

# M.Sc. thesis track (2 years) at the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment

## Admission Requirements

1. **Undergraduate degree** in Agriculture Sciences, Nutrition Sciences, Biology, Economy or any other relevant field with a minimum final grade of 80.
2. **English proficiency:** applicants from non-native English-speaking countries are to have Upper-Advanced English level and to provide one of the following documents:
  - a. Proof of university-level exemption from English language studies.
  - b. University letter stating the studies at the university are conducted in English.
  - c. TOEFL with a minimum grade of 80 or IELTS with a minimum grade of 6.
3. **Secured thesis supervisor** from the list of Faculty members (see below).

## Application procedure

Below you will find the guidelines for enrolling in one of the following M.Sc. programs: Field and Vegetable Crops (713); Horticulture (714); Agroecology and Plant Health (715); Soil and Water Sciences (716); Environmental Economics and Management (717)<sup>\*(see at the end of the document)</sup>; Genetics and Breeding (721); Biochemistry, Food Science and Nutrition (723); Plant Sciences in Agriculture (724); Environmental Quality and Natural Resources in Agriculture (728); Animal and Veterinary Sciences (735); and Biotechnology (890).

Detailed information about the programs can be found [here](#).

To initiate the application procedure, the candidate must contact:

1. The [Overseas Applicants Unit](#) (Ms. Orit Krakover, [oritk@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:oritk@savion.huji.ac.il))
2. The thesis supervisor

Important remark: before submitting the application, the candidate should have contacted a Faculty member (<https://en.hafakulta.agri.huji.ac.il/faculty-members>) that agrees to supervise him/her. **Without a supervisor agreement, the application will not be considered**<sup>\*(see at the end of the document)</sup>.

The candidate must send undergraduate degree diploma or letter of eligibility along with transcripts to one of the above persons. The documents will be checked by the The Overseas Applicants Unit, for recognition of the academic institute, evaluation of the grades and conversion to the HUJI grade scale. The applicant must meet the requirement of a GPA of at least 80 HUJI grade.

## Scholarship and tuition

M.Sc. students at The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, receive a scholarship of at least 3,500 NIS per month (for 2 years) for covering living expenses.

M.Sc. thesis track students that are part of a research group, devote their full time to research, receive a scholarship, and did not refuse a teaching assistant position are exempt of paying tuition for two years.

## Health insurance, housing and visas

Health insurance and housing: health insurance through HUJI is mandatory and is to be covered by the student, as well as housing, either on-campus or off-campus.

The Faculty Student Affairs Office assists with arrangement of health insurance.

The International School of Agricultural Sciences may assist with finding accommodation.

Visa: Israel's Ministry of Interior requires all students to obtain a student visa during their studies. The International School of Agricultural Sciences assists with visa issuance and visa extensions.

### **Program details**

The M.Sc. Thesis Track is a two-year program which includes two components:

1. Research: executed under the guidance of the thesis supervisor. After two semesters the student is to submit a research thesis plan to be approved by the thesis supervisor and the Head of the program. After completing the research, the student submits a research thesis to the Head of the program. This process is followed by an evaluation, usually attended by the thesis supervisor/supervisors, the Head of the program and two external referees.
2. Courses: the student is to complete courses in a total of 24 HUJI credits (1 HUJI credit = 1 hour of lecture, exercise and/or lab during the semester), some of which are required, and some are elective, according to the program's requirements. The study plan is to be approved by the thesis supervisor and the Head of the program. Please note that the Head of the program may request supplementary studies, based on the candidate's academic background.

Upon completion of the program, the student is evaluated by 3 grades: a. course average. b. thesis grade. c. Thesis defense grade.

For further information and list of programs: <https://en.study.agri.huji.ac.il/master-info>

\*Admission requirements and other details are different for the Environmental Economy & Management program. Please refer to the following link for details:

[https://economics.agri.huji.ac.il/sites/default/files/agri\\_economics/files/25.6.2020\\_master\\_in\\_environmental\\_economics\\_and\\_management\\_2020.pdf](https://economics.agri.huji.ac.il/sites/default/files/agri_economics/files/25.6.2020_master_in_environmental_economics_and_management_2020.pdf)