About us

The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya is Israel's first privately-funded not-for-profit fully-accredited institution of higher education. Founded by renowned Israeli Professor Uriel Reichman in 1994, IDC Herzliya is modeled after Ivy League universities in the U.S. In the 22 years since its establishment, the success of IDC Herzliya has drawn both international recognition and some of the finest lecturers and researchers from around the world to its doorstep.

IDC Herzliya is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education and research and the training of future leaders by providing educational programs which combine academic study with practical, hands-on training and encourage innovative thinking. Our faculty is dedicated to IDC Herzliya’s primary goal: giving our students the tools they need to become leaders both in Israel and abroad.

In 2016 alone we have successfully established 20+ new partnerships that allow us to expand our list of friends around the world – currently standing at 100+. Our exchange student numbers have grown from 90 in 2015 to 120 in 2016, representing nations that span across the globe. Roughly 30% of our student body is international, hailing from 80+ countries around the world. IDC is committed to providing an international experience to home students as well as a thrilling and welcoming environment to international ones. It is no surprise that IDC is ranked #1 nationally in student satisfaction. We continue to foster our commitment to engage with the world and value multicultural interactions as a pillar for a sustainable future.

At bachelor’s level we offer full-degree programs in English in Business, Economics, Computer Science, Communications, Government, and Psychology. At graduate level we offer masters’ programs in Government, Organizational Behavior and Development, Financial Economics, MBA, and Global MBA (16 months).

We have recently inaugurated an innovative school of entrepreneurship with the first purpose-built facility developed in Israel. Adelson School of Entrepreneurship is host to some of our ground-breaking venture-creation programs, including the Zell Entrepreneurship Program for undergraduate students and IDC Beyond for professionals (after their 1st degree). The facility also houses our Media Innovation Lab – another one-of-a-kind program in Israel.

IDC prides itself of providing an exciting and vibrant research environment, focusing on topics ranging from counter-terrorism and government reform to communications and psychology. As such, IDC has 31 research centers of excellence, including Zvi Meitar Institute for Emerging Technologies, the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, the Center for Cryptographic Research or the Asper Institute for New Media Diplomacy. For a full list of research institutes go here.

Our interdisciplinary research is recognized world-wide in both competitive grants and publications; ranked exceptionally high on SSRN. We have over 100 active grants. We are now managing 4 active ERC grants and 2 Capacity Building projects in which IDC is the coordinating institute. We are managing research grants at the overall sum of 5,000,000€ per year.

At IDC we are proud to have amongst our faculty staff that have held public office and leading positions in Israel and abroad. The list includes Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, former minister and member of the Knesset, Prof Aharon

IDC in numbers

- # of students: 7,000
- # of international students: 1,850
- # of international agreements: 100+
- Study abroad students per year: 120 (inbound)
- Clubs / student organizations: 39
- Research centers: 31
- Alumni worldwide: 20,000

(Some) prominent partners

- Peking University
- Reading University
- Frankfurt School of Finance and Management
- National University of Singapore
- University of Washington St. Louis
- Copenhagen Business School

City of Herzliya

Herzliya is known for the quality of life enjoyed by its residents, and for its status as a well-developed center of culture, education, and business and tourist activity. Its convenient location in the center (8 kms north of Tel Aviv) of the country and easy access have brought about rapid growth, with an influx of new residents every year along with Israeli and foreign visitors. Herzliya has a beautiful coastal strip, expansive parks, advanced educational activity, a broad range of cultural events, a vibrant marina, important historical sites, and extensive tourism, as well as a concentration of leading businesses in the fields of hi-tech, commerce, and more. Its current total population stands at 92,000.