Sammy Ofer School of Communications

BA in Communications

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Introduction

The curriculum of the Sammy Ofer School of Communications is composed of mandatory courses and three specializations, a total of 120 credits for the degree.

Mandatory courses are taught during all three years of studies. In the last three semesters, each student is required to choose one of the following specializations:

Visual Content Studies	Marketing a Political Communicati	Communications	
Program Structure Mandatory Courses - 77 cree	dits	Specialization Structure 39 credits	
Infrastructure Studies	8 credits	5 Mandatory courses	10 credits
The Fundamentals of Communications	22 credits	5 Workshops	10 credits
Mandatory Theoretical Courses	20 credits	1 Semestrial Seminar	2 credits
Basic Specialization Studies	13 credits	1 Yearlong Seminar	6 credits
Basic Workshops	12 credits	3 rd - Year Annual Workshop	5 credits
English Studies	2 credits	3 Courses from Other Specializations	6 credits
Total - 120 credits		General Courses*	8 credits

 \ast Students who choose to study a supplementary cluster are exempt from this category.

Specializations at the Sammy Ofer School of Communications

Marketing and Political Communications

Head of the Specialization: Dr. Amit Lavie- Dinur

The Marketing and Political Communications specialization offers a unique combination of academic and research studies with practical experience guided by leading marketplace professionals. The program educates and trains students in strategic and innovative thinking in fields such as advertising, marketing, public relations and communication advisement across all media and digital platforms. Alongside theoretical courses and research, seminars which serve a basis for learning, students take part in practical workshops such as Marketing Strategy, Digital Advertising & Marketing, Political Campaign Management, Video Commercials for TV and Digital, and Social Media Marketing providing students with the necessary tools to integrate in the marketplace. During their third year, students participate in the "Marketing Lab" where they develop strategies and creative solutions for innovative campaigns for both profit and non-profit organizations.

Visual Content Studies

Head of the Specialization: Dr. Amit Lavie- Dinur

The specialization combines theoretical and empirical studies in the fields of content development with the acquisition of practical skills implementing advance technologies. The students will be trained in indepth research deliberation regarding popular media content such as television, Internet, mobile and social media. The Visual Content specialization puts an emphasis on the power of communication to shape ideology, values and lifestyle in modern society.

The range of workshops in the specialization enables the students to develop content and produce an original portfolio in writing for television and web, production and distribution of YouTube channels, app development, digital news, directing and cinematography. In the third year, students participate in the "Content Hub" where they develop original formats placing the creator at the center while treating him as an entrepreneur and leader in the international modern media market. Alongside these formats, students will learn business model development in collaboration with students from the business school that will assist their distribution in international markets.

Interactive Communications

Head of the Specialization: Dr. Oren Zuckerman

This specialization's curriculum offers a wide and innovative range of courses focusing on the main characteristics of interactive communication. Graduates will have an in-depth understanding of the internet and mobile revolution, and will be prepared to make optimal use of it. Among the subjects studied: cross media experiences, interaction models, the network and its effect on the participatory culture, the psychological and social effects of new media, community management and performance based marketing. In addition, students will participate in practical workshops that will include, among other things, designing cross platform experiences, mobile experiences, and familiarization with applications in the fields of design and interactive communication.

Optional Supplementary Clusters

The Sammy Ofer School of Communications offers the students entering their 3rd year optional supplementary clusters in addition to their Communications specialization:

Business Administration

Entrepreneurship

Supplementary Cluster in Business Administration

- > The cluster includes 20 credits, which will be taken during the 3rd year.
- 8 of the 20 credits replace one of thecourses from other specializations (2 credits) and from the general elective courses (courses from the General Studies Unit and Interdisciplinary Elective Courses 8 credits).
- The remaining 12 credits will be added to the 114 required credits for a BA in Communications, thus, students who complete a Supplementary Cluster in Business Administration will complete their BA with a total of 126 credits.

