

Globalization of Open University Studies



Delegation from Kiev University visiting Lamda, the Open University bookstore

Widespread international activity is an Open University tradition, with the academic faculty maintaining links with universities around the world. The OUI regularly hosts visiting delegations from many universities and organizations from other countries, and OUI courses and exams are used by hundreds of Hebrew speakers throughout the world.

External Relations and Collaborative Academic Ventures

- During 2011-2012 the OUI's international programs focused on reinforcing relations with EADTU, the umbrella organization of European distance-learning universities. The OUI's President, Prof. Hagit Messer-Yaron, joined the team engaged in developing the organization's strategies for the coming decade.
- The OUI became affiliated with Open Education Resources (OER), a network that brings together dozens of researchers from universities worldwide to explore open learning materials.

Overseas Students

New measures were taken to assist OUI students overseas. A designated portal was established for candidates interested in studying abroad and the unique needs of overseas students were investigated. The development of materials for non-Hebrew-speaking overseas students continues.

Translation of books into English

Two volumes of textbooks for the course "Genocide": *Thoughts on the inconceivable: Theoretical aspects of genocide research* and *Rwanda 1994: Genocide in the "Land of a Thousand Hills,"* were translated into English.