriculum offers advanced knowledge and research training to students interested in exploring human interactions with the sea in a dynamic learning environment in which theory is combined with hands-on scientific experience in the field and in the laboratory.

Culminating in a capstone project, the normal program can be completed in one-year of full-time study taught over three consecutive semesters from October until September. Students wishing to qualify for the Ph.D. program at the University of Haifa will need to complete a research thesis in the semester or year following the completion of their coursework.

Upon completion of the program, students will be awarded a master's degree in two general areas in maritime studies: history and archaeology, and the natural sciences.

#### Field Work

Field activities are an integral part of the program. They expose students to hands-on, applied science, a variety of research methods, offer them first hand acquaintance with the sea and introduce them to the challenges of marine studies. The curriculum includes weekly field trips as well as field-based courses and research. Students will also be required to participate in a summer internship program during which they will work on a project under the guidance of a faculty mentor.

#### Program Objectives:

- To provide students with an understanding of the sea and maritime civilizations and to prepare them for research in their chosen areas of specialization;

- To train a new generation of scholars, researchers and educators in the field of marine sciences;
- To provide students with specialized knowledge of the effects of human interaction with the Mediterranean Sea;
- To offer an excellent academic program that combines classroom study with hands-on scientific exploration.

Program Structure and Scope The program offers two tracks of study:

Track A: involves preparation of a research thesis and consists of 34 credits, including three introductory courses, a survey course, two seminars, 10 elective credits and an eight-credit summer project. A thesis is required for those students planning to continue on to doctoral studies, which is normally completed in the semester or year following the completion of coursework.

Track B: encompasses 38 credits (no thesis), including three introductory courses, a survey course, three seminars, 10 elective credits and an eight-credit summer project.

Scholarships available

Two \$5000 scholarships in this program will be offered to two prospective students, based on academic excellence and previous field experience

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