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# Ethical and Critical Analysis of Journalism

| 3.00 credits | 30.0 h | Q1 |
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| Teacher(s) | Grevisse Benoît ; |
| Language : | French |
| Place of the course | Louvain-la-Neuve |
| Main themes | The course aims to make students aware of the conditions of production that structure and determine all journalistic work, and to place this reflection in the framework of a deontological approach in a situation of operationalisation. It will also seek to provide students with an understanding of the basis, norms and ethical reasoning of Belgian and international journalistic deontology. |
| Learning outcomes | **At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :**<br>1. Be aware of the conditions of production that structure and determine all journalistic work, and to place this reflection in the framework of a deontological approach in a situation of operationalisation ;<br>2. Understand the basis, norms and ethical reasoning of Belgian and international journalistic deontology ; |
| Content | This course begins with a critical examination of the historical and socio-political foundations of journalistic ethics. It examines the distinctions between the various modes of regulation: law, deontology and ethics. It then systematically reviews the deontological principles that Belgian journalists impose on themselves. This critical overview is based on current events. The course also proposes an international comparison of deontological systems and rules. Finally, the limits of journalistic self-regulation are discussed. |
| Bibliography | Grevisse, Benoît, Déontologie du journalisme : enjeux éthiques et identités professionnelles (2e édition), De Boeck, 2016.<br>De nombreux documents sont également mis à disposition en ligne. |
| Faculty or entity in charge | COMU |

## Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)

| Program title | Acronym | Credits | Prerequisite | Learning outcomes |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Master [120] in Multilingual Communication | MULT2M | 5 | | |
| Certificat d'université en éthique et société | ETES9CE | 3 | | |
| Master [120] in Communication | CORP2M | 4 | | |
| Master [60] in Information and Communication | COMU2M1 | 3 | | |
| Master [120] in Communication | COMM2M | 4 | | |
| Master [120] in Journalism | EJL2M | 4 | | |