

Course unit title:	Work Placement		
Course unit code:	ATWP400		
Type of course unit:	Elective		
Level of course unit:	Higher		
Year of study:	3 rd		
Semester when the unit is delivered:	Summer, after completion of 6 th semester		
Number of ECTS credits allocated :	6		
Name of lecturer(s):	Dr. S. Jeropoulos		
Learning outcomes of the course unit:	<p>At the end of the six weeks work placement, students are expected to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss in detail how the theory taught during their academic studies is applied by the specific company and departments they have acquired experience in. • Coherently present the service (the “product”, the business proposition) that the company offers to its customers. • Outline the functions and stakeholders of the industry that the company belongs to and discuss competition, focusing on the market position of the specific company, its objectives, mission and values. • Outline the job objectives of each department of the company they worked in. • Demonstrate understanding of the work flow within each department and in the company as a whole. • Present the experience gathered during the six weeks on their CV in a professional way. • Compare and contrast their own personal career interests in relation to the company and its sector. • Discuss the work ethics they consider essential in the work environment they have experienced and define learning objectives for themselves in relation to interpersonal and team-work skills they need to acquire. • Discuss soft skills, useful to a young executive, which contribute positively to his professional development. Elaborate on the positive or negative influence of the presence or absence of these skills in today’s competitive labour market. 		
Mode of delivery:	Twelve hours (four three-hour sessions) in-class Soft Skills Seminar. Six consecutive weeks full time on-site practical training.		
Prerequisites:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of at least 180 ECTS. • High academic achievement. 	Co-requisites:	None
Work Placement Aims:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce soft skills as part of the preparation of the student for his professional life in industry. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make students familiar with the various sectors of companies in the maritime industry. • Students will acquire hands on experience and reflect upon knowledge gained through their studies as well as gain further knowledge. • Students will acquire a practical understanding and Know-how of the procedures and the skills required within the various functions of shipping companies such as crew management, liner shipping operations, shipping accounting, port agency, purchasing, logistics and warehouse distribution as well as time and voyage chartering.
Planned learning activities	<p>The work placement module starts with a twelve hour in-class Soft Skills Seminar which addresses issues including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workplace culture 2. Code of conduct and ethical practices at work 3. Interview, selection and on-boarding 4. Management styles 5. Team building, teamwork and delegation 6. Performance management system 7. Communication challenges 8. Differences, perceptions and conflict resolution 9. Time and stress management <p>The Work Placement proceeds in a Shipping / Maritime Business or a company with closely related activities in Cyprus during the summer period, after the successful completion of the first three years of study in the BSc in Maritime Studies Programme, or after the student has earned a minimum of 180 ECTS. The Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce has the discretion to make a selection of students interested in work placements, based on the students' academic performance.</p> <p>Once a Work Placement agreement is signed and approved by the Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce, the Company and the Work Placement instructor, permission will be provided to each student to register for the module ATWP400.</p> <p>Under the Supervision of the Work Placement Instructor, students are required to complete 6 weeks of Work Placement training in one or more positions and describe their training duties in their "Work Placement Log</p>

