HECHT MUSEUM

For over 30 years, the Hecht Museum has been the only archeological museum in Israel situated at a university campus. It offers a rich and unique collection of archaeological artifacts and an exclusive art collection. The museum’s exhibitions enhance research and academic study. The museum now offers a specially designed PIL Intelligent Museum Guide for visitors, developed through a collaborative partnership between the University of Haifa and the Italian Institute for Scientific and Technological Research.

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The University of Haifa was founded in 1972. Its primary mission is the pursuit of excellence in academic research and teaching. We believe that scientific breakthroughs require unconventional approaches that embrace creative and critical thinking. The University of Haifa invests vast resources in research that crosses disciplines and fields to create new “clouds of knowledge” that are compatible with the dynamic environment of the 21st century.

The University of Haifa is the largest comprehensive research university in the north. We are not an “ivory tower,” but rather an institution of higher learning that proudly embodies its diverse social fabric, as evidenced by our numerous academic collaborations and various social programs within the University and beyond the campus.

The University of Haifa is the leading university in Israel in the fields of humanities, social sciences, law, social welfare and health sciences, natural sciences, education and management. The University was chosen by the Israel Council for Higher Education to lead research in Israel in the fields of marine sciences and education.

MULTIVERSITY

The University of Haifa is in the process of becoming a multi-campus university. We have already expanded our presence at the Port Campus in downtown Haifa. In addition, our School of Marine Sciences has expanded along the coast with research facilities at the Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research Institute, located in Haifa, and research laboratories in Sdot Yam, Acre and Ashkelon. We are currently strengthening our cooperation with the Rambam Health Care Campus to intensify research activities in the fields of public health, health sciences and the natural sciences.

The University is also in advanced discussions with several academic institutions in the north, which will lead to the opening of additional campuses, thus deepening our involvement in academic, social and cultural activities throughout the north.

The construction of the new Faculty of Law building and the expansion of dormitories are in advanced planning stages. In the next three years, the University plans to add approximately 26,300 square meters of research laboratories, classrooms and student housing.
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