

June 18, 2025

Dear Students,

Subject: **Change in the study format for the last week of the semester**

After a year and a half of the Iron Sword War, we have entered a new phase in the war – Operation "Am Kalavi" to eliminate Iran's nuclear capability. As a result, the Iranians are firing heavy barrages of missiles at population centers in Israel, which unfortunately has claimed lives and damaged property. Some of you are forced to spend your nights in public shelters, and for several nights now none of us have had an uninterrupted, quiet sleep. In addition, many students have been drafted into the reserves, and women and members of the regular military and security forces have been mobilized for the war effort. The university administration is committed, on the one hand, to providing you with the good, high-quality education for which you came to study at Bar-Ilan, and on the other hand, it is also attentive to the difficulties you are currently experiencing. We are trying to find the best balance between these two obligations.

Therefore, the university has decided as follows:

In the last week of the spring semester, namely from Sunday, 3rd Tammuz (29.6) to Thursday, 7th Tammuz (3.7), lecturers will not teach new material. The week will be dedicated mainly to reviewing the material in preparation for the exam. Such a review is especially important considering the complex semester you have had, when many of you were forced to miss classes due to reserve service and others may have had difficulty concentrating because of everything that is happening around you. Such a week will also allow you to better prepare for the exams. There will be no obligation to attend review classes. The above decision will not apply to the Faculty of Medicine in Safed, which will determine its own rules adapted to its teaching method.

In courses and seminars where student presentations were scheduled for the last week, these will take place as planned. If necessary, lecturers will find other dates for rehearsing for the exam, if any. As long as Home Front Command guidelines do not allow this, exams will not be held on campus. We hope that by the start of the scheduled exam period, the guidelines will change, but at the moment it is difficult to predict.

With prayers for quieter days and best wishes for success in the exams,

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