Global Learning Semesters
Course Syllabus
Course: ITM-590 Project/Thesis
Department: Computer Science
Host Institution: Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Summary		
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Recommended Credit Hours**
ITM-590	Project/Thesis	4
Semester Offered	**Contact Hours**	**Prerequisites**
Please contact us	42-45	All modules have to be completed before this module is started
Department	**Level of Course**	**Language of Instruction**
Computer Science	Upper Division	English

Course Description

The programme requires the completion of a thesis. Writing a thesis is a vital element of the course. The principal aim will be to engender in students the understanding that the theoretical aspects of Information Technology Management can form constructs for learning about the business world, and that some of these theories can be tested against the evidence. Where applicable, students will be encouraged to incorporate experimental software development in their project to reinforce their chosen area of research.

The project/thesis should demonstrate:

- Acquisition of broad knowledge and understanding of the chosen field.
- Knowledge of and ability to apply appropriate research techniques.
- Ability to undertake an original investigation that tests ideas.
- Individual thesis should not normally exceed 12,000 words in length.
- Each student will have a personal supervisor with an interest in the chosen area of research.
- Further aims of this module includes the further development of skills gained on the course by applying them to the analysis of real business problems via a substantial piece of individual work. The course also allows the student to demonstrate proficiency in the selection and application of the appropriate research methods.

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Readings and Resources

Recommended Reading
- Locke LF, Spiridusu W, and Silverman SJ (1998).Reading and Understanding Research. London Sage
- Fink A and Kosecoff J (1998). How to Conduct Surveys: A Step by Step Guide. (2nd edition).London Sage.
- Saunders M, Lewis P and Thornhill A (1997). Research Methods for Business Students. Pitman Publishing: ISBN 0-273-62017-7.
- Easterby-Smith M, Thorpe R and Lowe A (1991). Management Research: An Introduction. London Sage.
- Emory C and Cooper D (1991). Business Research Methods (4th edition). Richard D. Irwin: Homewood, Illinois.