

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dr. Amit Dvir, and I am currently a Senior Lecturer in the Computer Science Department at Ariel University. My academic career started in 1998 when I was in the third class of the Communication System Engineering (CSE) Department at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. In 2002 I started studying for my M.Sc. degree in the department, supervised by Prof. Segal and Dr. Ben-Shimol, followed by pursuing a Ph.D. in the years 2004-2010, advised by Prof. Segal. During the years 2002 – 2010 I also served as a teaching assistant and a lecturer in several courses in the department.

Having spent 10 years in the department I can say that the level of teaching, as well as research, in the department is, to my understanding, one of the best in Israel. The department's curriculum, which combines aspects of Electrical Engineering (EE) and Computer Science (CS), with a special emphasis on networks and communication systems, provides students with an excellent background and an extremely useful set of tools, that enables them to pursue careers as engineers in various related fields.

My appreciation for the curriculum and research done in the department has been repeatedly validated during my years of graduate studies. This view was later reinforced during my postdoc in the internationally renowned CrySyS lab, HIT-BME, Budapest, where I realized that the level of classes and research in the CSE department does not fall behind that of HIT-BME.

To conclude, I would like to emphasize that judging by my extensive experience both in the CSE department, as well as elsewhere, I continue to believe that the CSE department is a perfect place for students who want to have a deep understanding on networking and modern high-tech technologies. Moreover, it provides the student with the tools to undertake technological challenges in various related areas, including Cyber Security, Big Data, etc.

Sincerely,

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