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MSIH, as an integral part of The Faculty of Health Sciences at BGU, is totally committed to the mission statement that follows:

**MISSION**

The Faculty of Health Sciences acts along one clear value chain:

From society and research to individual and patient well-being to community

From this we derived our mission:

Ground-breaking excellent in research Leadership in training the health professions of tomorrow Leadership and impact on public health

**VISION**

Together we will lead the way to scientific, educational and clinical excellence, through an integrative multidisciplinary approach reflecting a profound commitment to individual and community health in the Negev, in Israel and around the world.

**Core Values**

Person-centered approach Commitment to society and the community Collaboration and integration

Innovation in a changing world Leadership and impact
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Faculty of Health Sciences BGU
1. **CODE OF ETHICS**

Each first year class at MSIH draws up its own unique Code of Ethics in the initial weeks of their studies. The code is formally printed and read aloud by the first year students at the Physician’s Oath Ceremony. This code guides our medical students throughout their four years of formal studies and clinical rotations on the way to becoming qualified physicians. This code is in addition to the Oath of the Physician used by all Israeli medical schools.

2. **STUDENT BY-LAWS**

The obligations and activities that are required by students during their studies are as follows:

2.1 **Health Regulations**

All students must possess full comprehensive medical insurance for the duration of their studies at MSIH. Students who do not present proof of comprehensive insurance cannot attend school. Should a student lose or suspend insurance coverage for any reason during their years of study, he/she will be required to cease studies immediately, and tuition will be refunded according to BGU general rules regarding cessation of studies. If applicable, additional
health insurance policies must be purchased when traveling outside Israel and a copy of the policy must be presented to the Student Affairs Coordinator prior to departure from Israel.

2.1.1. Required Medical Insurance

- Insurance must be continuous even when students are periodically out of Israel (semester breaks, holidays, conferences).
- Students with pre-existing medical conditions and/or have problems purchasing health insurance are NOT exempt from this provision.
- Any student who cannot show proof of health insurance will be suspended from studies.

While the MSIH administration will help our students as much as possible, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to obtain adequate insurance. Neither MSIH nor BGU have any commercial connection with any health insurer and the relationship between students and their insurer is not MSIH or BGU's responsibility, nor will MSIH be held liable for any matters relating to health insurance.

2.1.2 Immunizations

The Israeli Ministry of Health law requires that all students in the Medical School for International Health submit a completed declaration of health
and proof of immunization for the following required immunizations: By the start of the first academic year.

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<th>Immunization Form</th>
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<td><strong>To be completed by physician</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Student Name:</strong></td>
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1. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella**
   - Positive titers for Measles, Mumps and Rubella required.
   - A third MMR shot is required only if any MMR titers are not positive.

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<tr>
<th>Measles Titer (IgG)</th>
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<th>Pos or Neg</th>
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<td>Mumps Titer (IgG)</td>
<td>Date:</td>
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<td>Rubella Titer (IgG)</td>
<td>Date:</td>
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Please provide physical copies of the above titers with performing labs reference table/ranges.

| MMR #1 date: | MMR #2 date: | MMR #3 date: |

2. **Hepatitis B Immunity**
   - Hep-B series and post-immunization titer required. Titer must be obtained no less than 30 days after vaccine.

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<td>Hepatitis B #3</td>
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| Post Immunization Hep B Surface Antibody (IgG) | Date: | Pos or Neg |

**NOTE:** If titer level is below 15 a booster is required by the Israeli Ministry of Health.

3. **Varicella Immunity**
   - Proof of receipt of 2 doses of Varicella Vaccine at least 30 days apart or history of disease and current titers.

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<th>Varicella Vaccine #1</th>
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<td>Varicella Vaccine #2</td>
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| Varicella Disease (Clinician Verified) | Yes or No |

| Varicella Titer (IgG) | Date: | Pos or Neg |

4. **Tetanus Immunity**
   - Israeli Ministry of Health requirement is a history of 2 doses of Td and a booster (administered after age 18 AND within last 10 years)

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<th>Td #1</th>
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<td>Td #2</td>
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<td>Td Booster</td>
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1 dose of Tdap required in the last 10 years AND over the age of 18. Most recent Tdap Date:
The Immunization History Form should be completed by your physician in your home country. This form along with any other pertinent immunization records should be brought to Israel. You will be required upon the start of your study

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<td><strong>5. Tuberculosis Testing</strong></td>
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<td>The two step Mantoux tests should be placed within a year of beginning studies, and tests must be no less than 6 weeks apart (even with a history of BCG vaccine administration)</td>
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<td><strong>PPD Dose #1</strong></td>
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<td><em>If PPD is &gt;10 mm (5mm if HIV+), please provide an attached attestation by a treating pulmonologist describing chest x-ray results, medication and duration of treatment, and clinical course. (see note below)</em></td>
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<td>Please note if you have a positive PPD and have received treatment in the past you will need a repeat Chest x-ray within 4 months of starting MSIH and a repeat note from a pulmonologist describing whether or not you needed a new course of therapy.</td>
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<td><strong>History of BCG?</strong></td>
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<td>If yes, year given:</td>
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<td><strong>Are you currently experiencing any of the below:</strong></td>
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<td>Night Sweats?</td>
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<td><strong>6. Polio</strong></td>
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<td>History of 2 doses and a booster (within last 10 years AND over the age of 18)</td>
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<td><strong>Clinician Signature</strong></td>
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to take your immunization form to the Traveler’s Clinic in Soroka University Medical Center and receive an approval form verifying all of your immunizations. If you are missing documentation of titers, or necessary immunizations, you will need to obtain them upon arrival at MSIH and you will be charged the immunization cost at the time of service.

Equivocal, inconclusive or low-positive titers are considered to be negative.

The immunization form is REQUIRED for students to enroll to MSIH.

2.2 Behavior

Students must behave according to the code of behavior that applies to all students at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in general and the Faculty of Health Sciences in particular and as defined in the academic constitution:

http://in.bgu.ac.il/acadsec/DocLib2/Students_discipline.pdf (Hebrew)

Students are also obliged to behave in accordance with the principles of medical professionalism and the Physician’s Oath they took with regard to patients, teachers, peers and medical staff.
2.2.1 Plagiarism

The University, as an academic institution, is involved in generating, preserving, and imparting knowledge through research and teaching. It encourages the use of existing knowledge for the purpose of creating new knowledge, while strictly maintaining the ethical and legal rights of the authors and creators of the original works and sources.

Plagiarism is the false presentation of a work or part of a work of an author or artist as a work or part of a work belonging to another, even if the legal rights of the author or artist are not violated.

Plagiarism is considered an act of theft, fraud, lack of decency, and deception. Plagiarism is unethical conduct, in contrast to copyright violation, which is an illegal act by definition.

