# COURSE DETAIL

| GLOBAL JOURNALISM: SEARCHING FOR TRUTH IN THE AGE OF FAKE NEWS |
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| **Country**<br>Netherlands |
| **Host Institution**<br>Maastricht University - Center for European Studies |
| **Program(s)**<br>Maastricht Summer |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Film & Media Studies Communication |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>102 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>GLOBAL JOURNALISM: SEARCHING FOR TRUTH IN THE AGE OF FAKE NEWS |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>GLOBAL JOURNALISM |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>5.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units** |

3.30

**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

**Course Last Reviewed**
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