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**Department of MEDIA STUDIES**

**Program:** ***MA Media Studies***

**Course outline Introduction to News Gathering: MST: 21202**

Instructor: DR. ABIDA NOUREEN level MA: 2nd

Class days: Wednesday Thursday

Venue Dep’t of Media Studies

### Objectives

The main objectives of the course are:

* To provide an opportunity to the students to learn the essential elements and requisites of news reporting
* This course gives training in basic reporting and news writing. Students practice writing news and receive out-of-classroom assignments. Students will cover a beat in the field of their choice for several days, and will produce news, features, and background stories.
* This course enables students to use their theoretical knowledge in practical form.

### Course Contents

* News Definitions and Types
* News Value and 5Ws & 1 H concept in News Making.
* News Sources
* News Structure (Writing style)
* Interpretative and Investigative Reporting
* Interview and Press Conference
* Curtain Raiser
* News Feature
* Reporting of Speeches and Press Conference
* Reporter’s Regular Beats
* Ethics of News Reporting
* Objectivity and Practical needs in News Reporting.
* Propaganda in news pages (Fed news, misinformation, Disinformation, Slanted news, Distorted news and Agenda setting)

**Teaching Learning Method**

All the teaching learning methods will base on interactive learning. Beside this, following methodologies will be used

* + Lectures
  + Presentations
  + Discussions

The role of teacher will be as a facilitator in all learning process

**Activities**

All the session will be followed by different activities which will vary according to the topic under discussion

**Learning Aids:**

Learning aids will include

* Graphs
* Charts
* Models
* Multimedia

**Learning Hours**

1:30 contact hours session will be held twice a week on the days mentioned in the Time Table

**Evaluation**

Following are the main areas what would be assessed.

* The course objective as set out in the core curriculum.
* It is the students overall competence that will be assessed, as described in the course objective.
* The assessment of the students will show the extent to which they have achieved the objectives set out in the curriculum.

Mid-term and final exam will be conducted

Beside these exams, formative assessment will be made through the following manner.

* Assignments
* Presentations
* Class participations
* Quizzes (surprised / announced)
* Any other appropriate method

**Attendance Required**

85% per semester attendance is required

**Contact**

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General rules

1. For each absence ‘1’ mark would be deducted. Those students who would have more then 5 absences would not be allowed to sit in final examination.

2. Students are advised to be in class at declared time in time table. No late entrance would be allowed after the course instructor’s arrival.

3. Attendance would be marked within initial 10 minutes of the class, after which no attendance would be marked and the student will considered being absent

4. Assignment should be submitted on decided date and time; no further relaxation would be given to anyone at any time.

### Recommended Books:

1. Scholastic Journalism by Earl English and Clarence Hach.
2. Journalism for All by Dr. A. Salam Khurshid and Mehdi Hasan
3. The Working Journalist by Abdul Qayyum
4. Basic News Writing by Melvin Mencher
5. Professional News Writing by Hiley H. Ward
6. Reporting by Mitchel V. Channley
7. Exploring Journalism by R.E. Wolsely and Lawrance Campbell