

COURSE TITLE: **CYBERPSYCHOLOGY\***

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MINIMAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 3 ECTS CREDITS: 4

AVAILABLE FOR: psychology students only

ABOUT THE COURSE:

The main objective of the Cyberpsychology course is to introduce to students to a “young approach” to psychology. As a result of the progressive development of information and communication technologies in daily life, it is nowadays practically a necessity. Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the current knowledge about human-cyberspace-society interaction. The main topics will focus on the positive, negative, and scientific dimensions of the use of cyberspace and virtual reality with practical implications for the field of psychology. The subject is structured and divided into theoretical and practical parts. The basic terms and theories will be presented to the students. The students will become acquainted with a current overview of cyberpsychology research centres and authors who are engaged in the topic. The practical part of the course will take place in the laboratory of the Department of Psychology, which is equipped with hardware and software for experimental research and the use of virtual reality in the field of psychology. We will focus on discussion and students' active approach during the course. In addition to personal experience with virtual reality systems, the students will be motivated to become involved in group work and create their experimental situations. The students will also be informed about the possibilities of virtual reality and how it is used in the therapeutic and counselling process but also related fields (such as medicine or neuromarketing).