The Ashkelon Academic College is a public academic college sponsored and supervised by the Council for Higher Education in Israel. The campus is located in the Education Quarters in Ashkelon. The college offers BA and MA studies in a variety of fields, and tuition for all courses is price controlled.

The Ashkelon Academic College was founded in 2000 in what was previously a subschool of Bar Ilan University, founded in 1965. For 38 years it offered BA studies through Bar Ilan University, in Ashkelon; in 2003 it began offering independent degrees. Since 2014 it has been offering MAs in criminology, social work, and in the future, applied economics as well. The college and its degrees are fully recognized by the Council for Higher Education.

Areas of study are abundant and varied, including economics, banking, logistics, accounting, health sciences (including nursing, nutrition, and public health), criminology, psychology, social work, tourism, computer science, sociology, Eretz Israel studies and more.

The college operates pre-academic courses for discharged soldiers and Sherut Leumi graduates, as well as preparatory education for new immigrants or those in the process of making Aliyah. Immigrants join a special integratory program which combines Hebrew classes with preparation for the Israeli academic world.

The campus was built in recent years, and is one of the most luxurious and advanced of its kind in Israel. It is comprised of classrooms, labs, in- and off-campus dormitories, and a convention center. The college runs a student aid program, a center for various learning difficulties, a center for career consultation and more.

89% of our graduates are employed; 76% of our graduates work in the field of their studies.

The college is home to three research institutes attended by students and senior researchers.

Computer science students find employment in prestigious companies such as Elta and the Nuclear Research Center.

The college campus offers numerous student activities. The dormitories include a student club with weekly movie screenings and other social and cultural events. The convention center offers movies, a cinemateque, live shows and theater performances. The students’ union organizes weekly entertainment and cultural events in collaboration with the students: a start-of-semester happening event with concerts and other attractions; student parties; student outings and vacations, and more. The on-campus PERAH administration offers scholarships in exchange for student tutoring and other social activities across the country. The Dean of Students Office offers other forms of social involvement and volunteer activity in the city in exchange for a scholarship incorporating different cultural activity. Religious students enjoy activities that correspond to their religious needs and lifestyles.

The Dean of Students Office and Student Union collaborate on a multicultural program named Musicampus, in which student and artist meet, talk, and listen to the artists’ work. The cinimateque offers a similar program, screening new releases followed by talks given by the directors and screenwriters.