

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: COMM-530 A Computer Mediated Communication

Department: Communications

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
Communications	Computer Mediated Communication	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	COMP-150 or related subjects
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Communications	Upper Division	English

Course Description

This is a graduate-level introduction to computer-mediated communication (cmc). CMC is communication between people using applications such as e-mail, newsgroups, chat, MUDS, and 3d virtual worlds. This course is concerned with the implementation of such applications and the analysis of CMC practices and social formations that emerge when people use these applications. Topics include adoption and use of CMC systems and the social, political, linguistic, historical, and philosophical analysis of existing and emerging CMC.

Prerequisites

COMP-150 or related subjects

Topic Areas

1. Historical context of CMC
2. Technical attributes of various CMC systems and their first-level effects
3. Social and psychological effects of CMC
4. On-line identity and deception
5. Social relationships and electronic community
6. Gender communication and CMC
7. Electronic discourse
8. CMC and the design of organizational interactions
9. Social network analysis and CMC
10. Democracy and social control: Access, intellectual property and censorship
11. Privacy, system security, the computing subculture and social vulnerability
12. Ethical perspectives and professional responsibilities

Readings and Resources

Required Textbooks

- Cherny, L. (1999). "Conversation and community: discourse in a social mud". Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Davis B. H. and Brewer J. P. (2000). "Electronic Discourse". New York: state University of New York Press.
- Smith, M. A. and Kollock, p. (1999). "Communities in cyberspace". New York: Routledge.

- Sproull L. and Kiesler S. (1998). "Connections". MIT Press.