Course Description

VC & ACCELERATOR PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE, A CO-OP PROGRAM

“Experience without theory is blind, but theory without experience is mere intellectual play.”
—Immanuel Kant

The VC & ACCELERATOR PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE offers students a unique opportunity to join an accelerator or a VC firm and experience the work of investors first-hand, while still at school. The course is designed for individuals who are interested in gaining practical hands-on experience interning with an accelerator or a VC firm.

The course is conducted in English.

Details:
Course Goals

- Gaining an in-depth understanding of the entrepreneurial processes of a young company;
- Developing a greater understanding of organizational roles and the functions of various business disciplines and departments;
- Gaining practical hands-on experience and improving professional skills: "learning-by-doing"
- Expanding the network of professional ties.
- Enhancing interpersonal communication skills to successfully navigate professional relationships;
- Taking part and influencing real processes in real companies.

Grading

The course involves a 10-week + 13-week practical unpaid internship with Israeli VC. Students must commit to interning at least 16 hours a week. In addition, students are required to complete course assignments and a final course paper.

The course grade is comprised of four assignments (40%) and a performance review by their internship supervisor (at the company) (60%).

Grades - first semester

The grade for the 1st semester will be comprised of the following components:

- 60% – performance-review by the internship supervisor (at the company)
- 40% – 4 short academic assignments (No grades for the papers. Pass/Failed basis. pass=100, failed=0). See details below:

Assignment #1 - Expectations (1 page long) 5%

The assignment will be posted on MOODLE. Posted 20/11/2022; Due 27/11/2022
Assignment #2 - Orientation Paper: About the Startup (3 pages long) 10%
The assignment will be posted on MOODLE. Posted 27/11/2022; Due 11/12/2022

Assignment #3 - CO-OP Feedback Questionnaire (~1 page) 5%
The assignment will be posted on MOODLE. Posted 22/1/2023; Due 29/1/2023

Assignment #4 - Post-Internship Paper: Analysis and Advice (3-4 pages long) 20%
The assignment will be posted on MOODLE. Posted 29/1/2023; Due 1/3/2023

Grades - second semester
The grade of the 2nd semester will be comprised of the following components:

- 60% - performance-review by the practicum supervisor (at the company)
- 40% - A paper summarizing the entire year and includes: 1. Reflection; 2. Advice for the company (instructions will be published separately).

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Reading List
List of papers for assignment #4.