Mandatory Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment			
Year -lor	ng								
157	Organizational Behavior Dr. Galit Dayan	4		4		Final Exam on Spring Semester			
Fall Sem	nester								
43	Principles Of Marketing Management Dr. Rinat Satchi	4		4		Exam			
Spring S	Spring Semester								
2318	Integrated Marketing Communications Dr. Yaniv Gvili	4		4		Exam			

Supplementary Cluster in Entrepreneurship

- > Acceptance to the cluster is conditional upon a total GPA of 85 or above and a personal interview.
- > The cluster includes 12 credits, which will be taken during the third year.
- 6 of the 12 credits replace the general elective courses (courses from the General Studies Unit and Interdisciplinary Elective Courses).
- The remaining 4 credits will be added to the 122 required credits for a BA in Communications, thus, students who complete a Supplementary Cluster in Entrepreneurship will complete their BA with a total of 126 credits.

Mandatory Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
Fall Sem	nester Courses					
2357	Venture Creation - The Vision: Ideation and Strategy. Dr. Gali Einav	2		4		Final paper
2282	Economic and Legal Aspects for Entrepreneurs Mr. Daniel Pomerantz	2		2		Final paper
Spring S	Semester Courses					
2312	Product Design and user experience Mr. Ronel Mor	2		2		Final paper
2358	Venture Creation - Implementation: Prototyping and Customer Creation Dr. Einav Gali	4		4		Project

B.A in Communications Program of Studies

First Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
Fall Sen	nester Courses					
4048	Preparatory Course: Practicing Academic Writing Dr. Orly Idan Dr. Kaminsky Inbar	2		2		Paper
7017	Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models Dr. Tzur Eyal Keren	2	3	5		Exam
2649	Communications, Culture and Society Dr. Tal Azran	2		2		Exam
7197	Introduction to New Media Dr. Oren Zuckerman	2	2	4		Exam
7023	Communication English Advanced B Dr. Leor Cohen	3		0		Exam
7024	Communication English Advanced A Dr. Glenda Sacks	3		2		Exam
7019	Statistics Dr. Moran Aliman	2	2	4		Exam
Spring S	Semester Courses					
7305	Introduction to Political Communication Prof. Wolfsfeld Gadi	2	2	4		Exam
7045	History of Communication Dr. Avital Pilpel	2		2		Exam
7020	Social Psychology Dr. Nathan Stolero	2	2	4		Exam
7026	Quantitative Research Methods Dr. Moran Aliman	2	2	4	Statistics	Exam
7024	Communication English Advanced A Dr. Leor Cohen	3		2	Communication English Advanced B	Exam

Mandatory Workshops

Fall Sem	Fall Semester Workshops						
7507	Digital Storytelling Mr. Uri Bar-on Ms. Jasmine Kainy Mr. Nir Saar Mr. Omri Uzrad	3	3	Final Project			
Spring S	emester Workshops						
2477	From the Tweet to the Broadcast Story Mr. Yonatan Regev Mr. Yadin Katz Mr. Muhamad Al-Kassim	2	2	Final Project			
Fall/Spri	ing Semester Workshops						
7034#	Introduction to Radio Broadcasting Mr. Jonathan Gal Mr. Roy Kats Ms. Chen Zausmer Mr. Dan Matuk	3	3	Final Project			
7587#	Cross Platform TV Production Mr. Eitan Cohen Ms. Noa Ilsar Mr. Ariel Lowi	2	2	Final Project			

The Course will be taken either in the first or the second semester

Second Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment				
	Л	Mandato	ory Course	es						
Fall Semes	Fall Semester Courses									
7018	Communication Institutions Ms. Sagit Dinnar	2	2	4		Exam				
7046	Qualitative Research Methods Dr. Assaf Lev	2	2	4		Exam				
7042	Media Ethics Ms. Yael Lavie	2		2		Exam				
7453	Introduction to Social Network Analysis Dr. Tsahi Hayat	2	2	4		Exam				
7551	Fundamentals of Humanistic Thought Dr. Inbar Kaminsky	2	2	4		Exam				
2478	The art of Pitch and Transmitting the Message Mr. Avisaf Omri Mr. Michaelis Ran Ms. Anat Zelig	2		2		Final Project				
7110	Language, Culture And Society Dr. Orly Idan	2		2		Exam				
Spring Ser	nester Course									
7044	Visual Communication: Representation And knowledge Dr. Maya Pinhasi	2	2	4		Exam				
7633	Introduction to Human Computer Interaction Dr. Oren Zukerman	2	2 Elective	2		Exam				
7580	Culture & Identity in a Visual Media Environment Dr. Assaf Lev	2		2		Exam				
7509	Health Communication: PR Strategies of Pharmaceutical Companies Dr. Yaffa Shir-Raz	2		2		Exam				

