

Communication and Political Culture

Code: 42441
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
4313227 Media, Communication and Culture	OB	0	1

The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)

Prerequisites

Knowledge of political and journalistic news

Objectives and Contextualisation

1. Identify the relationship between social media and political culture.
2. Recognize the fundamental role of media in shaping the public opinion and the political socialization processes.
3. Analyze and debate new phenomena related to communication and political culture.

Competences

- Analyse the new forms of social communication introduced by ICT (information and communication technologies) in order to innovate in media and cultural production and solve the problems posed in the new environments.
- Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously.
- Display a deep, detailed understanding of theoretical and practical principles within the field of communication and culture.
- Lead and work in interdisciplinary teams.
- Plan and lead basic and applied research projects in media communication and culture.
- Use acquired knowledge as a basis for originality in the application of ideas, often in a research context.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse the characteristics of mediated political communication and of the new forms of political communication.
2. Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously.
3. Demonstrate ability to select appropriate study of the required scientific theories situations.
4. Demonstrate understanding of political communication and culture and how they are evolving.
5. Identify the principal actors and their strategies.
6. Know how to design research projects in the field of communication and political culture.
7. Know how to plan and manage communications projects for political and social actors

8. Know how to plan and manage information flows in the media to contribute to solving social problems
9. Lead and work in interdisciplinary teams.
10. Make innovative proposals regarding the problems that derive from the treatment of political matters in the media.
11. Use acquired knowledge as a basis for originality in the application of ideas, often in a research context.

Content

1. Political culture and political communication: definitions and theories
2. Public opinion and mediatization
3. Infotainment and political communication
4. Political actors: spin doctors, computational propaganda
5. Social actors: social networks and political participation
6. Disinformation and impact on public opinion. How to fight it

The contents of the subject will be adapted to the interests and demands of the group, as well as some of the readings.

The detailed calendar with the content of the different sessions will be exposed on the day of presentation of the subject.

In the Virtual Campus, the students will be able to find the detailed description of the exercises and practices, the various teaching materials and any information necessary for the proper follow-up of the subject.

This teaching guide will incorporate the gender perspective in the contents and in the treatment of the topics.

Methodology

The learning will be based on lectures, class debates, readings, tutoring and projects. The main goal of this module is to lay the foundation and develop a critical analysis and critical thinking.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	15	0.6	1, 3, 4, 10, 5
Seminar	15	0.6	
Type: Supervised			
Tutorial meetings	10	0.4	10, 6, 7, 9
Type: Autonomous			
Self-organized work	63	2.52	1, 11, 3, 4, 10, 5

Assessment

The course will consist of the following assessment activities:

- Individual course work, 50% on the final grade
- Group presentations, 30% on the final grade
- Class participation, 20% on the final grade

Students will be entitled to the recovery of the subject if the weight of the activities that equates to a minimum of 2/3 parts of the total grade of the module has been evaluated from the set of activities. In order to be able to appear for the recovery of the module, it will have been necessary to obtain the average mark or higher of 3.5. The student who makes any irregularity (copy, plagiarism, identity theft, ...) will be rated 0 this act of evaluation. In the event of several irregularities, the final grade for the course will be 0.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Class participation	20%	5	0.2	3, 4
Group presentations	30%	12	0.48	1, 11, 3, 4, 10, 5, 2, 6, 8, 7, 9
Individual written work	50%	30	1.2	1, 11, 3, 4, 6

Bibliography

The course readings will be established from the references included below and from other references that will be chosen at the beginning of the course according to the interests and demands of the students.

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