FACULTY OF APPLIED ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

Department of Communication and Internet Studies

English-speaking study programme
for Erasmus students

Spring Semester 2012*

Course title	Instructor	ECTS
CIS 423 Technology, Culture and Society	Dr C. Kyriakides	6
CIS 331 Internet and Society Seminar Series	Multiple	12
CIS 331 Short Dissertation	Under supervision	8
ENG 270 English for Communication Studies II	Language Center	4

Total ECTS: 30

* Please note that this study programme is offered only in the spring semester.

Description of the courses

CIS 423 Technology, Culture and Society
Lecturer: Dr Christopher Kyriakides

This course explores critically the impact of technology in all its contemporary forms, on the way people in the information society perceive and understand space, time, knowledge, intellect, religion, tradition, and social life in general. Reference will be made to the social representations of modern technology (e.g. Luddism) and the debates between technophilic and technophobic attitudes with regards to recent technological developments. Special emphasis will be placed on the relation between ideology and technology, and students are expected to understand the difference between technocracy and technology, and to become sensitive to their respective ethical and normative foundations. 6 ECTS

CIS 331 Internet and Society
Course Coordinator: Dr Christopher Kyriakides

The course combines theoretical and empirical analysis of the internet in contemporary society, focusing on the internet's distinctive nuances in comparison with more traditional communication technologies. A specific aim is to encourage critical reflection. Students will be introduced to key areas of research in this emerging field of enquiry, with a particular stress placed on interdisciplinarity. Taught by eight departmental staff the seminar series not only reflects the diversity of interests in the field but also how such interests can converge and conflict. Students who successfully complete this 13-week course will gain 12 ECTS.

CIS 331: Subjects (*this is an indicative list, subjects may change*)

- Recommender Systems in the Information Society
Lecturer: Dr Nikos Tsapatsoulis

- The Political Economy of New Media
Lecturer: Dr Korinna Pateli

- An overview of advanced communication technologies
Lecturer: Dr Lambros Lambrinos

- Identity in the web 2.0: The new kind of "visibility" of the Self
Lecturer: Dr Dionysis Panos

- e-Democracy and e-Government: Prospects for Online Deliberation
Lecturer: Dr Dimitra Milioni

- Cybercrime
Lecturer: Dr Christopher Kyriakides

- Learning in the Information Age
Lecturer: Dr Eleni Kyza

- Internet and information: New media, new audiences and "personal" spheres
Lecturer: Dr Vaia Doudaki

Dissertation
At the outset of the taught programme, students will have the opportunity to select a topic of interest which can be developed into a dissertation (5000 words). Each dissertation will be individually supervised by a CIS staff member whose particular area of expertise covers the selected topic. The dissertation is designed in order to build on each student's knowledge-base, and to expand and deepen their appreciation of issues pertaining to the Cypriot context. 8 ECTS

ENG 270 English for Communication Studies II
Instructor: Language Center

In this course students are provided with the opportunity to enhance their English language skills with a particular focus on the development of a robust Communications Studies vocabulary. Moreover, students will study different types of printed media, write news stories and other genre used in various print and online media. 4 ECTS