PENALTIES:
As stated above, plagiarism is an act of theft, fraud, lack of decency, and deception. It is considered to be an act of serious academic dishonesty inconsistent with what is considered appropriate behavior for an academic degree holder. Therefore, our university considers plagiarism a very serious offense. The regulations
of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev set out consequences for students who are convicted of this offense which can include the revocation of a degree or certificate, expulsion from the University for an extended period, or even permanent expulsion from the University.

2.2.2 Intellectual Property

Any work is the intellectual property of its creator and is protected in and of itself. Intellectual property is a possession even if it is not protected by law (including copyright laws). It is possible to transfer the ownership of intellectual property. The transfer of ownership is similar to selling an asset, and therefore requires a written contract.

2.2.3 Copyright

A copyright is a legal means that protects the reputation of the author or artist, on the one hand, and the implications of this reputation on his or her financial status, on the other. This protection grants the creator of the work the right to determine what use can be made of his or her work. The copyright is created in order to encourage the creation of works on the basis of new and original ideas by giving the creator an incentive.
A publisher, producer, or editor who has collected and grouped works together has the copyright of the collection, under the condition he has received the approval of the authors or creators of the works.

A work protected within the framework of the copyright laws is any work that is documented and original, even if the matter of protection is not indicated in an explicit manner.

2.2.4 Drugs and Alcohol Policy

The Drugs and Alcohol regulations can be found at the BGU website for Maintenance of a Work and Study Environment Free of Drugs and Alcohol: http://in.bgu.ac.il/osh/ResearchcharP/14-001-an.pdf.

2.2.5 Dress Code

As representatives of the medical profession and MSIH, all medical students are expected to maintain an image that conveys credibility, trust, respect, and confidence in one’s colleagues and patients. Appropriate dress is also essential to enhance patient safety in the clinical setting. Attire and behavior should promote a positive impression for the individual student, the specific course, and the institution. In addition to the guidelines outlined below, certain departments and some
clinical affiliate institutions may require alternative dress guidelines, which must be followed.

**CLASSROOM**

- Shirts/ blouses must extend, at least, to the waistband of the skirt or pants.
- Students are permitted to wear casual slacks, jeans, and T-shirts, provided they are clean, in good repair, and do not contain any language or pictures. Shorts of mid-thigh length or longer are permitted, except on lab days.
- Shoes: Shoes must be clean, in good repair and appropriate to the job functions and duties. Flip-flops, slippers, or open-toed shoes/sandals are NOT allowed in the patient-care setting.
- Hair: Hair must be neatly groomed and clean. A hair restraint may be required in certain settings.
- Facial hair: Must be neatly groomed and clean.
- Jewelry: Worn by students must be of reasonable shape and size, appropriate to the work setting and may not interfere with patient care, job performance, or safety. Rings must be small enough to allow for the use of gloves, with no risk of tearing.
- Other: Hair covers, masks, shoe covers, and gowns should be removed before leaving the designated clinical areas and should not
be worn while in the outpatient clinics or when making rounds on the inpatient services, unless permitted by the institution.

Scrubs:
In general, medical students should wear their own clothes with the white coat (rather than scrubs) for patient care assignments in clinics and when performing inpatient services. Scrubs must be worn in compliance with the policies of the institution in which the medical student is assigned for patient care rotations. Scrubs may only be worn in specific patient care areas. They should not be worn in public places outside the clinical care facility. If scrubs MUST be worn outside of the designated clinical area, they should be covered with a white coat. Scrubs should not be taken home without prior written authorization from the providing institution.

Note: While wearing a white coat in the clinical setting, medical students are expected to verbally identify themselves as students at all times and must assume responsibility to clarify their role to patients.

RESEARCH LABORATORY
The basic safety rule is to dress to minimize safety risks.
• Clothing should be comfortable and appropriate for the work and must be clean, neat, and in
good repair. Lab regulations strictly prohibit shorts, skirts and short dresses. Exposed skin is at risk for contact with hazardous material and burns.

- Shirts/blouses must extend, at least, to the waistband of the skirt or pants.
- Hair must be clean and groomed. Long hair should be tied back.
- Fingernails should be short, neat and clean. Long fingernails are a safety hazard.
- Shoes worn must meet OSHA safety standards and regulatory requirements relative to the specific work location. Open-toed and open-heeled shoes, perforated shoes and canvas sneakers are not allowed in the laboratory areas, or other areas subject to foot safety concerns. Flip flops are not appropriate.
- Research Lab coats must be worn inside the laboratory at all times. Lab coats may not be worn out of the working area in the central facility. Therefore, the first thing to do when entering the laboratory is to put the lab coat on. Likewise, when finished and before exiting the lab area the lab coat should be taken off. To work in the cell culture room, only specific lab coats kept inside the room must be worn.

2.2.6 Punctuality

Students must be punctual for all activities involving classes and/or patients.
2.2.7 Gifts

Students may not give gifts of any kind to any member of the academic or administrative staff.

Students who violate a code of behavior can be reported by the instructor, administrative staff, class representative(s) or injured third party, and events will be discussed in the MSIH Student Promotions and Professionalism Committee.

A. This Committee will discuss every case individually, and may seek advice from any source it sees fit, counsel the student, follow their future behavior, and appoint an advisor.

B. The Student Promotions and Professionalism Committee will then forward its recommendations to the School Director. The School Director may choose to accept, reject or modify the recommendations of the committee. The student may appeal the decision to the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences who may accept, reject or modify the decisions of the School Director.

2.3 Attendance Policy

The integrated curriculum at MSIH is designed to promote an engaging, collegial interchange of ideas among students and faculty in all sessions,
including large group formats such as lectures. It is the expectation that students will arrive to class **on time**, as well as attend and participate in all sessions unless an absence has been requested (see *Excused Absences* below). In formats that involve collaborative work, participation will be assessed, and comprises an important element in the satisfactory demonstration of competence. Because the patient must be the center of all health care activities, attendance is particularly important in all sessions that involve patients, including large -and small- group formats.

Additionally, your ability to learn, the success of our curriculum, and your training in professionalism necessitates attendance and participation of all students. Therefore, students are expected to attend all mandatory courses and all clinical exercises, laboratories or small groups. The decision over categorizing lectures or sessions as mandatory will be made by the course director in conjunction with the Associate Director for Academic Affairs (or their designee).

Students are expected to attend at least 80% of mandatory lectures. Lectures are considered mandatory if so noted on the online calendar. Failure to attend at least 80% of mandatory lectures will result in referral to the promotion committee. Under exceptional circumstances, the
requirement for 80% attendance may be modified for individual students upon approval of both the Course Coordinator and Associate Director for Academic Affairs. Additionally, attendance may account for 10% of the academic grade for each course (this is up to the course director and will be noted in the syllabus).

Please note clinical exercises, laboratories and small groups sessions are all mandatory and require 100% attendance. Attendance at these sessions is not included in the calculation of the 80% minimum. Third year rotations are also 100% mandatory.

Attendance at required classes will be documented by administration approved sign-in methods. Attendance will be monitored by staff and reviewed by the Student Affairs Coordinator at appropriate intervals.

