

THE OPEN
UNIVERSITY
OF ISRAEL



A Brief Introduction to the OUI

- Established 1974, based on the OU-UK model
- Open admission, distance learning (ODL), flexible
- **46,000** registered students in Israel & abroad (largest)
- ~ 700 courses, undergraduate and masters (no Ph.D.)
- Almost **4,000** graduates this year (2017-18) / small senior faculty (~100)
- Heavy reliance on educational technologies
- Largest academic publisher in Israel (prints 1 M copies annually)



The Open University mission

To enable access to a university degree to a wide segment of the population throughout Israel, irrespective of their previous achievements, but without compromising on high academic standards.

This goal will be achieved by innovative teaching methods incorporating advanced state-of-the-art technologies.

The OUI & the other universities: The Inter-accreditation tracks

- The OUI is a gate to the research universities in Israel. Agreements guarantee *a priori* accreditation of OUI courses.
- In particular, it enables students to take introductory level courses at the Open University and after accumulating credits in a cluster of courses, decide whether they would like to complete their degree at the Open University, or transfer to a research university.

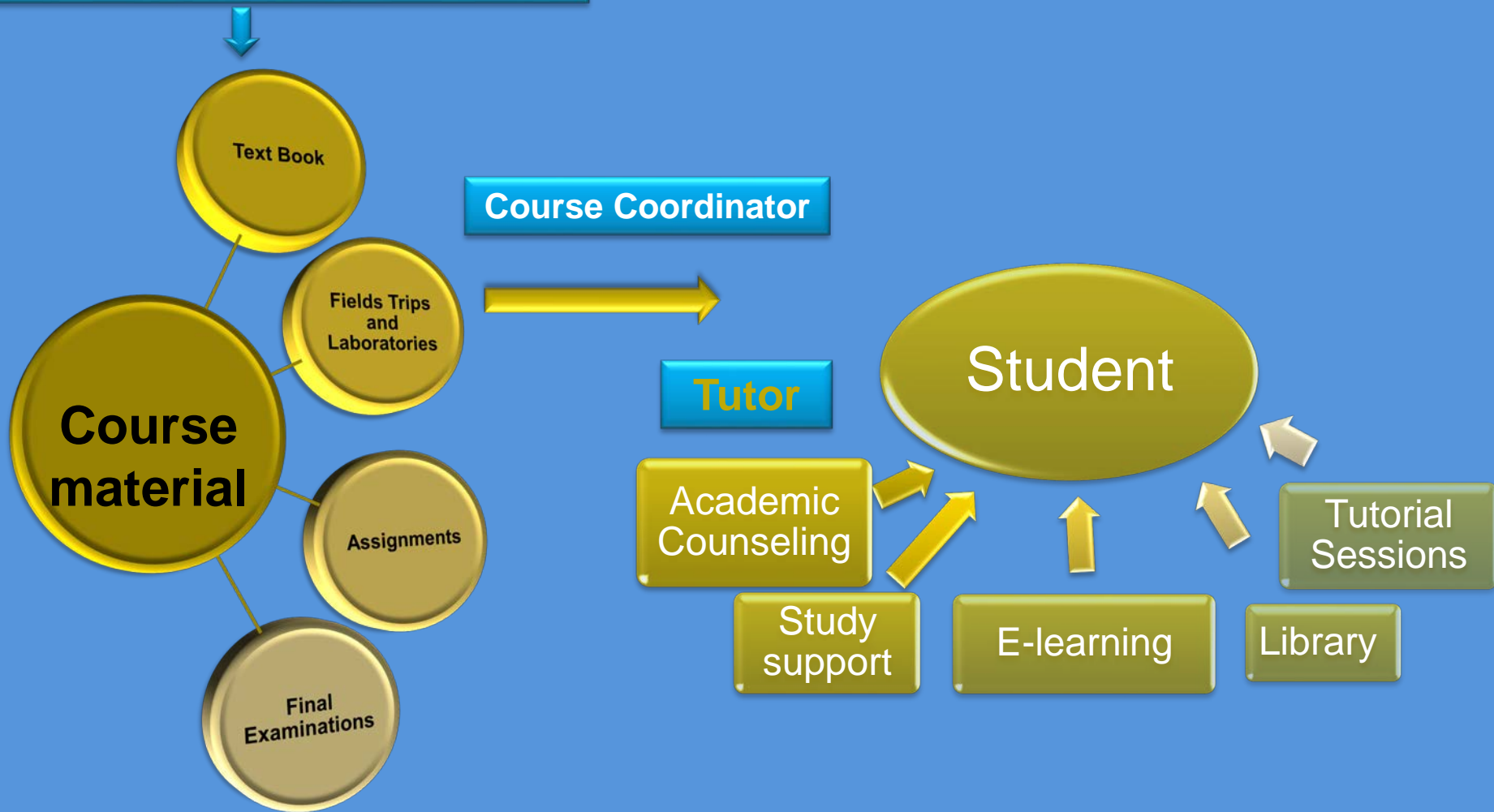
The OUI Method



- The basic unit: a course.
- A student registers for each course independently.
- For a B.A./B.Sc. degree one should successfully complete 18-26 courses plus two seminar papers.
- The OUI has about 700 courses in various undergraduate & master's degree programs.
- Each course has been developed and is operated independently.

A Blended Learning Method

Senior faculty members



How does it work?

In every course:

- Study materials are delivered to the student by mail AND online.
- Students submit assignments throughout the semester.

Students may attend F2F tutorials in a regular or intensive format at 50 study centers throughout the country, or via technologies from their homes.



