



INTRODUCTION

Course description:

The course will consist of a number of both theoretical and seminar-based sessions on different topics, where we will deal with several “key” issues that are shaping our world.

Thus, the aim of this course is to provide students with an understanding of some of the main challenges faced by societies in the modern world. It also aims to connect with journalism as a profession, combining a theoretical and practical approach.

- Degree: Journalism + Diploma in Global Journalism
- Number of credits: 3 ECTS
- Year: 2nd Year, Annual Course
- Type of course: Required for Global Journalism students
- Module and Subject: 5. Formación complementaria
- Instructor: Jose Manuel Ferrary, PhD.
- Language: English

Lecture schedule:

- 1st semester: Tuesday 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm (Room 2, Fcom)
- 2nd semester: Thursday 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm (Room 11, Fcom)

[Important note: sessions will take place fortnightly, please check the timeline]

LEARNING OUTCOMES (Competencies)

1.KNOWLEDGE

RA1 - That students have demonstrated to possess and understand knowledge in an area of study that starts from the base of general secondary education, and is usually found at a level that, although supported by advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that imply knowledge from the cutting edge of your field of study.

RA2 – Know and value the communicative fact in its multiple dimensions: historical, economic and business, legal, deontological and technological.

RA7 – Know the main shaping elements of society, specifically in those social, political and economic issues related to news news.

2.SKILLS



RA10 – That students know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and possess the competencies that are usually demonstrated through the elaboration and defense of arguments and the resolution of problems within their area of study.

RA12 – Express knowledge and ideas orally and in writing, with rigor, order and creativity in order to disseminate knowledge to society.

3.COMPETENCIES

RA22 – Express communicative fluency and effectiveness orally and in writing, knowing how to take advantage of the most appropriate linguistic and literary resources.

PROGRAM (subject to changes)

The session schedule will also be announced in the Timeline section.

1st semester	Topics
Sept 2	Introduction (45 min).
Sept 9	What is a democracy? (Discussion 1).
Sept 23	What is a democracy? (Discussion 2 + fieldwork presentation).
Oct 7	A Thousand Cuts (screening and discussion).
Oct 21	Polarization (topic presentation).
Nov 4	Polarization (guest speaker).
Nov 18	Polarization (discussion and fieldwork).
2nd semester	Topics
Jan 15	To be confirmed.
Jan 22	To be confirmed.
Feb 5	To be confirmed.



Feb 19	To be confirmed.
Mar 5	To be confirmed.
Mar 12	To be confirmed.
Apr 16	Final project session

COURSEWORK

The course is fundamentally practical in nature. Students will be required to work on each of the topics covered in class through a series of activities, such as essays, group discussions and the like.

1. Lectures (25 hours)
2. Guided work and others (15 hours)
3. Personal study or work (35 hours)

Total: 75 hours

ASSESSMENT

ORDINARY SESSION EXAM

- 30% Attendance and active participation in class
- 40% Practical exercises (written samples, fieldwork, etc.)
- 30% Final project

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION EXAM

- **30%** Practical exercises (essays, discussions, etc.)
- **70%** Final project

Passing both semesters is mandatory in order to pass the course. If one of the semesters is failed, a resit is compulsory in June even if the average grade is a pass.

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OFFICE HOURS (to be defined)

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

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