

JOUB02, Journalism: Fact-checking and Storytelling, 2 credits

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First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2023-06-14 (U 2023/517). The syllabus comes into effect 2023-09-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2024.

General information

The course is offered as a stand-alone course.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of study

Specialisation

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G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- describe the difference between facts, disinformation and incorrect information,
- give an account of basic elements in journalistic work,
- discuss the need for factual information and storytelling,

Competence and skills

- apply journalistic tools for fact-checking and storytelling,

Judgement and approach

- analyse and critically reflect on questions that concern fact-checking, disinformation and incorrect information.

Course content

The purpose of the course is to provide the course participants with knowledge about, and skills in, reporting and informing about complicated subjects. The focus is on journalistic tools for fact-checking, and differences between how facts, disinformation and incorrect information are treated. The course also emphasises and gives examples of reporting, the need for information and storytelling in a crisis.

Course design

The course consists of the following modules:

- A digital lecture with a compulsory reflective assignment.
- A compulsory group assignment

The course is offered entirely as a distance learning course using an online learning platform and/or digital tools. Students are required to participate on this basis and to have access to a computer with an internet connection a web camera. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

Assessment

The course is examined through the student carrying out a small study around factual reporting that then is analysed and discussed in an individual written assignment.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

Entry requirements

General requirements

Further information

- The course is offered at the Department of Communication and Media (KOM), Lund University.
- Swedish title: Journalism: Fact-checking and Storytelling.
- The number of credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.