Telephone
support



Course
websites and
online support

**Final written exams at exam centers throughout
Israel and around the world**

Undergraduate academic degrees (B.A./B.Sc.) in:

Humanities

History
Philosophy
Literature
History of the Middle
East and its Cultures
Film Studies
Music
African Studies
Jewish Studies
History of Art

Social Sciences

Psychology
Sociology
Education
Economics
Management
Political Science
International Relations
Communication
Accounting

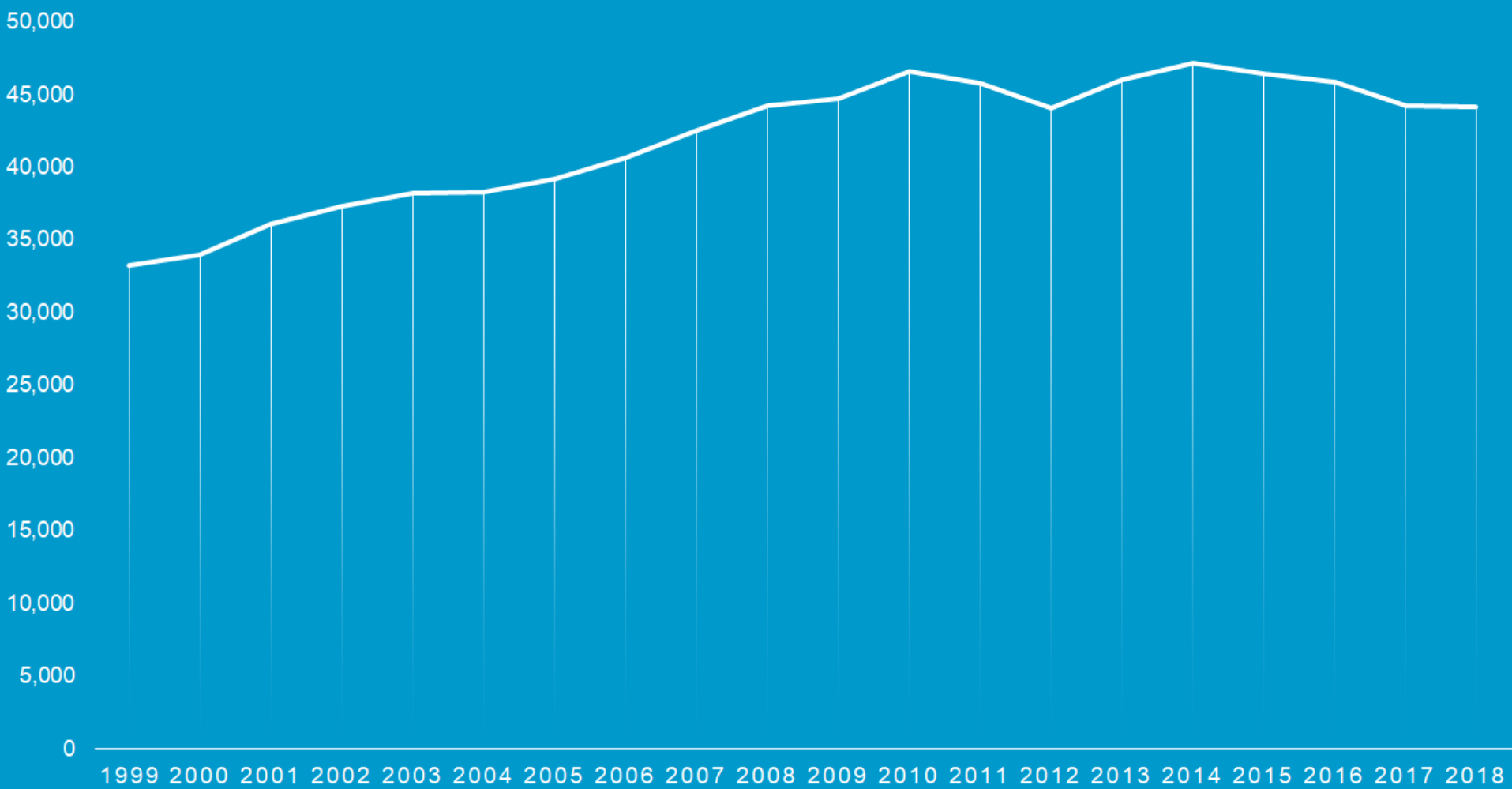
Sciences

Mathematics
Computer Sciences
Physics
Life Sciences
Chemistry
Earth science
Industrial Engineering & Management
Software Engineering, Cognitive Science

M.A./M.Sc. Programs in: Computer Science, Democracy Studies, Business Administration, Education, Cultural Studies , Biological Thought, Psychology, History, Social Psychology

Number of undergraduate students, by year

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS / סטודנטים לתואר ראשון



iPhone



Flexibility through technology

- E-books, audio books
- Video lectures
- Recorded video lessons
- Interactive multimedia components

Digital learning materials

Online teaching & learning

- Online learning environment
- Online live video lessons
- Online collaborative assignments

- Registration
- Tuition fees
- Online assignment system
- Online personal schedule
- Virtual library

Online administrative services

Open to the public (OCW)

- Pe'er - Opening the Treasures of the Mind
- Google books
- You Tube
- MOOCs

Finding, developing, experimenting (pilots), assimilating, evaluating and assessing new technologies and methods.



- **Online Academe Ltd.** is a subsidiary of The Open University of Israel
- Established in 2014 to create a national center of online learning resources for institutions of higher education
- Provides outsourced consultation services, development, and production services for national and international IHEs



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