

DISCIPLINE DESCRIPTION

1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher education institution	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Political, Administration and Communication Sciences
1.3 Department	Journalism department
1.4 Field of study	Communication sciences
1.5 Level of study	Bachelor
1.6 Study program / Qualification	Journalism

2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Discipline title	European media law						
2.2 Course lecturer							
2.3 Seminar assistant							
2.4 Year of study	II	2.5 Semester	II	2.6. Evaluation type	C.	2.7 Discipline type	Compulsory

3. Total estimated time (hours of didactic activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1
3.4 Total hours in the study plan	42	of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/laboratory	14
Time distribution:					Hrs
Studying the manual, course reader, bibliography and notes:					30min
Supplementary documentation in the library, on electronic platforms and in the field:					30min
Preparing seminars/laboratories, homework, syntheses, portfolios and essays:					1h
Tutorials					
Examinations					30min
Other activities: written paper for seminar activities					30min
3.7 Total hours of individual study	42				
3.8 Total hours per semester	84				
3.9 Number of credits	4				

4. Prerequisites (where applicable)

4.1 based on the curriculum	•
4.2 based on competences	•

5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 for the course	•
5.2 for the seminar/laboratory	•

6. Accumulated specific competencies

Professional competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity to formulate arguments and engage in debates about the EU and national regulations relating to freedom of information, public security interests, minority rights, protection of minors, personality rights, audiovisual regulations, intellectual property rights. (C4, C5, C6) Capacity to accurately identify the legal options available for practitioners (Labor contract/Author's rights contract / Other hybrid contracts) in order to develop the students capacity of taking informed decisions, based on an accurate cost/benefit evaluation (C4, C6)
Transversal competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity to analyze the characteristics of national and European legal framework related to media practice Capacity to reflect critically on EU and national media law policy proposals and the consequences of their implementation Capacity to analyze, interpret and evaluate the case law of the ECHR regarding media regulation and to compare it with the national jurisprudence

7. Discipline objectives

7.1 General objective	Introducing the students to the most important national and European media law provisions, the rights and responsibilities of the profession, and their sources. Encouraging students to engage in debates relating to the most frequent problematic legal provisions, in order to help them identify viable legal solutions
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The students will analyze the relevant national and European legislation applicable to media practice The students will acquire the capacity to use their acquired knowledge to analyze professional legal issues The students will fundament decisions favoring specific legal options on the assessment of legal arguments

8. Contents

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Observations
1. The European legal systems. An overview.	Oral and multimedia presentations	
2. Free access to public interest information. Regulatory framework in Romania and the EU.		
3. National and EU legislation related to classified information. Protection of individuals relating to the processing of personal data.		
4. Right to privacy and public image. A comparative analysis of the national and EU		

legislation.		
5. Comparative analysis of ECHR case law relating to the rights to privacy and public image.		
6. Minority rights in the national and European legal provisions		
7. ECHR jurisprudence relating to minority rights		
8. Restricted freedom of speech. Racism, fascism and xenophobia.		
9. ECHR case law related to the restriction of freedom of speech		
10. Criticism related to public authorities. ECHR case law		
11. National and European provisions relating to the audiovisual media		
12. Protection of minors. The European legal framework		
13. Intellectual property rights.		
14. Revision		

Bibliography
O. CASTENDYK, E. DOMMERING and A. SCHEUER, *European Media Law*, The Netherlands, Wolters Kluwer, Law & Business, 2008.
Relevant documents on www.coe.int/media and www.echr.coe.int

8.2 Seminar / laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Access to public interest information	Case-studies Debates	
2. Data protection		
3. Right to privacy and public image		
4. Minority rights		
5. Audiovisual		
6. Intellectual property rights		
7. Paper-submissions. Revision.		

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9. The corroboration of discipline contents with the expectations of epistemic community representatives, professional associations and representative employers in the study program’s corresponding field

The capacity to take legally reasoned professional decisions will enable the students to successfully integrate within the profession and in the society and to contribute as responsible actors while fulfilling their role in

society.

10. Evaluation

Type of activity	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Weight in final mark
10.4 Course	1. Capacity to accurately identify the relevant legal provisions in order to propose a solution for a specific case 2. Capacity to evaluate the impact of the use of the relevant legal provisions	Written and oral examination	70%
10.5 Seminar/laboratory	1. Capacity to develop relevant arguments during the seminar debates 2. Case-study analysis	Oral examination (class participation) Submitted paper	10% 20%
10.6 Minimum performance standard			
Capacity to accurately identify the relevant legal provisions in order to propose a solution for a specific case			

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13.09.2012

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Date of approval in the Department

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