MSIH has a zero-tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty in any form. Attendance dishonesty including but not limited to

- signing in for others,
- signing in without physically attending, or
- signing in and leaving (without permission) before completion are violations of the Medical School for International Health Code of Behavior (see 2.2).
Such behavior by students will be referred to the Student Promotions and Professionalism Committee.

Notations from this committee become a permanent part of the student academic record and will be included in the portions of the Medical School Performance Evaluation dealing with professionalism and adverse actions by the medical school. The MSIH Student Promotions and Professionalism Committee may recommend additional penalties, such as disciplinary probation or dismissal, to the Director.

Planned Absence
Planned Absence from a mandatory activity will be permitted with written consent (see below) received in advance from the Course Coordinator and the Student Affairs Coordinator. And in specific situations with additional documentation as described:

Examples of Planned Absences
1. Observance of religious holidays
2. Presenting research conducted as a MSIH student at a recognized national or international meeting
   a. Confirmation of the presentation with location, dates and times should be delivered to the Student Affairs Coordinator at least 2 weeks in advance of the anticipated absence.
3. Obtaining non emergent medical care available only during the time of the activity:
   a. A note from the health care provider should be delivered to the Student Affairs Coordinator.
4. Important social events such as a wedding of an immediate family member:
   a. A note requesting the absence, including dates, should be presented to the Student Affairs Coordinator as soon as the student knows of the need. Social absence requests may not be approved for all events.
5. Birth of a Child

Absences must be requested via email to course directors and year coordinators. The email must be sent as early as possible, and absolutely no later than two school days in advance of the requested absence(s). Students may be required to make up some or all missed academic and clinical work. The responsibility of coordinating all make-up work belongs to the student. Failure by the student to plan appropriate remediation may result in the student being referred to the promotions committee.

Emergency/Excused Absence
Bereavement- arrangements will be made for each specific situation in conjunction with the Director or Associate Director.
   1. Significant medical issues
a. Students are able to use a maximum of 2 days per course and 5 days each academic year for outpatient medical absences recommended by their health care provider. More time can be requested under special circumstances. This request should be sent to the student affairs coordinator.
b. A note from the health care provider indicating the need to be absent from class should be delivered to the Student Affairs Coordinator on the first day a student returns to school.
c. Absence of more than 10 days may require a leave of absence as described in the student handbook.
d. Maternal delivery of a child.
e. Other relevant emergency

Approved absences may require any of the below for completion of academic/course requirements and the course teacher/professor will decide on one of the following:

- An alternate date for the activity missed
- A substitute activity
- A full or partial exemption from the activity
2.4 **Course Exemptions and/or Transfer of Credits**

MSIH cannot exempt students or transfer credits from courses taken in a previous degree or medical school.

2.5 **Leave of Absence (LOA)**

LOA is approved by the School Director on an individual basis for the duration of one year, or part thereof. This decision will be made not only on the basis of the student’s needs but also on the school’s ability (or lack thereof) to accommodate the student into the class to which they will return. Sometimes class size alone may be the determining factor for the school’s decision. American students should note that approval by the School Director under this policy does not necessarily mean that the LOA is approved for U.S. federal student loan purposes.

*To be approved for U.S. federal student loan purposes, the LOA must meet the criteria specified in 2.5.8. Taking a LOA that is not approved for U.S. federal student loan purposes has potential consequences for such aid, including exhaustion of the student’s grace period for repayment and possibly triggering repayment obligations.*
2.5.1 A student who requests an LOA must send a written, signed and dated request to and meet with the year Academic Advisor. The proposal must include the specific period of leave, the reason for the request, and a suggested plan for future studies. The Academic Advisor makes a recommendation in writing to the Administrative Director – Ms. Leaura Navi. The student will be notified in writing of the final decision.

2.5.2 Permission for an LOA from studies is conditional upon the completion of all academic requirements and relevant payments until the LOA commences. However, MSIH does not charge students any additional fees for taking an LOA.

2.5.3 Except in the case of exceptional personal reasons (e.g. serious illness in family, etc.) LOA applications for the coming year cannot be considered after March 1 of the relevant school year.

2.5.4 On return from an LOA, students will make up all studies missed during the absence, within the framework of the teaching activities in the year in which they return.

2.5.5 Permission will not be granted for an LOA longer than one year, and not more than once for the duration of studies.
2.5.6 Students taking an LOA must let the administration know in writing that they plan to return no less than 3 months before the planned date of resumption of studies.

2.5.7 Students should be aware that some residency program directors, especially in the more competitive programs, may ask the student to explain the time taken off.

2.5.8 For American students only, an LOA is approved for U.S. federal student loan purposes if it meets all the criteria specified in this Section. If the LOA fails to meet any such criteria or a student fails to return from an approved LOA as planned, the student will be treated as a withdrawal from MSIH for U.S. federal student loan purposes and recorded in the National Student Loan Data System as a withdrawal. The criteria are:

(a) The student’s request complies with the substance and procedure of this policy

(b) MSIH determines that there is a reasonable expectation that the student will return from the LOA as indicated in the request

(c) The student is assessed no additional charges, the student’s financial aid need does not increase, and the student is eligible for no additional U.S. federal student loans
(d) The LOA together with any additional LOAs must not exceed a total of 180 days in any 12-month period (commencing on the first day of the student’s initial leave of absence)

(e) After returning from the LOA, the student is able to complete the coursework begun prior to the LOA (that is, recommences in the program where the student left off).

(f) The student meets with the financial aid office to discuss the financial aid ramifications of the LOA and failure to return.

Students should understand that because of MSIH’s standard term academic calendar and structured program, it is typically difficult for an LOA to comply with the criteria set forth above. A student may request written confirmation from MSIH that an LOA satisfies the above criteria. No student on any LOA will be eligible for loans from BGU during the LOA period. During an unapproved LOA for U.S. federal student loan purposes, a student’s grace period for U.S. federal student loan repayment will begin. Once the grace period is exhausted, the student will have to commence repaying U.S. federal student loans unless the student receives an “in school” or other deferment.
2.5.9 For those students taking U.S. federal student loans, the Department of Education demands that students must finish their studies in no more than 150% of the school’s curricular time. Any extension beyond this time may have an adverse effect on the student’s ability to access these loans.

2.5.10 Students must also take into account that when taking LOA, it is not always possible to foresee every possible eventuality. Ultimately the full implications of taking leave are the student’s responsibility and not those of MSIH. Such problems may arise with inter alia, ECFMG, US Federal Loans, USMLE, (US) state or provincial (Canada) licensing authorities, priority for Global Medicine elective sites or selective sites in 4th year, etc., and the student should check all implications BEFORE taking leave.

2.6 **Split Year**

Students may be permitted to split one academic year into two, only under very specific conditions, and only once during their studies. Application should be submitted as for a Leave of Absence.
2.7 Academic Requirements for MD

2.7.1 Credits
The total number of credits required by MSIH students for the academic year 2019-20 is as follows:

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These numbers can vary slightly from year to year but exact numbers will be published in July prior to the start of the new academic year.

