UGA Connections with Israel
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UGA Students in Israel
From 2011 to 2015, UGA students have gone to study in Israel fifty-two times. A few of these students have studied at Israeli universities or participated in programs offered by external providers, while others have undertaken independent study. But more than three quarters of the UGA pupils who have studied in Israel have done so through the UGA Study Abroad in Israel program, described below in further detail.

UGA Study Abroad in Israel: Leadership in Global Health Systems
This UGA faculty led program is designed to develop leaders of global health and promote best practices for global health. It is targeted to a broad range of graduate students whose degrees and interest vary from: public health, global health, health care administration, health services research, medicine, international affairs, health policy, and public administration. Participants study comparative global health systems, public health leadership, and sociology of health and illness and participate in an internship at a local hospital or clinic. The University of Haifa helps to host this program and provide logistical support.

Research with the University of Haifa
University of Haifa is also a valuable research partner for UGA. UGA Entomology faculty have worked with colleagues there to explore the role of bacterial symbionts in aphid-predator Interactions, with pending funding from the US-Israel Binational Science Foundation.

Research with Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University
UGA Crop and Soil Science faculty have studied the biology, ecology, evolution and genomics of the invasive weed Sorghum halepense with Hebrew University, with potential funding from the US-Israel Binational Science Foundation. UGA professors in Plant Pathology are investigating control of Bacterial Fruit Blotch in squash, zucchini, pumpkins, and other gourds with Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University. There is a significant pending grant from the Binational Agricultural Research & Development Fund for this research. UGA Plant Biology faculty are also researching Aspergillus fumigatus, a fungal pathogen of chickens, with Tel Aviv University.

Research with the Israel Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development
Faculty in UGA’s Department of Animal Sciences have received funding from the Binational Agricultural Research & Development Fund to explore dairy cattle genomic selection in collaboration with the Israel Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development. UGA faculty have also collaborated with the Ministry to explore peanut genetics with funding from the same source.
Department of Religion
The Department of Religion at the University of Georgia offers approximately fifteen courses focusing on Judaism, Jewish studies, the Hebrew Bible, and Hebrew language and literature. Masters students can elect an area of concentration in Jewish Studies or Biblical Studies (including early Judaism and the Hebrew Bible).

Visiting Students, Scholars, & Researchers
UGA’s partnerships with Israeli institutions have yielded extensive scholarly exchange, including travel from Israel to UGA. From 2010 to 2015, UGA has hosted ten students from Israel and twenty-five long-term scholars undertaking various types of research.