As research on learning shows, unexpected noises and movement automatically divert and capture people's attention, which means you are affecting everyone’s learning experience if your cell phone, pager, laptop, etc. makes noise or is visually distracting during class. For this reason, the ICC policy is that:

- You are expected to turn off mobile devices and close laptops at the start of classes (if a phone accidentally rings, either turn it off immediately or quietly leave the room to take the call if it is an emergency).

- You can use laptops or smart-phones for note taking or for web searches related to class exercises, but the sound must be turned off so that other students' learning is not disrupted; no text messaging is permitted during class.