2.7.2 Total Academic Weeks
The total number of academic weeks over the four year MD program is 180.

2.7.3 Research Project
Students must complete a research project during their four years of medical school either for submission to a scientific journal or for review from a faculty appointed reviewer prior to graduation.

2.8 Assessment

MSIH assessment, utilizes a pass/fail/honors system during the pre-clinical years and a
pass/fail/high pass/honors system during the clinical years, as an expression of the School's aims, and is based on the following principles:

- The student’s personal responsibility towards studying, stressing independent study.
- Faculty commitment towards the student's studies by formal and informal methods.
- Emphasis on service, on the basis of acquired knowledge, and individual student responsibility.
- Development of problem solving skills and utilization of integrative disciplinary knowledge.
- Emphasis on mutual assistance and interpersonal relationships and a reduction in overweaning competition among students.

The assessment incorporates various elements as follows:

a. Results of on-going testing necessary for feedback for students and teachers.

b. Overall assessment by progress evaluations that evaluate the student’s ability to proceed to the next stage of studies.

c. Assessment of clinical skills and capabilities to decide a student’s readiness for responsibility.

d. Assessment of the student’s character and behavior, and other personal relationships (with patients, peers and team colleagues).
2.8.1 Clinical Assessment Years 3 and 4

Clinical assessment includes clinical evaluation and examinations in year 3. In year 4, the clinical evaluation is the total grade. The clinical evaluation aims to measure the student’s clinical abilities including the ability to make decisions, attitude toward patients, colleagues and staff, medical knowledge and other relevant characteristics as observed during the student's daily work (during the Clerkship). The evaluation is based on acquaintance with the students and observation of their work and performance. Evaluation is presented after discussion between the students' instructors and teachers.

a. The evaluation will be made on a standard form and presented to the examination unit within a month of the date of the clinical examination at the end of the Clerkship.

b. Teaching staff in any Clerkship may add further components to the assessment/grade, as long as students are informed (for example, short and long presentations, patient work-ups submitted for assessment, survey of literature, seminar paper or lecture, follow-up of discharged patient, etc.). The various types of assessments and their weight in the final grade will be detailed in advance.
c. Clinical evaluations may be discussed with the student by the appropriate supervising faculty member.

d. The Clerkship Coordinator, or appointee, will inform the Examinations Unit of failure by a student in a clinical evaluation.

e. The student will be scheduled to appear before The Promotion and Professionalism Committee after which recommendations are presented to the School Director who makes the final decision and informs the student.

f. Failing a Clinical Evaluation requires that the clerkship be repeated.

g. The clerkship grade is calculated as a combination of the examination(s) (NBME/OSCE) and departmental evaluation. A student must pass each component of the clerkship in order to pass the clerkship.

h. In instances where students complete the clerkship or GHM in multiple sites the evaluations, examinations and requirements for each site will be reviewed by the course director and a single overall grade will be granted.

2.9 **Examinations**

Please note that the following is a summary of the exam rules at MSIH and the Faculty of Health Sciences (FOHS). These can change at any time subject to the rules and regulations of the FOHS.
and the university. MSIH administration will make every reasonable effort to update our students should there be any major changes.

2.9.1 Pre-clinical Examinations

The aim of examinations is to encourage consolidation of knowledge and to evaluate students' readiness to progress to the next stage of studies. Each course syllabus includes assessment specifications and requirements for the examination. Examination material can be based from textbooks chosen and recommended by teachers, in addition to material presented in ongoing instruction (lectures, laboratories, seminars, research trials, etc.) or online activities. Examinations will take place on dates fixed by the School's administration and will be announced at the beginning of the year.

a. For non NBME examinations, the answer sheet is the sole official document by which examinations are graded.

b. Non NBME answer sheet must be completed with a black ink pen.

c. National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Tests are always computer based.

d. Numerical grades are not given. Students will receive a qualitative evaluation of pass, fail or honors. Students will be notified by
the Examination Assistant if they 'barely passed' an examination.

e. The examination may be written, oral, practical or a combination.

f. Students must take the first examination session. If a student misses the examination without prior authorization, the make-up or "moed bet" will be the only exam given.

g. For internal examinations, results will be published within two weeks from the day the examination was administered.

h. In certain courses, the coordinator/teacher may request a written paper or oral presentation as the final requirement for the course.

i. The components of the final grade will be determined by the Course Coordinator, and listed in the syllabus.

j. In the first year, examinations will be held at the end of each trimester at an allocated time slot in the schedule.

k. In the second year, examinations will be taken at the end of each system and may contain a practical component. Students are usually granted time off to prepare for system examinations as follows: One half day for each week of the system providing this does not exceed two days in total.
l. In this formula, Saturdays and Jewish religious holidays are not considered study days and Fridays are considered half days.
m. A passing grade is usually the mean grade minus 1.5 S.D. with the minimum pass score ranging from 55-65 points absolute. A grade of Honors is the mean grade plus 1 S.D. and cannot be less than 85%. The school administration reserves the right in specific situations to make other decisions.
n. MSIH exam policy is subject to all relevant Faculty of Health Sciences and University rules.

2.9.2 Clinical Examinations

Clerkship examinations are conducted at the end of each clerkship (in addition to the department evaluation) and may be a combination of any or all of the following types:

a. Shelf test of the US National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME): Students must pass the shelf test to pass the major clerkships. The examination conduct and procedure is determined by NBME.

b. An examination in which students are required to perform an admissions interview and examine a patient, prepare a written summary of the patient’s circumstances, introduce the patient to his examiners and discuss their presentation.
c. An examination in which students are required to write a report, use slides or any other teaching method, identify a described condition, diagnose, carry out diagnostic examinations, prescribe an action program and discuss it.

d. An Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) style examination comprises several stations in which students must demonstrate clinical skills, i.e. history taking, physical examination, admissions, interpretation of imaging test results etc. Students must pass at least half the stations to pass the OSCE exam.

e. A different clinical test with approval of MSIH and the examination unit. This test can be either an individual or a group test. The Clerkship Coordinator will be responsible for the level of the examination, its fairness and implementation, including appointing examiners.

f. Failure of any component of the clinical examination necessitates a second sitting of that component. Failing a make-up or "moed bet" results in the failure of the entire clerkship and a summons to The Promotion and Professionalism Committee.
2.9.3 Attending Examinations

Students may be prevented from participation in examinations if they have failed to fulfilled all course obligations, tasks and minimum attendance requirements.

a. All examinations have two sittings. Students who fail the first examination may take the second examination (make-up or "moed bet"). Make-up examinations may only be taken by those students who fail the first examination or those excused from the first examination for any approved reason, as determined by the MSIH staff.

b. All students must take the first examination in a given course on the same date in Be’er Sheva.

c. Nothing herein will require MSIH to provide the same conditions in special examinations as those applied in regular examinations.

d. Make-up examinations for first, second, and third year students will be conducted on specific dates announced by the examinations unit.

e. Failure of an OSCE will result in an oral examination or a second OSCE, at the discretion of the Course Coordinator and Year Coordinator.

f. Students are required to remain in the country until after the date of the final make-up exam ("moed bet") of the
academic year. MSIH will not reschedule make-up exams to accommodate travel plans including existing plans made in contradiction to this policy.

