



The Buchmann-Mehta
School of Music
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LIVING COSTS AT THE BMSM

WELCOME TO THE BUCHMANN-MEHTA SCHOOL OF MUSIC!

Below you will find very important information about living costs on campus
and mandatory payments required by Tel Aviv University:

** 1 NIS = 0.31 USD as of August 29th, 2021. Exchange rate may vary during the year*



REGISTRATION FEES

All new students have to pay a one-time payment of 474 NIS as the university registration fee.



TUITION

The School of Music supports all International Program students with a full tuition scholarship.

The scholarship requires full participation in the annual academic and professional program required by the school.

See **Appendix for scholarships conditions*

The annual tuition for 2021-22 undergraduate programs – 13,700 NIS
The annual tuition for 2021-22 graduate programs – 18,200 NIS



English as a Foreign Language

Exemption in English is required from all international students at the end of the first year of studies (graduate students) and at the end of the second year of studies (undergraduate students).

Students who did not exempt from English based on their Duolingo or TOEFL exam before the beginning of the academic year will be required to take lessons and classes at their own expense as follows:

- **Basic English Level:** Students will need to take a session of 11 private lessons at the cost of 900 NIS and once they complete 11 lessons, they will need to take English Proficiency exam again and to reach the minimum requirement of Advanced A level.
- **Advanced A level** – Semesterial course at the cost of 1,035 NIS.
- **Advanced B level** – Semesterial course at no cost.
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English Level	TOEFL Score	Duolingo Score
Basic	0-42	10-65
Advanced A	42-59	70-80
Advanced B	60-78	85-100
Exemption	79+	105+



Dorms are allocated to all international students who specifically requested it.

The BMSM covers full dorm cost only for students who received a special dorm scholarship (separately from the tuition scholarships mentioned above). *See **Appendix for scholarships conditions**

Candidates who did not receive a specific indication about a dorm scholarship have to cover the full annual cost of their dorms.

Rooms are shared by two students; every two rooms create a separate suite, with a kitchenette and a bathroom.

The dorm contracts are for 12 months (October – September) and cannot be fragmented. The entire annual fee must be paid upon arrival.

The dorms have no meal plan. Students are responsible for their own food. Nevertheless, TAU campus has many restaurants, coffee shops and cafeterias.

FYI: The annual cost of dorms – Approx. 20,000 NIS

A fully refundable deposit of 2,000 NIS must be paid by all students (regardless of their dorm scholarships) upon entering the dorms



MEDICAL INSURANCE

A medical insurance policy for 12 months (October 1st 2021– September 30th 2022) is required from all students enrolled at Tel Aviv University.

All students are responsible for covering their own medical insurance.

The cost is 3,770 NS for the full period of 12 months and it must be paid prior your Visa request and prior to arrival to Tel Aviv.

During Covid-19 days, the University's medical insurance is the required insurance for all students.



LIVING COSTS

Living expense (without dorms costs) in Tel Aviv is estimated to be about 60-80 NIS a day.

Buying your own food and cooking it can save you a lot of money, as the difference in cost between the food ingredients and the prepared food in cafeterias may be significant.



Assistance with Living Expenses

Living expense assistance from the School (if granted) is given in 8 monthly installments (November 15-June 15). Students who receive this financial aid will have to support their living expenses before November 15 and after June 15. Maximum monthly living expense assistance is 1560 NIS.

See **Appendix for scholarships conditions*



COMMUNICATION

All students are expected to obtain an Israeli SIM card, so that the school administration can easily communicate with them if and when required.

The cost of local SIM cards is approx. 40 NIS per month.



CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

This is to confirm I have read all the information above and by signing below I accept all instructions and bylaws specified above.

Full Name _____

Date _____ Signature _____

***Appendix

In the information below we wish to clarify the conditions for receiving scholarships / stipends at the BMSM:

1) Tuition Scholarships:

All students of the International Program receive full tuition scholarships. The scholarship is depending on full participation in classes and the fulfillment of all academic obligations in all courses and individual lessons as well as contribution to the school's musical activities if requested. Students who fail in a course will have to take it again in the following year and cover its full cost by themselves.

2) Dorm Scholarships:

Dorm scholarships are paid in advance for the entire year. There will be no change in this support as long as you keep good standing as a student.

Please note that the dorm scholarship does not cover a required deposit payment of 2,000 NIS (fully refundable 45 days upon departure from the dorms) or a meal plan.

3) Assistance in Living Expenses:

The assistance in living expenses is given in order to help students who are away from home to be able to stay in Tel Aviv and live here throughout the entire academic year, including exam periods.

The assistance stipend will be paid monthly, November-June, in 8 equal installments.

If you leave Israel during the academic year (except during the break) for longer than 7 days for any reason, including professional reasons, the living stipend will be suspended until your return and likely to be reduced accordingly. Please note that every trip abroad needs to be approved at least two weeks in advanced by the BMSM studies committee.