

M.A. in Smart Cities & Urban Informatics:

Meet Some of the Students in our Class of 2022



Victor Alejandro Reinoso, Peru

I am a civil engineer with an M.A. in Conflict Resolution & Mediation, and I have been living and working in Israel since 2018. I am passionate about geoinformatics and interested in the areas of spatial development, optical management of natural resources, decision making for disaster prevention and resolution of territorial conflicts based on geodata. I am proud to be part of the first cohort of the M.A. in Smart Cities & Urban Informatics. This is an avant-garde discipline and the program provides tools in the fields of digitalization of urban activities, remote sensing, social justice and efficient transport systems.

Queenie K Y Ng, Canada

I want to pursue a future in urban planning and I thought that this program would help me attain that goal. I studied Environmental Design in Japan, specializing in architecture and urban design. It has been great learning at the HebrewU so far - there are lots of resources that the university provides, allowing me to have the full experience that I expected and even more.



Celeste Booysen-Vexler, South Africa

I have a B.A. in Information Systems & Geography from the University of the Western Cape as well as a M.A. in Education from the University of the People. I chose the M.A. in Smart Cities & Urban Informatics program because I would like to acquire the necessary tools and skill set to work in the field of development, using social science and informatics to make long-term sustainable improvements through place-making in social spaces around the world.



Dan Meislish, Israel

I have a bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences from Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem and work as an Environmental and Waste Management Consultant. The M.A. program in Smart Cities & Urban Informatics was the best fit for me to pursue my passion for knowledge in the fields of urban planning, information systems and the development of smart cities.



Aviv Lis, USA

Growing up in Detroit, Michigan, I became interested in the many neglected neighborhoods and buildings in my city. As I grew older, I learned about the complexities of race relations, income inequality, and segregation. This was my impetus to pursue a career in urban planning, as a means of social justice and Tikkun Olam. I graduated from Georgetown University, where I was active in interfaith activities and served as co-President of the Jewish Student Association. In 2019, I was an Israel Government Fellow at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center. Now, I am happy to be part of the first cohort of the M.A. in Smart Cities & Urban Informatics. My vision is to utilize urban planning as a tool to bring diverse, once antagonistic or segregated, communities closer.

