



**Faculty of Health Sciences**  
**The School of Bio-Medical Sciences**  
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Course Registration for the Second Semester of 2026**

The second semester of 2026 begins on **Sunday, March 8, 2026**, and ends on **June 26, 2026**.

Link to [Online Registration Portal](#)

**Course Registration Process**

Registration for courses is conducted by students online. Attached are instructions for online registration and general guidelines for the master's degree program.

Students may register for courses only after paying the tuition deposit. This applies to all students, including those receiving scholarships, new and returning students.

**Registration Time Slots for Master's Degree Students in Medical Sciences (Department 470)**

Date	Time Slot
10.02.2026	09:00 - 23:59
12.02.2026	09:00 - 23:59

**Change Period**

Students may modify their course selection during the following periods:

Dates	Time
08.03.2026 - 21.03.2026	09:00 - 23:59
22.03.2026	09:00 - 13:00

**Late Changes (Course Additions/Cancellations)**

- Late changes beyond the official modification period will incur a financial penalty as outlined in the tuition payment guidelines.
- Cancelling a course after the change period will require full tuition payment for the course, in addition to the penalty.
- Scholarships do not cover courses in which the student has failed.

**Important Notes**

- Master's students who begin their studies this year must complete their undergraduate degree by the end of the semester's change period. Failure to



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provide proof of eligibility of a first degree will result in "**non-regular**" status, preventing scholarship eligibility.

### **Master's Degree Credit Requirements**

The master's degree in medical sciences (including specializations in Immunology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Developmental Genetics, Virology, Physiology, and Pharmacology) requires **40 credits**, divided as follows:

- **27 course credits**
- **13 thesis credits**

#### **Department 470-2:**

- Students must register for courses from the School of Biomedical Research course list (Department 470-2).
- A maximum of **6 credits** may be taken from other departments within the Faculty of Health Sciences or the Faculty of Natural Sciences, but only at the master's level.

The **updated course schedule** (Department Symbol 470) is available via [this link](#).

### **Required Courses for All Students**

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Research Student Seminar	2 (0.5 per semester)	Varies by department (Listed below)	Required each semester
Guided Reading Course	3	470-2-8041	Required once in the degree
Research Literacy Course	1	470-2-1025	Offered yearly in the second semester
Compulsory Seminar Lecture	0	470-2-0061	Required in the second year; students must present their work
Thesis A	6.5	470-2-9989	Taken in the third semester
Thesis B	6.5	470-2-9990	Taken in the fourth semester
Use and Care of Animals in Research	0	470-2-0100	Required for students working with animals (online)
Biological + Chemical Safety Training	0	900-5-2002	Required annually (online)
Law & Procedures for Preventing Sexual Harassment	0	900-5-5001	Required once in the degree (online)



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### **Additional Course Registration Notes**

- **Research Student Seminar:** Students must register every semester.
  - **Microbiology, Immunology, Genetics, and Virology** students: Register for **47020042 (Year 1, Semester 2)** and **47020044 (Year 2, Semester 2)**.
  - **Physiology** students: Register for **47020052 (Year 1, Semester 2)** and **47020054 (Year 2, Semester 2)**.
  - **Clinical Biochemistry and Pharmacology** students: Register for **47020072 (Year 1, Semester 2)** and **47020074 (Year 2, Semester 2)**.
- **Research Literacy (47021025):** Mandatory course offered yearly in the second semester.
- **Guided Reading (47028041):** Must be completed once during the degree.
- **Seminar Lecture (47020061):** Final-year students must register for this course and present their research in the seminar.
- **Thesis A/B:** Second-year students must register for **Thesis A (470-2-9989)** in their third semester and **Thesis B (470-2-9990)** in their fourth semester.
- **Use and Care of Animals in Research (470-2-0100):** Required under the Animal Cruelty (Animal Experiments) Law (1994) for students conducting animal research.
- **Biological + Chemical Safety Training (900-5-2002):** Mandatory annually. New students must complete it before laboratory entry. For any questions, please contact: **Ms. Hodaya Saban (08-6479343, [hodayaan@bgu.ac.il](mailto:hodayaan@bgu.ac.il))**.
- **Law & Procedures for Preventing Sexual Harassment (900-5-5001):** Must be completed once during the degree and in the first semester.

### **Additional Information**

- Students **cannot** submit their thesis for evaluation until they have received all course grades, including those for Guided Reading and Seminar Lecture.
- First-year master's students must submit:
  - Supervisor and research topic approval by January 31, 2026
  - Research proposal by July 31, 2026
- Second-year master's students must submit a research progress report, evaluated by their supervisor, by January 31, 2026.
  - **Failure to meet these deadlines may result in the suspension of the student's scholarship.**
- **Integrated PhD Track:** Master's degree students intending to transfer to the integrated PhD track in the next academic year should submit their applications to **Luba Rafailsky**, at [luba@bgu.ac.il](mailto:luba@bgu.ac.il).
- **Vaccinations:** Students working in laboratories handling human secretions must be vaccinated as per Section B of the Vaccination Requirements Letter (distributed via a vaccination circular). **Proof of vaccination must be submitted before the start of the academic year.** For further details, contact **Luba Rafailsky**, at [luba@bgu.ac.il](mailto:luba@bgu.ac.il).



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- **Communication:** All official information for research students will be sent exclusively to their BGU email addresses. Personal/Google emails will not be used. Students are advised to regularly check their BGU email to stay updated.

**Useful Links:**

- [School of Biomedical Research Website](#)

It is essential to review the **Faculty Regulations for Research Students**, which are published in October on the Faculty website.

**Wishing you success in your studies,**

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*Student Coordinators*