**IDC HERZLIYA**

# Exchange Information for Computer Science Students

The Efi Arazi school of Computer Science and the Office of Research & Global Engagement are pleased to bring your attention to Student Exchange Program opportunities for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Under this program, IDC students will enroll for one semester abroad at select universities around the world while an exchange group of students from these institutions will similarly visit IDC for a semester. Some of the proposed universities provide excellent CS programs, and other are less CS oriented (see coursework below).

For IDC students, the exchange offers a unique opportunity to live and study in various institutions around the world, as well as take part in a wide array of events and extra-curricular activities.

## Target Audience
The program is intended for CS students who have successfully completed their first and second year program at IDC. It is also open to students that extend their studies to a fourth year.

## Selection criteria
Necessary conditions to apply to these programs include:
- Good academic (GPA above 80) and judicial standing, with no previous disciplinary problems at the IDC. In particular, we will consider not only the final grades in courses but also the grade in Moed A (please note that no Moed B takes place in universities outside Israel).
- Applications of first year students please note that in some of the institutions we will consider only students who will finish **all** their exams at **Moed A**. Note that for most institutions, we give priority to second year students.
- Excellent English Skills.

After screening all applications, some applicants may be invited for a personal interview.

## Timing
The semester abroad will replace the academic semester at IDC. Many institutions abroad start in the beginning of September and last through the end of December. Note that this overlaps the end of the summer break at IDC, and leaves sometime between the end of the semester abroad and the beginning of the second semester at IDC.

## Coursework
IDC students can enroll for credit in courses available for exchange students, subject to prerequisites, capacity limitations and availability. It is the student's responsibility to check which courses are available in each university. The chosen courses should be approved by the academic advisor (email vicedeancs@idc.ac.il), *prior* to departure.

Please bear in mind, credit for courses from your exchange abroad will be approved by your IDC school under the condition that you pass them. The grades from your exchange courses will appear in your official IDC transcript of records, however, will not be calculated into your GPA.

Students are encouraged to select mandatory courses from the IDC program while studying abroad, subject to the approval of the IDC specific course lecturer. Please make sure to send the syllabus of the course to the relevant IDC lecturer prior to departure.

Students who decided to take part in an IDC mandatory course, using long distance learning – should expect to receive a final grade for it, which in this case will be calculated into the IDC GPA.

Please note, each university has a different set of CS courses, and since they are not always equivalent to IDC CS courses, students are still required to comply with the IDC program. students failing to do so, will be required to complete an additional semester at IDC with their return home.

## Tuition
Tuition payment at the host institution is waived for IDC exchange students. IDC students will continue to pay regular tuition at IDC.

## Accommodations
IDC students will get some information and help in finding proper housing, but exchange students will be responsible for their own housing arrangements.

## Financial Responsibility
Exchange students will be responsible for their own expenses including travel, accommodations, health insurance and all other expenses.

## Questions
- For questions regarding the program please email Ms. Tovit Yonish, Student Exchange office at: tovit.yonish@idc.ac.il
- For academic question, please contact Prof. Anat Bremler-Barr, vicedeancs@idc.ac.il

## Application and Materials

*There is no doubt that participating in an exchange of students involves a special effort. We urge you to make an effort to experience something that is once in a lifetime - not just for the academic experience, but a personal and cultural one as well.*

- Deadline for submitting applications: **Sunday, January 3th, 2021**
- The Online Application form can be found: here
- We hope to see you all at the information session.
- The list of partner universities can be found on the next page.