Second Year / Specialization in Visual Content Studies

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Total F Credit	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
Coue		HOUIS	Points		Assignment
		landatory	courses		
Spring S	Semester Courses				
7427	Children, Adolescents, and Media Dr. Tzur Eyal Keren	2	2		Exam
7308	Principles of Persuasion and Argumentation Dr. Sharon Avital	2	2		Exam
	Ma	ndatory V	Vorkshops	5	
Fall Sen	nester Workshop				
7646	Creating a Documentary Ms. Yifat Keidar	2	2		Final Project
7647	Advanced Digital Editing Mr. Dovev Shushan	2	2		Final Project
Spring S	Semester Workshops				
7640	Creativity in cinematography Mr. Sharon Karp	2	2		Final Project
7678	Directing Mr. Lior Chefetz Ms. Yael Kayam	2	2		Final Project
	-	Elective Se	eminar*		
	Choose	one of the fo	llowing semir	nars:	
Spring S	Semester Seminars				
7214	The Documentary Film and Reality Dr. Rachel Quastel	2	2		Paper
2658	Content Creation for Viralization in Social Networks: implementation and analysis Dr. Dr. Tal Azran	2	2		Paper
*	 Prerequisite courses for all seminars Introduction to Communications Quantitative Research Methods Qualitative Research Methods 		Models		

General Electives

Students are required to choose a total of 6 credits of general coursesduring their studies. Second Year / Specialization in Marketing and Political Communications

Course	Course Name	Lecture	Total	Proroquisitos	Final Course		
Code	Course Name	Hours	Credit Points	Prerequisites	Assignment		
		Mandator	ry Cour	ses			
Spring S 7308	Semester Courses Principles of Persuasion and Argumentation Dr. Sharon Avital	2	2		Exam		
7427	Children, Adolescents, and Media Dr. Tzur Eyal Keren	2	2		Exam		
		Mandatory	Works	hops			
Fall Sem	nester Workshop						
7575	Marketing Strategy Ms. Eva Hasson Ms. Michal Herman Ms. Meyrav Regev-Weisblot	2		Broadcasting News	Final Project		
7568	Digital Advertising & Marketing Mr. Nimrod Dweck Mr. Inbar Dotan Mr. Yuval Hollander	2		Broadcasting News	Final Project		
Spring S	Semester Workshop						
7481	Advertising Concepts Mr. Hiilel Abt Ms. Sivan Ben-Horin	2		Marketing Strategy	Final Project		
Elective Workshops Students are required to choose two elective workshops (4 credits total) during the course of their studies, one each year.							
Spring S	Semester Workshops						
7065	Public Relations and Spokesmanship Mr. Shay Even	2	2	Marketing Strategy	Final Project		
7458	Social Media Marketing Mr. Nimrod Dweck	2	2	Marketing Strategy	Final Project		

Elective Seminar*

Choose one of the following seminars:

Spring Semester Seminars

7676	Selling Israel: Social Media and Nation Branding Dr. Tal Azran	2	2	Paper
7321	Youth revolt, Rock Music and the Sixties Dr. Ari Ktorza	2	2	Paper
7316	The Role of the Media in Political Conflicts Prof. Wolfsfeld Gadi	2	2	Paper
7625	Constructing Political Image and Rhetorical Style Dr. Gilad Greenvald	2	2	Paper

* Prerequisite courses for all seminars:

• Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models

• Quantitative Research Methods

• Qualitative Research Methods

General Electives

Students are required to choose a total of 6 credits of general coursesduring their studies.

