



GRADUATE COURSE

EDUC 710

Culture & the Design of Information & Communication Technologies

Spring 2011

WEDNESDAYS

4:30-7:00 p.m.

This course investigates theories of culture and how culture can influence the design of information and communication technologies (ICTs). It seeks to evaluate frameworks that focus on culture and the design of ICTs, critique existing ICTs that propose a cultural context and engage in design and analytic work that brings culture to the center of the design process.

Core Objectives:

- ~ Describe the design factors needed to build culture-based ICTs
- ~ Build products or design services that are culture-based
- ~ Analyze and evaluate ICTs to determine whether these technologies are generic or specialized
- ~ Articulate the connection of research in their discipline to that in the area of culture
- ~ Engage in the ethnographic research methods needed to design culture-based products & services

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Course syllabus can be found at:

http://userpages.umbc.edu/~pyoung/CDICT_course.htm

