The purpose of this course is to explore the many dimensions of new innovative venture creation, development and financing. We will deal with issues such as sources of ideas, type of opportunities, idea development, IP protection, business plan writing, business model design, stages of start-up development, lean startup approach, and sources of finance for new innovative ventures. The examples and cases presented in the course will be taken from the Israeli context.

The course will include guest lecturers from the Israeli high tech industry.

In the introduction module we present the entrepreneur’s role in the global economy as an agent of change and accelerator of innovation and economic development. This module will build the theoretical foundation of the course. The second module deals with sources of ideas, opportunity identification, and idea development. The third module deals with market analysis, business planning, and business model design. The fourth module discusses the unique characteristics of start-up companies and its implications on development and strategy. In this module we will introduce the lean startup approach. The last module presents the venture capital market including business angles, crowdfunding platforms, accelerators and technological incubators, venture capital funds, and corporate VC. We will discuss the characteristics of each type of investor, the advantages and disadvantages for the start-ups of being financed by different types of investors.

Courses are subject to change. For information and updated dates please refer to our website.
ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP

The following will have to be submitted:

- Official transcript and a grade point average of 80% and above
- Two academic recommendation letters
- Demonstrated Command of English exams:
  - TOEFL test results (minimum score: written 582, computer-based 223, or iBT 89) or the IELTS test (minimum score: 6.5)
- Scholarships are only offered to currently enrolled students in a university in China
- Application fee of $60

Under a unique Israeli Government Sponsorship, excellent students from China will receive a Partial Scholarship, covering most of the fees: students need to cover $880, in addition to the $60 application fee.

APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2018

HOUSING AND FACILITIES

Students will be placed in our renovated dorms, adjacent to the Tel Aviv University campus. Dormitories are divided into suites of two bedrooms shared by two students per bedroom. Each suite is furnished and includes an air conditioner, cable TV, wireless, kitchenette and bathroom.

SERVICES AND SOCIAL LIFE

Outside of the classroom, an extensive program of cultural and social events gives students the chance to experience all that Tel Aviv and Israel have to offer. You will enjoy the following:

- Orientation Days before the start of the program
- Organized excursions to cultural destinations and subject-related sites of interest
- Social activities including on-campus events, museum visits, city tours and more
- 24/7 support of our social counselors staff, living in the dorms with the students
- Health insurance
- Access to our libraries and other on-campus services.

ABOUT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Tel Aviv University is Israel’s largest and most comprehensive university, attracting talented students and renowned faculty from around the globe. Scoring high in global rankings, the university has a strong interdisciplinary focus and collaborates closely with many leading institutions in the USA and Europe. The campus is located in Tel Aviv, the financial and technological capital of Israel – which is known for its entrepreneurial atmosphere and large number of start-up companies. With the growth of high-tech industries, the Tel Aviv metropolis has become an international hotspot for business and innovation – an ideal setting for an enriching study experience.