

## DISCIPLINE DESCRIPTION

### 1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher education institution	BABEȘ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY
1.2 Faculty	FACULTY OF POLITICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES
1.3 Department	JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT
1.4 Field of study	COMMUNICATION SCIENCES
1.5 Level of study	MASTER
1.6 Study program / Qualification	MEDIA COMMUNICATION

### 2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Discipline title	NEW MEDIA CULTURE	UME3100					
2.2 Course lecturer	RADU MEZA						
2.3 Seminar assistant	RADU MEZA						
2.4 Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	1	2.6. Evaluation type	C	2.7 Discipline type	CO

### 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:					14
Supplementary documentation in the library, on electronic platforms and in the field:					14
Preparing seminars/laboratories, homework, syntheses, portfolios and essays:					14
Tutorials					
Examinations					2
Other activities: .....					
3.7 Total hours of individual study	42				
3.8 Total hours per semester	84				
3.9 Number of credits	6				

### 4. Prerequisites (where applicable)

4.1 based on the curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.2 based on competences	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 for the course	<input type="checkbox"/> Room with a video projector/ digital display and Internet connection
5.2 for the seminar/laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/> Room with a video projector/digital display and Internet connection

### 6. Accumulated specific competencies

<b>Professional competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding theories regarding technology mediated communication, the social impact of new media</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Treating communication and the audience from the perspective of field-specific parameters, taking into account the relation between the technological medium and target audience</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identifying the particularities involved in the specialized use of various types of media in communication with respect to specificities of the channel and the media product</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the methodological challenges of researching communication through the new media</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Using automated data collection and analysis tools for in hypertextual communication research</li> </ul>
<b>Transversal competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communicating in the context of unknown networked publics</li> </ul>

## 7. Discipline objectives (from the accumulated competencies grid)

7.1 General objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The understanding of the theoretical frameworks and collection/analysis tools that can be used to research new media communication from the technological, political economy and social perspectives</li> </ul>
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the social, political and economic changes related to the use of new media technologies: the bias of technology, media ecology, technological determinism</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding professional and interpersonal communication in the context of new media: one-to-one, one-to-many, many-to-many, networked publics, publicly private, privately public, mass-media, networked media</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the main academic theories relating to new media technology use</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Using appropriate theoretical frameworks and methodology for the study on new media communication</li> </ul>

## 8. Contents

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Observations
1. New Media and Contemporary Society. New Media as a Buzzword and New Media as a Broad Concept. Technology, Society and Political Economy	Explanation, Demonstration	What is the meaning of the phrase “new media”? How does it relate to phrases like <b>electronic media, digital media and multimedia</b> ?

2. Overview of main Theories about Media Technologies	Explanation, Discussion	<b>Readings:</b> Harold Innis – Empire and Communication Marshall McLuhan – Radio – The Tribal Drum Vanevar Bush – As We May Think
3. New models for new media. Production/usage. Post-industrial logic. AUTOMATION	Explanation, Discussion Video	Everett Rogers - Diffusion of innovations Richard Bartle - Players who suit MUDs Mark Poster - The Second Media Age Lev Manovich - The Language of New Media Henry Jenkins : Textual Poachers Yochai Benkler - The Wealth of Networks
4. Mass media, niche media and personal media. Celebrities, fan cultures and amateurs	Explanation, Demonstration,	Ervin Goffman -The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life Sherry Turkle - Life on the Screen Martin Tanis - Cues to Identity in CMC
5. Computer Mediated Communication and Human Computer Interaction Identity, Self-presentation	Explanation, Discussion	Lev Manovich: Software Takes Command
6. The Software Studies Paradigm. Culture and Databases	Explanation, Discussion	
7. Basics of Network Theory. Social Network Analysis	Explanation, Demonstration, Discussion	<b>Readings:</b> Barabasi: Linked-The New Science of Networks Wasserman & Faust: Social Network Analysis: Methods and Applications
8. Online cultures. Social Media	Explanation, Video, Discussion	<b>Readings:</b> Jose van Dijk : Culture of Connectivity - A Critical History of Social Media Danah Boyd: It's complicated. The Social Lives of Networked Teens Rainie & Wellman: Networked - The New Social Operating System Christian Fuchs: Social Media - A Critical Introduction
9. Sharing content and meaning. Spreadable media.	Explanation, Discussion	<b>Watch:</b> Mike Wesch – An Anthropological Introduction to YouTube. Lawrence Lessig - Laws that Choke Creativity <b>Readings:</b> Limor Shifman - Memes in Digital Culture Henry Jenkins - Spreadable Media
10. Violence, Outrage, Hope. Value Conflicts, Hate speech. Social movements	Explanation, Discussion	Castells - Networks of Outrage and Hope Gagliardone et. al. - Countering Online Hate Speech - UNESCO
11. Computational thinking. Computational linguistics	Explanation, Discussion	

12. Finding a theoretical framework for new media research	Discussion	
13. Finding a methodological approach for new media research	Discussion	
14. Colloquium	Presentation of research articles	

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8.2 Seminar / laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Static and Dynamic Web pages - Automation	Application	
2. Web Scrapers – Scraping with Chrome Scraper / Import.io / Helium	Application	
3. API tools - Facepager	Application	
4. Cleaning up large data sets - Excel, Open Refine	Application	
5. Data analysis tools - KH Coder / VOS Viewer	Application	
6. Data analysis tools - NodeXL, Tropes	Application	
7. Data visualisation NodeXL, Tableau Public	Application	

**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 study of new media is often seen as a new field in communication science and many study programs approach it with some skepticism, when in fact there is decades old scholarly work which would prove most useful for future professional in the field of communication sciences. Being able to understand the principles behind new media technologies, their relation with political economy and society is essential for the 21<sup>st</sup> century communication sciences researcher.

**10. Evaluation**

Type of activity	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Weight in final mark
10.4 Course	The ability to use an appropriate theoretical framework for new media research	A 12 page (24000 characters) original research article on phenomenon belonging to new media culture	50%
10.5 Seminar/laboratory	Methodology and the ability to use automated data collection and analysis tools		50%
10.6 Minimum performance standard			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student shows a reasonable understanding of new media technologies, their political, economic and social context</li> <li>• The student is able to use appropriate theoretical frameworks and methodology for researching new media phenomena</li> </ul>			

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