Only grades from first sittings of examinations will be considered for the process of awarding academic merit certificates.

2.9.4 Examination Procedure

Internal Exams

a. A university-assigned proctor or a member of the MSIH staff administers and collects the examinations at each sitting.
b. The teacher, or appointee, will be available at the time of the examination to clarify examination questions. A student may ask up to three clarifying questions via reservation form. The teacher will only answer the question if they deem it relevant. The length of the examination is specified on the question sheet.
c. Students are not permitted to copy questions from the examination. If such a breach of University or Faculty rules and/or regulations occurs by the student, the Student Promotions and Professionalism Committee.
d. During an examination no communication whatsoever is permitted between students,
and no student is allowed to bring books, papers, or electronic devices of any kind into an examination, except with the express permission of the instructor or proctor.

e. Students who fail to obey the instructions of an examination proctor or who are caught cheating are liable to receive disciplinary action and will be required to appear before the MSIH Promotions and Professionalism Committee for a hearing.

f. Should there be any violation of the examination rules or dishonest behavior in an examination or in any other relevant context, a student may be required to terminate their exam and may be asked to withdraw from the Medical School.

g. Students who do not pass the make-up ("moed bet") of an examination will be considered to have failed the course. Since the academic requirements have not been fulfilled, studies may not continue thei course of studies without review by the MSIH Student Promotions and Professionalism Committee at which the student is asked to appear. The Committee then recommends to the School Director one of the following options: terminating studies, repeating a year, a course, or a clerkship or a special sitting of the exam. The Director will have sole discretion to
apply his decision that is bound by MSIH, Faculty and University regulations.

Submitting Reservations and Appealing an Examination

h. Only a student who has failed the exam is eligible to view or appeal their exam.
i. A student wishing to view their examination or write an appeal must register on the faculty's web site: (https://star.fohs.bgu.ac.il/StudServices/HasifaRegistration) by midnight on the day following publication of the exam results.
j. The School will issue an announcement of the viewing date to the students.

It is the student's responsibility to register for a viewing of the exam and to check the time and place of the viewing.

k. Students are permitted to bring to the review writing instruments, the course textbook, or printed course material.
l. Electronic devices such as cameras, recorder, or cell phones are prohibited at viewings.
m. For multiple-choice exams, the student will receive the questions that they answered incorrectly and a copy of correct answers for
those questions. An appeals form will be made available at the student's request.

n. Viewing will be for a maximum of 45 minutes.
o. Appeals are personal and must be written only when viewing the exam.
p. An appeal can be made only once.
q. An appeal cannot be debated with the lecturer.
r. The lecturer’s answer is final.
s. Further appeals will not be accepted.
t. The Examination Assistant will inform students of the teacher’s decision within 10 days of the appeal.

External Exams

a. **NBME examinations** will be administered according to NBME regulations. Exceptions cannot be made.

*NBME exams do not allow appeals*

b. **USMLE STEP Examinations**

- MSIH is obligated to abide by all ECFMG regulations regarding applications to USMLE examinations: www.ECFMG.org
- MSIH is under an obligation to provide USMLE scores to the US Department of Education.
- Students planning to pursue graduate medical training in the U.S.A. must complete the USMLE Step examination series.
• Students are required to participate in all STEP practice exams organized by MSIH regardless of whether or not they are pursuing the actual STEP exams.
• A STEP examination should be taken on days when there are no clinical responsibilities. Students will not be able to sit for the exam if it is scheduled during any of the required rotations or courses/exercises of the third year.
• Course coordinators have been instructed not to grant time off from clinical services and unexcused absence will carry consequences. MSIH receives the dates of the examination along with the scores.
• If a student requires the night off from clinical call prior to taking the exam (on a day when there is no clinical service) they must arrange it with the course director. It is the student's responsibility to make up any calls that they may have been scheduled to perform.
• Student's planning to apply for Electives in the US during 4th year should have completed the STEP 1 exam. Most Electives will not consider a student's application without a STEP 1 score. If a student decides not to take the STEP prior to the start of the 3rd year (as MSIH advises), students should make sure to have their scores back by February 15th.
• A student taking the exam in Israel should note that many of the exam centers are closed on Israeli legal and religious holidays.
• Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in appearance before the Promotions and Professionalism Committee.

The Step 1 USMLE exam cannot be scheduled for a day of clinical service. It should be scheduled for the summer time prior to the beginning of 3rd year. If for some reason that is not acceptable/possible then students should look for days in the calendar during which they can take the exam including the intermediary days of the holidays or travel days from vacation or faculty day/student day.

2.10  **Global Health and Medicine Clerkship**

2.10.1 All students must take part in the International Clerkship only in approved sites, being the US/Canada, Israel or in an approved site in a developing country. We do not allow individual sites as part of our GH network, independent of your experience or connection to that site.

2.10.2 For those traveling to a developing country, travel as a group to the GHM site originates from and return to Israel. MSIH will make travel arrangements to and from the GHM site.
2.10.3 Each student is responsible for possessing a valid passport (valid for at least six months), visa, travel documents, required vaccinations and insurance (including evacuation insurance).

2.10.4 Students are responsible for all accommodation fees and leisure expenses.

2.10.5 Attendance at all activities of the GHM Clerkship is mandatory.

2.10.6 Exemption from formal activities is permissible only with approval of the GHM course Director and the Clerkship supervisor at the host institution.

2.10.7 Students must abide by the specific rules and regulations of the host institution and be sensitive to the cultural norms at the site (e.g., use of alcohol, immodest dress, mixing of males/females during certain activities etc.).

2.10.8 Leisure activity after working hours and travel is permitted only as a group.

2.10.9 If for health reasons, or overriding personal reasons, a student wishes to remain in Israel or the USA/Canada for the GHM Clerkship, approval must be obtained in advance from MSIH administration. Final authority for this decision rests with the MSIH administration and is subject to availability.
2.10.10 For medical reasons, pregnant students are not permitted to participate at group Clerkship sites in developing countries.

2.10.11 Students who do not complete their GHM Clerkship will not graduate in that year.

2.10.12 Students who terminate their GHM Clerkship without prior permission will be required to repay all expenses, including, but not limited to, flights, tuition, and accommodation. They will be considered to have failed that rotation with all attendant implications.

Special Arrangements for Family Members:

2.10.13 Spouses, partners, friends, children and relatives may not accompany students to or from the Group GHM Clerkships.