Second Year / Specialization in Interactive Communications

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
	Ma	andatory	Course	S	
Spring S	Semester Courses				
7684	Cognitive psychology for user experience (UX) Dr. Erel Hadas	2	2		Paper
7427	Children, Adolescents, and Media Dr. Tzur Eyal Keren	2	2		Exam
		ndatory V	Vorksho	ps	
Fall Sen	nester Workshop				
7487	Interactive Product Design Mr. Jehonathan Bar Mr. yoav Dori	2	2		Final Project
7662	Tools for Product Optimization Mr. Karen Stevenson Dr. Yair Ben David	2	2		Final Project
Spring S	Semester Workshops				
7600	Product Management in Startup Companies Mr. Itai Preis Ms. Danielle Raiz	2	2	Online Performance Based Marketing	Final Project
	El	ective Wo	orkshop	S	
	ive Specialization students are requ of their studies, <u>one each year.</u>	iired to choos	se two elec	tive workshops (4 credits	total) during the
Spring S	Semester Workshops				
7598	Tools for Product Design Mr. Or-ad Weisberg Mr. Jehonathan Bar	2	2	Interactive Product Design	Final Project

7663 **Tools for Product Optimization** 2 **Advance** Mr. Neta Matalon 2

Tools for Product

Optimization [7662]

Final Project

Elective Seminar* Choose one of the following seminars:

2 2 7675 Virtual Reality and Paper Embodiment Dr. Beatrice Hasler 7664 Cognitive aspects in UX design 2 2 Exam Dr. Hadas Erel * The Prerequisites courses for all seminars are as follow: • Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models

- Quantitative Research Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods

General Electives

Students are required to choose a total of 6 credits of general coursesduring their studies.

Third Year

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment				
	Mandatory Courses								
Spring S	Semester Courses								
7110	Language, Culture And Society Dr. Orly Idan	2	2		Exam				

Third Year / Specialization in Visual Content Studies

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment
	IV	landatory	Course	S	
Fall Sen	nester Courses	landatory	000100		
7205	Film Theory Dr. Rachel Quastel	2	2		Exam
7299	Love and Couplehood in Popular Culture Dr. Shiri Reznik	2	2		Exam
7482	Media and Conflicts in the Digital Age Dr. Moran Yarchi	2	2		Exam
Spring S 7158	Semester Courses The Family on Television: Identity, Gender, and the Other Dr. Tal Azran	2	2		Exam
7687	Not For Sale: Digial Branding and Marketing in the Public Sector Dr. Yifat Mor	2	2		Exam
		lective Wo			
	s are required to choose one elect	ive workshops	(2 credits	total) during the course	of their studies,
Fall Sen	nester Workshops				
7670	Digital Magazine Studio Ms. Noa Ilsar	2	2	Television Studio	Final Project
Spring S	Semester Workshops				
7573	Creating Music Videos Mr. Eyal Rob	2	2	Communications, Culture and Society	Final Project

Yearlong Seminar* Choose one of the following:

7462	Media and Teen Health, Body Image and Sexuality Dr. Eyal Keren	6	6	Paper
7586	Cyberspace Romance Dr. Shiri Reznik Ms. Gluck Natalie	6	6	Paper

Yearlong Projects

Choose one of the following:

7607	Writing and Producing a Web Series Mr. Eyal Rob Mr. Uri Bar-On	4	5	Final Project
7669	Cross Platform Documentary Formats Ms. Jasmine Kainy	4	5	Final Project

Completion of a Yearlong Seminar is a prerequisite for the yearlong seminar.

The Prerequisites courses for all seminars are as follow:

• Communication English Advanced A

Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models

• Quantitative Research Methods

Qualitative Research Methods

• Academic research and Writing

General Courses

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3rd year students are required to take 8 **credits of general** courses during their studies.

Third Year / Specialization in Marketing and Political Communications

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment		
	IV	landatory	courses	S			
Fall Sen	nester Courses						
7482	Media and Conflicts in the Digital Age Dr. Moran Yarchi	2	2		Exam		
7667	Consumer Behavior Dr. Rinat Satchi	2	2		Exam		
7299	Love and Couplehood in Popular Culture Dr. Shiri Reznik	2	2		Exam		
Spring S	Semester Course						
7687	Not For Sale: Digial Branding and Marketing in the Public Sector Dr. Yifat Mor	2	2		Exam		
7158	The Family on Television: Identity, Gender, and the Other Dr. Tal Azran	2	2		Exam		
	E	lective Wo	orkshop	S			
students are required to complete a total of 10 credits of workshops during the course of their studies							
Fall Semester Workshops							
7688	Branded Content and Marketing Ms. Bank Annie	2	2	Advertising Concepts[7481]	Final Project		
7448	Political Campaigns in the Digital Age Mr. Arik segal	2	2	Advertising Concepts[7481]	Final Project		
7574	Video Commercials for TV and Digital Mr. Avigail Krispin	2	2	Advertising Concepts[7481]	Final Project		
Spring Semester Workshops							
7494	Visual Communication Design Ms. Miryam Yuhvetz	2+2 Elective recitation	2	Advertising Concepts[7481]	Final Project		
7404	Mobile Marketing Mr. Nir Baron	2	2	Advertising Concepts[7481]	Final Project		

