The Zvi Meitar Institute for Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies invites undergraduate students to an intensive six-week, six-credit summer program focused on examining the legal, social and ethical challenges of new, emerging and disruptive technologies.

The program is designed to inspire participants to actively contribute to the public discourse on these issues with the eventual goal of influencing academic scholarship and hopefully shaping public policy.

Students will have an opportunity to get hands-on appreciation for what makes Israel the start-up nation, while also obtaining the skills and necessary tools to assess and advise future stakeholders on the ethical, legal and policy implications of innovative technologies.

Throughout the summer program, participants will have access to industry leaders and government officials through on-site tours to accelerators and incubators, as well as enrichment tours to government offices and start-ups.

Students will also get an accredited, practical experience as they team up in small groups to work on a real-world project in the fields of hi-tech, bio-tech or green-tech. Students will be paired up with stakeholders in the technological field of their choice, with the goal of creating actionable deliverables that will examine the ethical, legal and/or social implications of that particular technology.

Credits are provided by Washington University in St. Louis.

The program will also include two academic courses to provide the relevant background knowledge:

1. The first course will provide an overview on the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of science and technology and an in-depth discussion on how such study can be valuable to society as a whole. The course will look to both established and emerging technologies to see where issues arise.

2. The second course, Law and Technology, will comprise an introductory study of the legal issues that will affect us as our lives become more enmeshed with unprecedented technological innovation. Among the topics will be robotics and AI, the internet of things, virtual and augmented reality, financial technologies and 3D printing.

Located right in the center of Israel, in Herzliya, the Zvi Meitar Institute summer program gives students the added benefit of being immersed, both physically and academically, in the incredible Israeli hi-tech ecosystem.

Sample Itinerary | Please contact us for more information: inbar.carmel@idc.ac.il