2.10.14 Spouses of students taking GHM Clerkships may visit for up to two of the eight weeks. All arrangements for insurance, accommodation and all other matters relating to the visit will be the sole responsibility of the spouse.

2.11 Global Health Modules

2.11.1 All students must successfully complete four elective modules during the first two years of study at MSIH. Students may complete and register up to two modules
every year: two modules during the first year and two modules during the second.

2.11.2 Registration for courses will be done at the beginning of each year on the basis of availability.

2.11.3 Preference will be given to second year students who meet course requirements.

2.11.4 The course will open only if at least ten students register.

2.11.5 In cases in which there are less than 20 students registered for a specific course, those interested in signing for the course which is not mandatory for them, will be permitted to register on the understanding that they will not accrue study credits for it.

2.11.6 After registration, students will be required to fulfill all conditions required for the course, including mandatory attendance, assignments, etc.

Registration is binding and cannot be changed.

Global Health Modules assessment and attendance:

2.11.7 100% mandatory attendance at classes, tours or any relevant visits/events.

2.11.8 Module credits will be given only if all curriculum assignments are completed.

2.11.9 Student assessments will be personal, based on participation in class discussions and lectures, and fulfillment of obligations
according to standard procedures as noted in 2.8.

Students who fail to meet requirements:

2.11.10 In the case of a student who fails to meet course requirements, (i.e. due to, among other things, absence or low academic standards) the student will fail the course. The matter will then be handled according to the standard procedures of MSIH, and if necessary, disciplinary steps may be taken.

Exceptions:

2.11.12 The above notwithstanding, MSIH reserves the right to take into account specific student circumstances, including personal considerations and absence from lectures for justifiable reasons for which permission is obtained in advance from the GH Modules Coordinator or the academic coordinator of the modules. If such approval is obtained, it is the student's obligation to notify the lecturer and coordinate assignments to catch up with missed material.

2.11.13 Retroactive approvals will not be given.

2.11.14 Notification of absence will be passed from the GHM office to the year coordinator and recorded in student personal files.
2.12 **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)**

Medical School for International Health (MSIH) students who receive U.S. Federal Direct Loans must be making satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in their educational programs in order to maintain eligibility to receive Direct Loans. Failure to maintain the standards described in this policy may result in loss of eligibility to receive Direct Loans. This policy also identifies the criteria by which a student who has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress may reestablish his or her eligibility for Direct Loans. For the complete policy, please login to the Moodle course: PREP.

The following points refer to the conditions for student promotion or expulsion during the course of their studies. "Promotion" means passing a student from one year to the next or graduating. "Expulsion" means the termination of a student’s studies.

2.12.1 Termination of studies may occur in the event that the student does not fulfill the requirements for promotion, graduation or in the event of inappropriate and nonprofessional conduct. This decision will be made by the School Director or their surrogate after consultation with the Student Promotions and Professionalism Committee.
2.12.2 Promotion from one year to the next is conditional upon completion of all academic requirements for that year, prior to the commencement of the following academic year.

2.12.3 Students may not start third year clinical studies without completing all requirements of years one and two.

2.12.4 Before making his decision the School Director will invite the student for a hearing. The student may bring one person of their choice to accompany them to this meeting.

2.12.5 Students who repeat an academic year must fulfill all of the requirements of that specific year unless agreed upon with the Director.

2.12.6 Students are permitted to repeat an academic year only once during their four years of studies.

2.12.7 Where studies have been terminated or a student has been expelled, that person may not re-apply to MSIH regardless of the reason for expulsion.

2.12.8 A student may appeal the decisions of the School Director, alluded to above (2.11.1 to 2.11.8 inclusive) in writing, to the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences in strict coordination with MSIH regulations and guidelines. All arrangements to make such an appeal must be handled via the
school administration and the student is not to approach the Dean's office on his/her own.

2.13 Graduation

Graduation means bestowing the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

2.13.1 Graduation is conditional on the following: Students complete successfully and on time all academic years of study, course work, and clinical rotations, together with the submission of all evaluations.

2.13.2 Students receive their diploma certifying the degree after the completion of all the fourth year requirements.

2.13.3 All students are expected to attend graduation. Scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to attend.

3. WELLNESS SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

MSIH is dedicated to providing support for the well-being of its students including resources to support all aspects of wellness: spiritual, emotional, physical, professional, social, and financial. MSIH attempts to monitor the general wellness of the student body to inform changes to both student life and academic curricula.
3.1 **Physical**

Physical wellness involves proper care of your body for optimal health and functioning through balanced eating, activities, and behaviors. MSIH-BGU programs and resources can help you feel your best so you can optimally serve patients, the community, and each other. The University Sports Center is available to all MSIH students including a wide range of sporting facilities and classes: http://in.bgu.ac.il/sport/Pages/default.aspx. Classes include Ikido, Zumba, Core and Pilates. Yoga classes are available near the campus at the Yoga Center of Be’er Sheva: https://www.yoga-beersheva.co.il/.

A list of restaurants and coffee shops is listed in the BGU International information booklet or at the Office for International Academic Affairs, BGU website.

3.2 **Health**

Students who are sick and do not see any open appointments at their family physician should contact MSIH 1st year Student Affairs Coordinator, Ms. Amit Frank at amitfran@bgu.ac.il or Ms. Gaby Koren – 2nd and 3rd year Student Affairs Coordinator at gaby@bgu.ac.il, during office hours. For medical services after hours and weekends, students should follow the instructions
on their insurance policy or reach out to MSIH staff for assistance.

Following are links to after-hours medical services:

- **Terem (טרם)** - https://www.terem.com/ (English site)
- **Briuta (בריאות)** – http://www.briuta-care.co.il/ (Hebrew only site)
- **Bikor Rofer (ביקורות)** - https://www.bikurofe.co.il/ (Hebrew only site)

### 3.3 Emotional

Emotional wellness involves awareness, mindfulness, management, and acceptance of one’s feelings through periods of change, growth, stress, and development in order to promote an overall sense of balance and trust that things can be re-balanced when necessary. For students having difficulty managing stress or otherwise maintaining mental well-being, a variety of resources are available to help:

- **Dr. Itzhak Lander**: Psychologist (MSIH Counselor) can be contacted at larrie@zahav.net.il.
- **Psychological Services Unit and Professional Guidance and Studies, BGU**: Students experiencing emotional difficulties are welcome to contact this service for counseling and therapy. The unit offers a variety of
therapies: individual or group therapy, anxiety therapy combining biofeedback, psychiatric counseling and psychological evaluation. In addition, academic and career counseling are also available. The unit also incorporates the Sylvia A. Brodsky walk-in counseling service, which is designed to quickly respond to students who have urgent problems and are in a crisis. Please see http://in.bgu.ac.il/Dekanat/en/Pages/Psychological_Services.aspx.

- Center for Women’s Health Studies and Promotion: Treatment options provided in Isha Be-Shela ("a woman in her own right") include: cognitive behavioral therapy; crisis intervention; interpersonal, family, group, and individual therapies including creative arts, narrative therapy, and long-term integrative therapy, with an emphasis on evidence-based practice. For more information please see: http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/humsos/womcen/.

