

# PASSAGES now

Please choose 3 credits from the following options. The Leaders Course is worth 2 credits.



## Lead

### THE LEADERS COURSE

The Leaders Course offers an opportunity for Passages participants to take what they learned on the trip to the next level by enrolling in a 45-day online course with both biblical and modern Israel tracks. The biblical track consists of a set of required readings through both the Old and New Testaments, giving the participant an increased understanding of the Jewish roots of our Christian faith, the implications of Scripture as it relates to modern Israel, and an increased connection to the Bible. The modern Israel track is a video series on modern Israel and is designed to equip you with the necessary information to understand the origins of the modern State of Israel as well as the challenges it faces today. **The Leaders Course is a required pre-requisite for the Fellowship & Ambassador Programs, as well as for receiving internship grants, being part of a Passages delegation to conferences, and more!**



## Engage

### SPEAK AT AN EVENT OF YOUR CHOICE

There is nothing that can substitute for personal experience. Unfortunately, most Christians never visit Israel and have to rely on international media to understand what's going on here. As someone who has touched this land and encountered its people, you now have the ability to communicate the facts firsthand. Present your experience in Israel to your church, school, or other group and let us know all about it.

### SERVICE PROJECT

As Passages students, you connected with the roots of your faith in Israel. This is a gift to be shared with your local community, and you can do so by engaging in acts of service. To receive credit, choose a faith-based organization, spend at least an hour serving, and submit a 500 word summary of your experience. If you have a photo, we would love to see!

### PASSAGES CAMPUS AMBASSADOR

This option is based on an application and interview. If accepted, serving as a Campus Ambassador completes all three Passages NOW requirements. Ambassadors are responsible for planning, recruiting for, and attending the Passages Reunion Event and Passages Shabbat and helping their bus complete their Passages NOW.

### SHABBAT DINNER

Do you remember Shabbat of a Lifetime from your time in Jerusalem? Connect with your local Jewish community back on campus or in your city by selecting this option. Your school's Passages Campus Ambassador will plan the logistics, and all you have to do is show up!

### REUNION EVENT

We love to regroup our alumni after you've returned to America. Your school's Passages Campus Ambassador will arrange the details, so all you have to do is get together with your bus one more time. We'll have food, music, and memories.



## Learn

### BOOK CLUB

Every year there are many excellent books published on Israel, the Middle East, Christianity, and Christian leadership. Those who choose this option will receive a link to purchase a book and will be provided a reading guide. If you would like to host a discussion on your campus, reach out to [alumni@passagesisrael.org](mailto:alumni@passagesisrael.org). This can also be fulfilled by turning in a short book review.



## Write

### ESSAY CONTEST

The story of Israel is complicated by many spiritual, moral, and political questions that go to the heart of what this land means to the world. We present some of those questions to you to get your take. A cash prize is given to the top essay.



## VIDEO CONTEST

This is for our participants who love filmmaking. Whether you are an amateur with a smartphone, or you are an inspired videographer, we would love to see your videos! We require all submitted videos to be 2-4 minutes long. You can use one of our five prompts or take an angle that inspired you. The best video will receive a cash prize.

## PASSAGES PHOTO PORTFOLIO CONTEST

Participants with a good eye and love for photography, can use their cameras to capture trip highlights. Your collection should tell the story of your experience in Israel. After the trip, compile 5-10 of your favorite photos with brief captions for each picture. If you need assistance adding captions, tutorials are available on our website. We will then feature these in our Passage Portfolio as well as various social media pages. The best portfolio will receive a cash prize.

## SUBMIT YOUR OWN CONTEST

Are you looking for a Passages NOW option not on this menu? We are proud of the many gifts and talents our alumni exhibit. If you would like to propose a different project you may do so by emailing [josiah@passagesisrael.org](mailto:josiah@passagesisrael.org). Past examples include poetry, music, visual art, writing to a national outlet, etc. Be as creative as you like, and we will offer the most original submission a cash prize.



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## PHILOS PROJECT LIVE EVENTS & PODCASTS

The Philos Project, one Passages' partner organizations, produces The Region Podcast and hosts regular events. Special guest speakers join these programs with a presentation on topics such as Middle East news, politics, and faith. Listen to three podcasts or join at least one live event and then submit a copy of your notes to receive credit for participation.

## PHILOS FELLOWS VIDEOS & REFLECTION

Get to know the Philos Project Fellows by diving into their stories. Tune into Philos' five short videos to learn more about minorities in the Middle East and how these Fellows are creating change on the ground. Choose the Fellow that intrigues you the most and tell their story. Share their Fellow video link or post a short synopsis of what you learned on social media (FB, Instagram, Twitter) and tag @philosproject. Along with this, please submit a one-page written piece on what you learned from the video and why this Fellow impacted you.

## PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ARTICLE REVIEW & WRITTEN RESPONSE

Providence Journal, a project of the Philos Project, examines issues in foreign policy from a Christian Realist perspective in order to better equip leaders inside and outside of the church to engage with these issues. This selection puts you in contact with their articles and provides an opportunity to provide a written response to the ideas presented.

## Continued Opportunities...

**(None of these options count as Passages NOW credit)**

**Fellowship Program:** Once completing the Leaders Course, participants are eligible to apply to be a Passages Fellow. Fellows are given the opportunity to go back to Israel and help facilitate a trip for other students. Not only is this a vital component to a Passages trip, but it is also an opportunity for Passages alumni to lead with what they've learned.

**Philos Leadership Institute:** Travel to the Middle East through our Philos Leadership Institute, an exclusive two-week leadership program designed to take young leaders who have a serious interest in the Middle East to Israel and Jordan. This rigorous program is dedicated to empowering a new generation of leaders who want to dive into the complexities of the region and facilitate lasting change in the Middle East. For more information on how to apply, go to [philosproject.org](http://philosproject.org).

**Philos Scholarships:** The Philos Project Scholarship Program offers a limited number of merit-based scholarships to qualified young leaders who are seeking to fund projects, internships, and educational or travel programs that advance the mission of The Philos Project. Companion level scholarships award \$500 or less for requests while Ambassador level scholarships award \$500 or more.

**Free Digital Subscription to Providencemag.com:** The Philos Project has offered Passages alumni a free one-year digital subscription to [Providencemag.com](http://Providencemag.com).

**Galilea Fellowship:** The Galilea Fellowship is a unique opportunity that brings English-speaking, Christian young adults (ages 20+) to Israel as teaching fellows for a three month (one-semester) organized program of community service, study and touring. The community service component utilizes the ability that teaching fellows all possess – native English conversation ability – and mobilizes that ability to enrich the English-learning curriculum for students at Jewish and Arab Christian schools.

**Internship Support:** Are you interested in spending more time in Israel or with an organization connected to Israel? Visit [passagesisrael.org/internships](http://passagesisrael.org/internships) to learn about special internship opportunities and access grant support for matched internships.