

# Global Learning Semesters

## Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-630 The Role of the Media in IR

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
IREL-630	The Role of the Media in IR	3.7
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

### Course Description

Students will be introduced to international communications and their role in world affairs with special reference to the role of the media in the formulation and implementation of policies and in enhancing the political articulation of world leaders.

### Instructor

Andreas Sophocleous, Ph.D.

### Course Aims and Objectives

The course will examine international political communication and the way it affects international public opinion. It will also deal with such issues as mass media in the modernization process, and the role of the media in conflict resolution. The significance of global networks such as the Internet will also be discussed.

### Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through lectures, discussions and assignments.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is offered during Spring semester in 14-weeks 3 hours/week).

### Evaluation and Grading

Assignments: 40%  
Participation/Attendance: 10%  
Final Exam: 50%

### Readings and Resources

**Required Textbooks**

H D Fischer: International Communications, Hastings House, New York, 1970

L W Pye: Communications and Political Development, Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J. 1963

D Halberstam, The Powers that Be, Alfred A Knopf, New York, 1979