3.4 **Spiritual**

Spiritual wellness means something unique for each person and can be cultivated by exploring one’s sense of purpose and greater meaning in life. The pressures of medical and graduate education can result in disruption of your sense of self and purpose.
Jewish faith:
The city of Be’er Sheva has over 200 synagogues that include Orthodox, Conservative and Reform denominations as well as Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Indian, Hungarian, Romanian, Persian, Iraqi, Tunisian, and Ethiopian congregations. You do not have to be a member in order to join a service, all you need to do is walk in.

- BGU synagogue: Building 28, 1st floor, Marcus Family Campus BGU. See information about service times, candle lighting and kabalat shabat meal, lessons and questions to the rabbi - http://bjews.bgu.ac.il/
- Soroka University Medical Center synagogue: Open every day, including weekends and holidays https://hospitals.clalit.co.il/soroka/he/about/management/pages/admin-religserv-synagogue.aspx
- Chabad (Orthodox Jewish Community): Chabad is active on campus – please call (08) 623-319
- Egalitarian services: Be’erot and Eshel Avraham Conservative Synagogue: http://www.masorti.org.il/eshelavraham_en/index

Muslim Faith:
There are a number of mosques in the area including the Tel-Sheva Mosque in the Bedouin village of Tel-Sheva, as well as the Segev Shalom Mosque in the village of Segev Shalom.
• Prayer Room: Between buildings 65-66 Soroka University Medical Center
• Prayer Room: Building 70, Student House, floor -1, BGU campus
• Unit for Integration of Arab Students at BGU: Coordinator – Hava Santo – email: kishner@bgu.ac.il. For further information see http://in.bgu.ac.il/Dekanat/en/Pages/staff.aspx

Christian Faith:
A welcoming international Christian community is present in Be’er Sheva. Christian services, both Catholic and Protestant, are held as informal gatherings on Saturdays and Sundays.
• A Christian Student Bible Study is meeting regularly on Tuesday evenings (in English). For more information contact: b7studentgroup@gmail.com
• Streams in the Desert (Nachalat Yeshua): Evangelical services are held every Friday at 17:30 during the summer (May to October) and every Saturday at 10:30 during the winter (November to April) in the Old City, HaAvot 15: http://app.kehilanews.com/nachalat-yeshua-yeshua-s-inheritance-cong

3.5 Professional
• Professional wellness is characterized by fulfillment from one’s chosen career field, through engaging experiences and learning
opportunities while maintaining balance of personal priorities.

Professional guidance for MSIH students:
1st Year Academic Advisor: Dr. Lone Avnon, avnonl@bgu.ac.il.
2nd Year Academic Advisor: Dr. Michael Star, starm@bgu.ac.il.
3rd and 4th Year Academic Advisor: Prof. Ben Taragin, taraginb@bgu.ac.il
Associate Director for Student Affairs: Dr. Asher Moser, amoser@bgu.ac.il
Electives Advisor: Prof. Shimon Glick, gshimon@bgu.ac.il

- Students who are struggling with their studies for an unknown reason and students who have previously been diagnosed as having learning disabilities, are welcome to contact the Learning Disabilities Board at BGU to receive assistance and academic counseling. For further information please see http://in.bgu.ac.il/Dekanat/en/Pages/Learning-Disabilities.aspx

3.6 Social
Social wellness is the ability to connect and communicate with others through positive and supportive relationships in various aspects of life. MSIH hopes to nurture an engaged community of
students who support each other through the shared experience of their graduate education.

Resources include:

- MSIH Student Council: https://msih-council.weebly.com
- The Office of International Academic Affairs – BGU International: http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global/Pages/default.aspx
- ASRN – BGU Medical Students Organization: http://asran.bgu.co.il/
- BGU Student Association: https://bgu4u.co.il/en/
- Hillel at Ben-Gurion University: Hillel Israel is an organization that aims to strengthen the Jewish identity of Israeli students and deepen their sense of belonging to the Jewish people by exposing them and deepening their familiarity with the wide range of Jewish communities and identities that exist in the world today. For information on programs, events and contacts please see: http://en.hillelisrael.org/BGU/home

3.7 Financial

Financial wellness is the ability to manage your resources in a way that minimizes stress or uncertainty about the future. MSIH students can learn more about financial aid, scholarships, and other information about financial options from:
3.8 Emergency Management

Emergency preparedness is a basic survival skill. By staying informed and preparing mentally, you can increase your confidence and ability to handle an emergency situation.

- Save the BGU security number as a contact and pay immediate attention to all notifications: 08-6461888 or 08-6461555 (on campus 1555),
- 24/7 service.
- Behavior and safety rules in the university
- Download BGU app
Contact us

MSIH staff is always willing to help. Students are encouraged to contact the Student Affairs Coordinators in cases of uncertainty/difficulty or any other staff member. All contact details are on pp3-5 of this booklet.

4. PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Prevention of Sexual Harassment Regulations can be found at the BGU English site under the student tab or by following this link: http://in.bgu.ac.il/osh/HumanresocharP/05-059-en.pdf. All entering students enrolled at BGU and new staff are required to take an online course entitled: Prevention of sexual harassment: The Israeli Law and the University Regulations.

Complaints Commissioners:
Ms. Limor Azrai, lazrai@bgu.ac.il
Prof. Esther Priel, priel@bgu.ac.il

5. ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

MSIH greatly values whenever our students write articles and publish in the medical literature. To this end we will give as much academic support as possible and sometimes under specific
circumstance, financial aid. For any publication in the literature submitted by a student please pay close attention to the following guidelines:

5.1 The student must have a faculty advisor who will sign off on the manuscript before you submit it. This does not usually mean co-authorship though there may be times that this is relevant. Faculty are not allowed to demand such a condition for supervising a student paper.

5.2 The above notwithstanding, it is usually appropriate for the student author at least to acknowledge the help of the faculty member in writing as follows: "I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the academic help I received from Dr. X in the preparation of this manuscript." Please note that you must receive written permission from the faculty member to have their name acknowledged.

5.3 When the manuscript is submitted, please ensure that under "affiliations", the following appears: "From the Medical School for International Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Be'er Sheva, 84105, Israel"

5.4 If human subjects are to be examined in the study, it is essential to apply to the Soroka Institutional Review Board (IRB-Helsinki
Committee) for an authorization. Your faculty advisor can help you with this process.

5.5 Although the above guidelines refer to academic publications, should you publish in a newspaper/blog etc., please do so in the spirit of these guidelines.

6. ACADEMIC MEETINGS

MSIH may allow time off studies and sometimes offer financial support to students who participate in AMSA events and CUGH meetings [http://www.cugh.org] or at other relevant scientific forums. Only students who received an academic assessment and letter of good standing from the Associate Director for Student Affairs will be eligible to attend any of these meetings or even parts thereof.

