

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

The Industry and Economics of Media

Information :

Course Code : PMM 304

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Political Mass Media

Instructor Information :

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Area Of Study :

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Course Goals:

- Analyze the effects of media ownership on media messages
- Compare profit and ideology oriented media forms
- Predict the effects that external funding has on media organization
- Estimate the effect of advertising on media messages

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Course outcomes :

a.Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	Explain the consumerist principles
2 -	Identify components of the media industry

b.Intellectual Skills: :

1 -	Analyze how consumerist principles affect media structure
2 -	Distinguish who benefits from media ownership structures and government policies

c.Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	Apply social justice and principles of democracy
2 -	Analyze current events in the media from an economical perspective

d.General and Transferable Skills: :

1 -	Use computers and the Internet.
2 -	Work in a team environment.
3 -	Translate to and from other languages.
4 -	Apply practical and professional problem solving

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introductory lecture and course outline	3	1	
New Media	3	1	
Media management	3	1	
How are power, wealth and knowledge related	6	2	
How is culture produced by the media owners	3	1	
Midterm Exam		1	
How organizations reach the masses	6	2	
How are certain agendas pushed forward in the media Case Studies	6	2	
Who benefits from media structures and government policies? Case studies	6	2	
Understanding the Political-Economy Approach	3	1	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Demonstration videos
Presentation
Simulations
Debates
Group discussion
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paper) D	30.00		To assess understanding and theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills
Midterm Exam(s)	30.00	7	To assess professional skills

