



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

MRK 9710 Media and Communication

Program

Bachelor in Arts and Management (1. year), Bachelor in International Marketing (1. year), Bachelor in Market Communication (1. year), Bachelor in Marketing (1. year), Bachelor in Public Relations (1. year), Bachelor in Tourism Management (1. year), Foundation Program in Marketeconomy

Responsible for the course

Tor Bang

Department

Communication - Culture and Languages

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Objective

The media plays a crucial role in modern society. This course will give students a basic introduction to and understanding of how the media works and how it influences society at large. The course has a broad scope. Based on theories of communication, with an emphasis on mass communication, the course discusses the historical development of the media, the media structure in Norway and internationally, media content, media effects and media channels like TV, radio, newspapers, film, the internet. There is an emphasis on the interaction between the media and the business community in order to contribute to an understanding of how managers may use the media to pursue business objectives. Emphasis is also put on how new media change the communicative reality for individuals, companies and society at large. A first introduction to writing term papers is also given.

Prerequisites

No special prerequisites are required.

Compulsory literature

Books:

Bang, Tor. 2006. Makt og spinn i mediene. Oslo: Abstrakt forlag
Lippe, Berit von der, red. 2006. Medier, politikk og samfunn. 5. utg. Oslo: Cappelen akademisk forlag

Recommended literature

Books:

Allern, Sigurd. 2001. Flokkdyr på løvebakken. Oslo: Pax forlag
DeFleur, Melvin L. og Everette E. Dennis. 1998. Understanding mass communication. 6th ed. Boston, Mass.: Houghton Mifflin Company. For engelskspråklige
Helgesen, Thorolf og Terje Gaustad. 2002. Medieøkonomi. Nesbyen : Stølen
Johansen, Anders. 2002. Talerens troverdighet. Oslo. Universitetsforlaget
Mattelart, Armand og Michele Mattelart. 1998. Theories of communication: a short introduction. London : Sage

Course outline

- introduction to communication theories
- media history and the development of the media
- media structure in Norway and internationally
- media channels
- new media and the internet
- media influence, promotion and information/PR
- media effects

- media and the society
- writing term papers

Computer-based tools

Computer-based tools are not used. But students must have access to a computer and the Internet during their exam.

Course structure

36 hours of lectures.

Evaluation

A 72-hour home exam completes the course.

Evaluation code(s)

MRK 97101 - home exam, which accounts for 100% of the grade in MRK 9710, 6 credits.

Aids at the examination

All written aids are allowed.

Makeup exam

A makeup exam is held in every term.