

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Profile

Course Number : HSS 421	Course Title : Information Technology and Social Life
Required / Elective: Elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -
Catalog Description: This course will focus on the interaction between information technology and social life. Special focus will be given to information and communication technologies.	Textbook / Required Material : Castells, M. (2000) <i>The Rise of The Network Society</i> , Blackwell: London. Castells, M. [et al] (2007) <i>The Power of Identity</i> , Blackwell: London. Deleuze, G. (1990) "Society of Control", L'autre journal, Nr. I, May 1990.
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS	
Extended Description : This course will focus on the interaction between information technology and social life. Regular attendance is obligatory for this course. Students are responsible for reading and thinking about the assigned materials before coming to class, ask specific questions and make criticisms in class discussions. Students will be highly encouraged to express their thoughts and criticisms in which they present their learning outcomes in creative forms. Each week students are assigned to research about the recent developments about information technology and social life according to the topic of the week by presenting a news article, which will be used as an instrument for an interactive discussion in the class. Each student will also be responsible for making a research and a power-point presentation about the impact of information technology on social change according to the topic of the week. There will be a final exam.	
Course Outline	
Week	Topics
1	Introduction
2	Network Society
3	Network Society (cont.)
4	The Social Change in Network Society
5	Fundamental Aspects of Networks and Social Network Analysis
6	IT and Economy
7	IT and Politics I
8	IT and Politics II
9	IT and Media I
10	IT and Media II
11	IT and Informational Politics
12	IT and the Urban Life
13	IT and Environmental Problems

14	Final Exam					
Design content : none		Computer usage: No particular computer usage required				
<u>Course Outcomes:</u>						
	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	Apply analytical and critical thinking skills to contemporary global issues.					*
2	Describe the interrelationships between science, technology, and society.					*
3	Describe the interrelationships between art, culture, and society.		*			
4	Explain the historical, political and economic conditions in which science and technology emerge.				*	
5	Explain the historical, political and material conditions in which art and cultural expression emerge.	*				
6	Analyze how modes of thought are shaped by socio-cultural, historical, political and economic variables.					*
7	Apply discipline-relevant methods to HSS research assignments.			*		
8	Summarize and assess current developments in their subject area.			*		
9	Recognize ethical issues and social responsibilities in the contemporary world.	*				
10	Synthesize complex ideas in clear and concise ways.				*	
11	Generate creative solutions to local and/or global problems.		*			
12	Recognize relevance of coursework to personal experiences, lifelong learning, and job security.				*	
13	Demonstrate an ability to function on teams.			*		
14	Demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with written, oral and visual means.					*
Recommended reading : -						
Teaching methods : Lectures, class discussion, video clips, slides						
Assessment methods : Attendance / Contribution to Discussions / Class Participation (%30) Presentation (%30) Final Exam (%40)						

Student workload:

Reading 56 hrs
Lectures 33 hrs
Class discussion5 hrs
Presentations 25 hrs
Examinations6 hrs

TOTAL125 hrs . . . to match 25 X 5 ECTS

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