Yearlong Seminar*

Choose one of the following seminars:

7674	Public diplomacy during conflicts Dr. Moran Yarchi	6	6		Paper
7471	City and Nation Branding: creating a real online campaign to Tel-Aviv (in cooperation with Tel-Aviv city municipality) Dr. Tal Azran	6	6		Paper
7657	Health marketing and PR: Analyzing public and commercial campaigns Dr. Yaffa Shir-Raz	6	6		Paper
7627	Digital Propaganda and Marketing and The Online Discourse Arround Them Dr. Karin Zohar Cohen	6	6		Paper
		Yearlong Pr Choose one of the	-	2:	
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7672	Political Strategies and Marketing Mr. Shay Even	4	5	Advertising Concepts[7481]	Final Project
7648	Social Video Marketing Mr. Hillel Abt	4	5	Advertising Concepts[7481]	Final Project
7495	Integrated Advertising Campaign Ms. Sivan Ben-Horin	4	5	A grade of at least 85 in Advertising Concepts[7481]	Final Project

* Completion of a second year seminar is a prerequisite for the yearlong seminar.

The Prerequisites courses for all seminars are as follow:

- Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Academic research and Writing

3rd year students are required to take 6 credits of general courses during their studies.

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The Next Digital Revolution:

3D Fabrication

Mr. Ohad Meyuhas

Tools for VR Design

Mr. Jonathan Giron

Course Code	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites	Final Course Assignment		
	Ν	/landatory	courses	6			
Fall Sen	nester Courses						
7685	Ethics and Technology Ms. Noa Morag	2	2		Exam		
7667	Consumer Behavior Dr. Rinat Satchi	2	2		Exam		
Spring S	Semester Courses						
7689	Visual Design for interactive experience Dr. Eldar Guy	2	2		Home Exam		
7581	Foundations in Technological Thinking Mr. Amira Shalom	2	2		Exam		
7158	The Family on Television: Identity, Gender, and the Other Dr. Tal Azran	2	2		Exam		
Elective Workshops							
Students are required to complete a total of 10 credits of workshops during the course of their studies							
Fall Sen 7469	nester Workshops Creating with Technology- HTML Mr. Ronny VAN Den Bergh	2	2	Product Management in Startup Companies [7600]	Final Project		

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Product Management

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Final Project

Final Project

Third Year / Specialization in Interactive Communications

Yearlong Seminar* Choose one of the following seminars:

7452	Advanced Topics in Social Network Analysis Dr. Tsahi Hayat	6	6	Paper
7608	Persuasive Technology: Analysis and Design Dr. Beatrice Hasler	6	6	Paper
7654	Digital Creation: Social, Cultural and Commercial Immplications Ms. Noa Morag	6	6	Paper

Yearlong Projects

Choose one of the following:

7645	Final Project: Interactive Product Bootcamp Mr. Jehonathan Bar	4	5	Interactive Product Design[7487]	Final Project
7673	Final Progect: Product Marketing with the Industry Mr. Yuval Aloni	4	5	Tools for Product Optimization [7662]	Final Project
7621	Final Project: VR Mr. Jonathan Giron / Mr. Dan Pollak	4	5	Interactive Product Design[7487]	Final Project

* Completion of a second year seminar is a prerequisite for the yearlong seminar.

- The Prerequisites courses for all seminars are as follow:
 - Introduction to Communications: Theories and Models
 - Quantitative Research Methods
 - Qualitative Research Methods
 - Academic research and Writing

3rd year students are required to take 6 **credits of general** courses during their studies.

Exam Schedule

The dates of the examinations can be found on the IDC Herzliya website under Students > Student Information > Course Catalog, Student Regulations and Syllabus > Search Exams

A personal examinations schedule is published at the Student's Information website (My IDC).