

Description of Courses for the Third Stage

Number of courses: 10

Number of units: 40

Course Description: Media Ethics and Legislation

1- Course name
Media Ethics and Legislation
2- Course code
SDRT
3- Semester/Year
2026-2027
4- Date this description was prepared
15/10/2026
5- Available forms of attendance
In-person + electronic (when needed)
6- Total number of study hours
2 hours + 2 units
7- Name of the course coordinator
Dr. Nermeen Abdul Amir Salman (Lecturer)
8- Course objectives
Introducing students to the basic concepts of professional ethics in media work and their importance in regulating media conduct 1 . Enabling students to understand the ethical values and standards that govern media practice in its various forms Providing students with comprehensive knowledge of national and international media legislation and laws relevant to media work Developing students' awareness of the legal rights and duties of the media professional, and the responsibilities arising from their professional practice Strengthening students' ability to distinguish between freedom of expression and the ethical and legal obligations that accompany it Training students to analyze the ethical and legal issues and problems facing the media, and to take sound professional positions regarding them Consolidating the principles of integrity, objectivity, respect for privacy, and avoidance of defamation and disinformation in media work Preparing students to practice media work within a legal and ethical framework consistent with societal values and professional standards
9- Teaching and Learning Strategies
Relying on theoretical and practical instruction to develop self-skills supported by applied examples 1- 2- Time management and prioritization with the ability to work in an organized manner.

- 3- Participation of all students, in their various roles, in developing information within its legal framework in line with their specialization**
- 4- Diversity in the use and employment of multiple, modern teaching methods to increase the student's desire for learning and self-development.**
- 5- Interactive learning and involving the student in writing the research paper and participating in preparing and delivering lectures within the course**

10- Course structure

Assessment method	Learning method	Unit name	Learning outcomes	Hours	Week
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Definition of the legal rule, introduction and general principles, definition of crime, crimes and their types.	That the student learns the concept of the legal rule	2	1
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Definition of media law and its relationship with other laws	That the student learns about the legal frameworks of the media process	2	2
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Freedom of media work, the freedoms accruing to the media professional	That the student understands the concept of freedom of expression	2	3
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Media responsibility and professional ethics	That we explain to the student the concept of legal responsibility	2	4
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Definition of opinion and publication crimes, their elements, publication prohibitions, conditions of publication crimes	That the student is shown the legal regulation of opinion and publication crimes	2	5
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Explanation of Article 38 of the Constitution on freedom of thought and media	Regulation of freedom of thought and media in the Iraqi Constitution	2	6
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Duties of the media and international law	That the student learns about the duties arising from media work		7
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Media censorship in democratic and developing countries and its methods	That the student learns about the mechanism of censorship in the media	2	8
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Advantages of freedom of media work	That the student grasps the meaning of media freedom	2	9
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	In-person lectures and discussion	Media freedom and the pressures imposed	That the student understands the pressures imposed within the scope of media work	2	10

Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Guarantees within the scope of freedom of media work	That the student understands the guarantees of media freedom	2	11
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and discussion, in person or electronically depending on general circumstances	Public and private ownership of media outlets, ownership rights in the press	That the student understands the concept of media ownership	2	12
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and discussion, in person or electronically depending on general circumstances	Rights accruing to the journalist	That the student is taught the rights arising from media work	2	13
		Written exam, first month – first semester	Written exam	2	14
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and discussion, in person or electronically depending on general circumstances	Steps of the right of access to information and licensing of periodical publications	That the student grasps the right of access to information	2	15
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and discussion, in person or electronically depending on general circumstances	Media legislation (definition – concept)	That the student learns about media legislation	2	16
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and discussion, in person or electronically depending on general circumstances	Brief historical overview of media legislation in contemporary Iraq	That the student learns about the historical overview of media legislation	2	17
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and discussion, in person or electronically depending on general circumstances	Crimes of aggression against reputation	That the student explains the concept of crimes of aggression against reputation	2	18
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Crimes of disclosure and disinformation – their elements – their types	That the student clarifies the crimes of disclosure and disinformation	2	19
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	Delivering lectures and in-person discussion	Methods of detecting crimes of public opinion disinformation	That the student grasps the methods of detecting crimes related to media work	2	20
	In-person	Crimes of incitement	That the student learns the concept of crimes of incitement	2	21
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	In-person lectures and discussion	The concept of electronic publishing crimes – their elements	That the student clarifies the concept of electronic publishing crimes	2	22

	In-person	Exam, first month – second semester	Written exam	2	23
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	In-person lectures and discussion	Intellectual property and media codes of honor	That the student learns about intellectual property	2	24
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	In-person lectures and discussion	Provisions of the Arab Charter of Honor	That the student knows the provisions of the Arab Charter of Honor	2	25
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	In-person lectures and discussion	Journalists' Rights Law	That the student grasps the Journalists' Rights Law	2	26
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	In-person lectures and discussion	The Communications and Media Commission – its establishment – its duties	That the student knows the Communications and Media Commission	2	27
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	In-person lectures and discussion	Code of journalistic ethics in Iraq and the Arab world General guidelines for broadcasting media	That the student understands the code of journalistic ethics	2	28
Electronic, written, and oral tests and direct questions	In-person lectures and discussion	Press monitoring, examples of newspapers that violate the rules of journalistic ethics	That we explain press monitoring to the student	2	29
		Written exam	Exam, second month – second semester	2	30