

COURSE DETAIL

GLOBAL JOURNALISM: SEARCHING FOR TRUTH IN THE AGE OF FAKE NEWS

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Maastricht University - Center for European Studies

Program(s)

Maastricht Summer

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Film & Media Studies Communication

UCEAP Course Number

102

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

GLOBAL JOURNALISM: SEARCHING FOR TRUTH IN THE AGE OF FAKE NEWS

UCEAP Transcript Title

GLOBAL JOURNALISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This course examines current events and the way they are covered in a variety of media outlets around the world, looking at framing, bias, stereotypes, context, story structure, and placement. Through lectures, discussions, a field trip, and class presentations, students analyze why news is reported as it is around the world and in the process become discerning media consumers better able to filter the noise and make decisions for themselves. The first half of the course is spent with lectures and discussions that examine the way news is covered around the world and why variations exist. The final half is devoted to student presentations on current event coverage. The presentations employ a "town hall" approach in which groups of students lead discussions on the issues and their coverage to classroom peers, being graded not just on content but audience engagement and participation. Topics of Discussion: Fake News, The Four Theories of the Press; News Values; News and Feature Story Structure; Media Effects and Communication Theory; Journalists and Media Organizations; Media Gatekeepers; Sources; Culture, Bias and Stereotypes; Language, Framing and Context; Legal Issues; Power and Economic Issues. Presentation Topics: Ongoing and breaking stories in the news.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

MST2001

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://curriculum.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/contract/summer-programme-...>

Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Center for European Studies

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