Students who have had a paper, poster or oral presentation accepted at a scientific meeting can apply to MSIH for a grant of up to $400 if the field is in Global Health and up to $250 for all other types of scientific meetings. Students must present a letter of acceptance from the organization.
Application process:

6.1 Provide a letter of good standing from the Associate Director for Student Affairs. This letter will be based on a number of factors including the timing of the student's absence, what studies will be missed, and the student’s academic standing. Only after the above authorization is received may the student go to steps 11.2-11.8 below.

6.2 Fill out the Overseas Travel Application Form that is available from the MSIH Financial Aid Assistant;

6.3 Provide a copy of the event from the relevant internet site that includes topic, dates and location;

6.4 Provide a letter of proof of acceptance from the event organizers;

6.5 Fill out the Expense Report for Overseas Travelers on your return that is available from the MSIH Financial Aid Assistant;

6.6 Provide all original receipts up to $250/$400;

6.7 Submit all the above documents to the MSIH Financial Aid Assistant.

6.8 Failure to strictly follow any of these steps will jeopardize our ability to allow a student time off and to reimburse him/her for legitimate expenses.
7. **ADMINISTRATIVE COURSES**

Many states and hospital residency programs require additional administrative courses and certificates (e.g. ACLS) which are not part of the MD curriculum. While every effort will be made by MSIH to assist, it is ultimately the students' responsibility to acquire and pay for these requirements.

8. **ALUMNI ENQUIRIES**

While we cannot give out alumni emails, should a student wish to consult with a specific alumnus, we will try to facilitate the contact. Any question re alumni should be directed to Ms. Victoria King at the NY office: vking@bgu.ac.il.

9. **APPLYING TO GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**

*MSIH admin will do its best to provide accurate information in this domain but it remains the student's responsibility to meet all requirements and deadlines which can change at any time. MSIH cannot guarantee the attainment of the necessary visas. Please follow the ECFMG and NRMP guidelines as well as the PREP site on Moodle.*
9.1 **NRMP Match**

The NRMP or National Residency Matching Program places U.S. citizen and non-U.S. citizen international medical school students into residency training programs located in United States teaching hospitals. The Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) is the centralized online application service you’ll use to deliver your application, along with supporting documents, to residency programs. ERAS registration opens in late June and the Match generally runs in mid-March.

There will be visa issues for non-US citizens who want to apply to the US Match (especially for those coming from international medical schools):

a. The usual training visa for residency in the US is the J-1 visa sponsored through the ECFMG.

b. The J-1 visa requires a letter of support from the Ministry of Health in the student’s most recent legal residence since there is a 2-year “home country requirement” at the end of training that has to be completed on a J-1 visa.

9.2 **CaRMS**

The Canadian Residency Matching Service is a national, independent organization providing application and match services to the Canadian medical education community. The first
iteration includes all graduating students and prior year graduates from Canadian, American and international medical schools who meet the basic eligibility criteria.

**Special considerations for Canadian students:**

a. The Canadian Match generally runs before the US Match, so if a student submits a rank order list to both the US Match and the Canadian Match and they are matched in CaRMS, they are automatically removed from the US match.

b. Canadian students temporarily studying in Israel on a visa, are obligated to seek visa support from Canada. Students who require a J-1 visa support from Canada should see: [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hcs-sss/hhr-rhs/postgrad-postdoc/index-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hcs-sss/hhr-rhs/postgrad-postdoc/index-eng.php)

a. Supported J-1 visa trainees: where the length of specialty training is not sufficient for Canadian licensing standards, the student would have to return to Canada for the final year or two of residency training.

b. Applying to both the Canadian and US residency systems simultaneously is relatively time, labor, and cost intensive so students should start the US application process as soon as possible in July and finish by mid-September when CaRMS opens.
9.3 ‘Staj’ or Internship in Israel

Graduates can also complete an internship and residency in Israel. See the link for detailed instructions on the process:
https://www.health.gov.il/English/Services/MedicalAndHealthProfessions/GeneralMedicine/Pages/stage.aspx

10. MSIH ENQUIRIES POLICY

- Academic enquiries:

  Lecturer/Course Coordinator

  →

  Year Academic Advisor
  Dr. L. Avnon - Year 1; Dr. M. Star – Year 2;
  Prof. B. Taragin – Years 3 and 4

  →

  Associate Director for Academic Affairs
  Prof. B. Taragin

  →

  Director
  Prof. Alan Jotkowitz
• Administrative enquiries:

General Clarification
**School Assistant** – Ms. Anat Zer

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11. SECURITY

In case of emergency on campus, concerns for personal safety, fire, earthquake or hostilities, call the Security Department at 6461888 or 6461555 (on campus 1555). It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Orange Line" Emergency Hotline is used for reporting urgent safety/security/health emergency situations for faculty and students only. The hotline is open 24/7/365: 08-6461555/08-6461888.

The university also provides safety and security information in English at the following site: http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/security/Pages/Security_Guidelines.aspx

For national security matters, students can refer to the site of Israel's Home Command at: http://www.oref.org.il/14-en/PAKAR.aspx
12. TRAVEL POLICY

MSIH takes no responsibility for, and strongly discourages students from taking trips, either during school time or during vacation time, into any area under control of the Palestinian Authority. Note that health and other medical insurance is not valid in these areas.

Although MSIH cannot mandate our students' behavior, we want to communicate strongly that traveling in risky areas is foolhardy. As every adult must learn, unfortunately, there are times when taking a risk is unavoidable, but doing so unnecessarily serves no purpose and can cause much harm including injury or even loss of life. If students are uncertain about the advisability of traveling to a particular area, they should consult with senior administration and/or their national embassies. Please note that your medical insurance will not cover you should you fall ill or be injured in these areas.

American students can refer to the American Citizen Services Unit located at the US Embassy in Tel Aviv. Email: wardenel@state.gov. Students of other nationalities may consult their own embassy.
13. **VISA REGULATIONS**

13.1 International students must hold a valid student visa (A2). As is the case in the US, Canada and the EU, a student without a valid student visa may be deported. We strongly advise you to pay careful attention to these guidelines in order to avoid this entirely preventable scenario.

13.2 Students entering Israel with a B-2 visa (tourist visa) are NOT allowed to change their status to a student visa and will be forced to exit Israel, return to their home country and obtain a student visa there.

13.3 When renewing your visa, your passport needs to be valid for at least another 18 months past your issued visa expiration date and have at least two pages free.

13.4 The visa application process takes time. Be sure to apply for your visa extension at least one month before it expires.

13.5 Send a copy of the renewed visa to your student coordinator.

13.6 We highly recommend getting both an A2 and a multiple-entry visa, which allows its holder to enter Israel several times during the period for which the visa is valid.

13.7 Holders of an A-2 visa are NOT allowed to work in Israel.

13.8 Further information can be found at https://msih.bgu.ac.il/admitted-students/pre-departure-checklist/
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