Tel Aviv in January has mild, pleasant weather in the 60’s or even the 70’s. What better time to experience Tel Aviv’s vibrant and unique culture, which fuses Mediterranean ambiance, Jewish tradition, and Israel’s dynamic new Hebrew-based society into an exuberant whole? Students will study and experience this culture, guided and taught by insiders, both academic experts and cultural leaders. Students will learn how the culture began and developed and will be able to understand its different influences and how it interacts with the rest of Israeli society. They will learn to appreciate it in itself, but also how it interacts with the rest of the world outside. It will become clear that not everything in Israel is overshadowed by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and that Tel Aviv is the center of a new and exciting society.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applications for UM programs are submitted electronically via MyEA:

There is a $50, non-refundable application fee to apply, payable directly via MyEA.

**NOTE:** If accepted to the program, your student account will be charged a $250 non-refundable deposit applicable to the total amount of the program fee. The deposit will only be refunded if a program is cancelled.

**Last day to Apply: October 15, 2011**

For program and course information, please contact Israel Studies Program Coordinator Jenny Cornejo at jcornejo@umd.edu.

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ITINERARY
Students will visit a number of museums and cultural sites, tour the city on foot and by car, see movies, attend concerts and theater (translated), and partake of the city’s fabled nightlife, as well as attend lectures and do readings to complement the activities. Tel Aviv is known as the “City that never sleeps,” so students will keep on the go. Some optional weekend (Friday afternoon and Saturday) activities will be arranged, or students can choose their own, or just go to the beach. Students will be grouped 2-3 to a room at the Bnei Dan Guest House. Most travel will be in the city by car or taxi. Students can choose to stay a few extra days before spring semester if they wish.

FACULTY PARTICIPANTS
The program is coordinated by Dr. Pnina Peri, a lifetime resident of Tel Aviv and specialist in multicultural studies, who has taught and written on cross-cultural communication. She will accompany students to all activities. Dr. Yoram Peri, Abraham S. and Jack Kay Professor of Israel Studies at UMD, a political scientist and expert on Israeli society, will participate in some activities.

GRADING AND CREDIT
Accepted students will enroll in ISRL369T/JWST319T: Culture in Tel Aviv: 100 Years of Hebrew-Israeli Culture for three (3) credits.

1) Reading. [30%]. General pre-trip reading will be assigned at the first meeting before the trip. Each lecturer/guide in Israel will supply reading assignments that will be available to participants in hard copy and online, as much of it as possible in December, so at least a portion of it can be done before embarking.
2) Quizzes [30%]. There will be six quizzes based on the lectures, tours, and discussions.
3) A critical review [30%] of a novel due two weeks after the end of the course.
4) Participation [10%] in discussions, extra credit, additional work.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Education Abroad offers partial scholarships for Maryland undergraduate students, to aid with the cost of attending a Winter Term program. These scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and financial need.

The Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies also offers scholarships to help defray the costs of study in Israel. Financial need and merit based scholarships will be available through The Gudelsky Scholarship Memorial Fund. For more information on how to apply, contact Jenny Cornejo, jcornejo@umd.edu. The last day to apply for ALL Winter Term scholarships is October 15, 2011.

PROGRAM COST
The program fee of $2,450 includes tuition, lodging, all meals, transportation, activity fees in Israel, and the $250 UM Education Abroad fee. Students will be responsible for personal expenses, airport taxes, as well as international airfare.

Education Abroad will suggest a group itinerary that each student is responsible for purchasing independently. The round trip airfare from Washington, D.C., to Tel Aviv is estimated at around $1200. Students should expect to purchase the flight shortly after being accepted to the program.

ELIGIBILITY
This program is open to all.