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Arava Institute

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THE ARAVA INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Nature Knows No Borders

At the Arava Institute, students participate in the most open, honest, and sustained conversation happening in the Middle East.



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The Arava Institute's Mission

To create a world-class environmental teaching and research Institute that:

- Prepares young leaders to cooperatively solve the region's environmental challenges
- Delivers teaching and trans-boundary research opportunities at the highest quality and level to students from the Middle East and from all over the world
- Plays a leading role in research, conservation, environmental protection and sustainable development in the region
- Generates the regional capacity for conciliation and cooperation in the Middle East, in order to transcend political boundaries and achieve environmental change

Five Research & Development Centers

- Center for Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation
- Center for Trans-Boundary Water Management
- Center for Sustainable Agriculture
- Center for Hyper-Arid Socio-Ecology
- Arava Center for Sustainable Development



Diverse Student Body

- We aim for a program made up equally of three groups:



- 1/3 Jewish Israeli
- 1/3 Arab (from Israel, Palestine, and Jordan)
- 1/3 North American

Our Program

- Study abroad
- Internships
- Graduate studies



Interdisciplinary Learning

- Environmental Sciences
 - ▣ Renewable Energy
 - ▣ Sustainable Agriculture
 - ▣ Ecology
- Environmental Studies: Policy and Ethics
 - ▣ Transboundary Water Management
 - ▣ Environmental Ethics
 - ▣ Environmental Law



Semester Trips

Each semester the academic program has at least one multi-day field trip off the campus, in which students explore environmental issues in a real-world context.

Water Trip: overview of water management in Israel, the West Bank, and Jordan

Negev Trip: exploring ecology and environmental justice in Arab and Jewish communities

Dual-Narratives Trip: an in-depth tour of the culture, politics, and history



Peace-building and Environmental Leadership Seminar (PELS)

- In PELS, students gain leadership skills for effective conflict management and communication
- Students hear informed perspectives on the Middle East and environmental politics
- Students develop a strong sense of shared community

Campus Life

- Students take part in a variety of extracurricular activities like hiking, yoga, gardening, and camping.
- Students also take an active role in organizing holiday celebrations, potlucks, and music sessions that nurture communication and exchange.



Safety & Security

- Safety of our students, faculty, staff and alumni is our top priority.
- Standard practices:
 - Campus life and orientation
 - Cell phone requirements and communication
 - Security guard during official trips (norm for all Israel programs)

Location

- Kibbutz Ketura
- Arava Valley, Southern Israel
- On the Jordanian border
- Closest city: Eilat



Southern Israel



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Alumni Project: Biogas Systems



In south Mount Hebron a group of Arava Institute alumni – Palestinian, Israeli and International – are working with local villagers in creating biogas systems.

Arava Institute Alumni

- Since 1996, the Arava Institute has trained over 800 environmental and social justice leaders. Today, these alumni form a far-reaching network through the Middle East, North America, and other parts of the world.



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