



Update: Postponement of the Opening of Semester 2

Dear students, postdocs, scientists, lecturers and teaching assistants,

We hope that you and your families are safe during these challenging days.

In light of the ongoing **Operation "Sha'agat HaAri"** and the current Home Front Command guidelines, and in an effort to provide as much clarity as possible regarding the upcoming semester, it was decided this evening to postpone the opening of **Semester 2**.

The semester will now begin on **Sunday, April 12, 2026** (instead of March 15, 2026).

Semester 2 courses will take place until Friday, July 3, 2026 (instead of June 26, 2026), and the semester will therefore be shortened by one week.

At this time, **the rotation schedule remains unchanged**. It may be adjusted as the situation evolves.

We hope that the semester will be able to take place **in person on campus**. However, should Home Front Command regulations not allow a return to campus at that time, the semester will begin **online**.

We are deeply indebted to our reserve soldiers and are committed, as before, to helping them complete their studies successfully despite their many challenges. To this end, all classes will be recorded and uploaded to Moodle for later viewing. This will also allow students who are unable to reach campus for any other reason, to review the material and complete any necessary coursework.

Semester 2 – Academic Calendar Updates

Class make-up days

July 5–6, 2026

Semester 2 exams – Schedule A

July 7 – August 4, 2026

Semester 2 exams – Schedule B

August 5 – August 18, 2026

This schedule also applies to **First-Year MSc Physics students**.

Semester 1 exams – Schedule B

These exams will take place between **March 15, 2026 and March 31, 2026**.

The exam format and location will be determined by the course instructor and may also take place on campus if permitted by Home Front Command guidelines.

Students will receive **at least one week's notice** prior to the scheduled exam date in order to prepare accordingly.

Please note that these guidelines **do not apply to the MD-PhD program and the Rothschild–Weizmann program**

We wish all of us quieter and safer days ahead.

Sincerely,

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