



University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code COMM 390	Course Title Citizen Media	ECTS Credits 6
Department Communications	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites ENGL.101
Type of Course Elective	Field Communication	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st cycle	Year of Study 1 st or 2 nd	Lecturer Dr Holger Briel
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Develop an understanding of what citizen media are.
- Introduce the usages of citizen media.
- Familiarize students with the broadcasting media systems.
- Develop content for digital dissemination channels.
- Allow students to assess citizen media production and products.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Analyze media issues and find concrete solutions
2. Apply reality-based concepts and problem solving techniques to media production
3. Critically assess common media practices
4. Inject theoretical knowledge into a professional product
5. Develop citizen media applications using acquired communication skills
6. Reuse and integrate components into the solution application

Course Contents:

1. Anxiety and Optimism about Democracy –Ways out
2. A Crisis of Public Communication?
3. From indirect to direct participation, citizen agency
4. E-Democracy from below
5. Media alterations
6. Shaping individual contributions
7. Realising the Democratic Potential of the Internet
8. Civic cultures

9. Online citizen practices

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, lab presentations, lab tutorials, practical exercises, assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Assignments, class presentations, written exam.

Required Textbooks:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Dahlgren, Peter	Media and Political Engagement: Citizens, Communication and Democracy (Communication, Society and Politics)	Cambridge	2009	ISBN-10: 0521527899

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Coleman, Stephen	The Internet and Democratic Citizenship: Theory, Practice and Policy	Cambridge	2005	10: 0521817528