

Global Communication

Teaching guide 2025-26

COURSE OVERVIEW

Course description: This course is designed to help students understand the impact of globalization on public communication and its audiences, that is, to understand communication in a globalized environment.

The course examines communication in the context of globalization and the factors at work at the interface between the international community and the media. It provides insight into the real world in which the media operate. It identifies the political, economic and social actors that influence the elaboration of content and the design of strategies, in a global as well as local scope.

Some of the major issues of globalization are discussed. What is at stake? Who are the main actors? What are the implications of globalization for the media industry and for media users? How do new technologies influence and change communication? How do political, economic and social actors interact with the media to influence the flow of news, entertainment and advertising?

- **Degree**: Audiovisual Communication (Screen Studies Program); Journalism (Global Journalism Program).
- Module/Subject:
 - Audiovisual Communication (Screen Studies Program) Module I: Fundamentals of Communication. Subject 1: Theory.
 - Journalism (Global Journalism Program) Module I: Fundamentals of Communication and Journalism. Subject 1: Theory of Communication.
- Number of credits: 3 ECTS
- **Year**: 1st year, 2nd semester.
- Type of course: Compulsory
- Instructors: Adriana Gordejuela (agordejuela@unav.es)
- Language: English
- Lecture schedule: Thursday 10 am 11:45 am, Room 11 (Fcom).

LEARNING OUTCOMES (Competencies)

SCREEN STUDIES LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. KNOWLEDGE

- **RA1** Students should have demonstrated possession and understanding of knowledge in an area of study that builds on the foundation of general secondary education, and is usually at a level that, while relying on advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that involve knowledge from the cutting edge of their field of study.
- RA2 Know and assess the impact of audiovisual communication in its multiple dimensions: social, cultural, historical, economic, business, legal, scientific, technological and deontological.



• **RA7** Know and be able to recognize the aesthetic and cultural movements in the history of the image.

2. SKILLS

- RA10 That students know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation
 in a professional manner and possess the competences that are usually
 demonstrated through the development and defence of arguments and
 problem solving within their field of study.
- RA12 Express knowledge and ideas correctly both orally and in writing.

GLOBAL JOURNALISM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. KNOWLEDGE

- RA1 Students should have demonstrated possession and understanding of knowledge in an area of study that builds on the foundation of general secondary education, and is usually at a level that, while relying on advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that involve knowledge from the cutting edge of their field of study.
- RA2 To know and value the communicative act in its multiple dimensions: historical, economic, and business, legal, deontological and technological.
- **RA5** To know the main shaping elements of today's society, specifically those social, political and economic issues related to current affairs.

2. SKILLS

- RA11 That students know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and possess the competences that are usually demonstrated through the development and defence of arguments and problem solving within their field of study.
- RA13 Express knowledge and ideas orally and in writing, with rigour, order and creativity in order to disseminate knowledge to society.
- RA15 Express oneself fluently and effectively both orally and in writing, making use of the most appropriate linguistic and literary resources.

Course competencies

As a result of attending this course and participating in the learning activities, students will:

- Determine the features defining global communication
- Identify global issues and their treatment in the media with reference to political, social and economic contexts, content selection and production and the impact on audiences
- Recognize the major players and their contribution to global communication
- Have in mind a map with the location of the global media, its activity and scope
- Be aware of new trends in public communication

PROGRAM



- 1. Globalization, culture and communication
- 2. The global public sphere
- 3. International communication and IR actors
- 4. Public diplomacy
- 5. Media coverage in special contexts

COURSEWORK

- 1. Lectures (28 hours)
- 2. Guided work and others (5 hours)
- 3. Personal study or work (38 hours)
- 4. Exams (4 hours)

Total: 75 hours

ASSESSMENT

ORDINARY SESSION EXAM

- 70% Final exam
- 20% Practical exercises
- 10% Attendance and participation

Students must attend **80% of the classes**, otherwise they will not have access to the May exam and will fail the subject. They will take it again in June. There will be a number of activities during the semester to measure attendance.

May exam calendar

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION EXAM

- 80% Final exam
- 20% Practical exercises

Failing the final exam in May, or scoring less than a 5 on any section average, will result in retaking the exam in June.



** Spelling and grammatical accuracy will be observed in all tasks and tests.

Correct spelling and grammatical accuracy are to be observed in all written tasks and examinations. The evaluation of such activities take these requirements into account.

** Plagiarism is totally prohibited (including assignments totally or partially created using AI)

The School of Communication advocates the ethical use of documentary sources and ICT resources. For this reason, any and all forms of plagiarism are completely unacceptable in this subject. Plagiarism will be penalized across all tasks: projects, exercises and examinations. Plagiarism is defined as the whole or partial use of textual, graphic and/or audiovisual content produced by a third party without crediting the original author(s) (that includes generative Als). Likewise, any form of fraud, deception, pretense or falsification aimed at improving one's academic results by illicit means will be penalized (including the use of an Al in order to improve your linguistic skills).

Academic projects that draw on books, articles, films, websites and/or any other documentary sources should include a complete **list of works cited**. The <u>style guide of the American Psychological Association (APA)</u> is to be followed in this regard.

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- Make an appointment.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Working materials in a variety of formats (texts, videos, podcasts, etc.) will be provided in class.

Additional bibliography

Carr N. G. (2020). *The shallows : what the internet is doing to our brains* (Second). W.W. Norton & Company.

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