Media Law and Ethics

Credits 6

Course Description

This course examines the relationship between media/public communication, law and ethics in Central Asia and those in other parts of the world. It analyzes ethical and legal principles, processes of reasoning and decision-making techniques that can be used to resolve possible tensions between formal and informal regulation, freedom of expression and the demands of everyday life.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain law and regulations as they affect communication practices, locally and globally.
- Use a range of theoretical frameworks to critically reflect on the relationship between media, law, ethics and communication practices.
- Examine the social and political context in which legal frameworks have been developed.
- Discuss ethical issues emerging from contemporary communication practices, locally and globally.
- Apply culturally appropriate decision-making processes in response to ethical and legal issues arising in local and global contexts.

Course Assessments and Grading

Item	Weight
Written and oral assignments	20%
Participation in discussions and debates	30%
Projects and research in the field of media law and ethics	20%
Examination	30%