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Department	FAST School of Computing	Dept. Code	FSC
Course Title	Mass Communication	Course Code	SS2040
Pre-requisite(s)		Credit Hrs.	3
Moderator			
Course Instructors			

Course Objective	This course provides an overview of the mass communication discipline.	
	The course will look at several perspectives on communication and how	
	the technology has revolutionized the field and the role of technology in	
	the communication practices. The course deals with the communication	
	field, especially the New Media from the perspectives of networking,	
	media and society, audiences and effects, and related ethical concerns.	
	Students will be encouraged to participate in discussions where key	
	concepts will be analysed and possible applications discussed.	

No.	Course Learning Outcome (CLO) Statements	Tools
01	Describe the types and components of (technologically mediated and not mediated) Communication	Q1, A1, M1, F
02	Explain the concepts and different domains of the Communication Science	Q2, M1, M2, F
03	Analyse the role of media and communication in social, cultural, economic, psychological, technological, political, legal and other contexts.	A2, M2, F
04	Evaluate the relationship between technology and communication. Also the role of social media in climate communication	Q3, A3, F

A = Assignment, Q = Quiz, M = Midterm, F = Final, P = Project



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Week	Course Contents/Topics	CL O	
01	 What is Communication? Communication Process Types of Communication Barriers of/in Communication Principles of Effective Communication Functions of Mass Communication in society Book Chapter Reading:- Introduction to Mass Communication (8th Ed) Chapter 01	1	
02	 Introduction to Mass Media Types of Mass Media (Print media, Broadcast media, Online/Digital media, Film and Cinema) Types of Media Content	1	
03	 Detail Study of: Print Media (News, Editorial, Feature, Column, Letter to Editors, Reviews) Broadcast Media, Online/Digital media (Blogging, Vlogging, Citizen Journalism), Film and Cinema Psychological Effects of Media Book Chapter Reading:- The DBS Handbook of Mass Media & Communication, Chapter 02 pg. 93-98, Chapter 10 pg. 379-386, Chapter 12, Readings:- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/220566531_Vlogging_A_survey_of_videoblogging_technology_on_the_web https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/197610828.pdf https://uark.pressbooks.pub/movingpictures/part/introduction/https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6198586/ 	2	
04	 Propaganda Development Communication Political Communication (Public Opinion, Advocacy campaigns, Political Advertising) Book Chapter Reading:- Introduction to Mass Communication (8th Ed), Chapter 13 Hybrid Warfare (Cyber Warfare- Hacking) 	2	



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	Readings:-	
	https://globalsecurityreview.com/hybrid-and-non-linear-warfare-systematically-	
	erases-the-divide-between-war-peace/	
	https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/cybercrime/module-14/key-issues/hacktivism.htm	
	Basic concepts of International Communication and Globalization of Media	2
0.5	Book Chapter Reading:-	
05	The DBS Handbook of Mass Media & Communication, Chapter 08	
	Reading:- https://www.sagepub.com/sites/default/files/upm-binaries/9446_010773Ch2.pdf	
	What are Ethical Issues in Media?	2
		3
	Privacy, corruption, personal interest, the External & internal pressure on	
	Media, Violation of professional values, Propaganda, Cyber warfare etc. Readings:-	
06	https://ethics.journalism.wisc.edu/resources/digital-media-ethics/	
	https://ia804607.us.archive.org/8/items/dogar-general-knowledge-objective-mc	
	q-s-urdukutabkhanapk.blogspot/Ethical%20Issues%20in%20Journalism%20an	
	d%20the%20Media%20by%20Andrew%20Belsey%2C%20Ruth%20F.%20Cha	
	dwick %28urdukutabkhanapk.blogspot%29.pdf	
	Ethical Guidelines for Media	3
	Media laws	
	Introduction to Press Organizations	
07		
	Introduction to Regulatory Authorities	
	Book Chapter Reading:-	
	Introduction to Mass Communication (8th Ed), Chapter 04	
	• What is Development Communication?	2
	• What is Development Support Communication?	
	• Role of opinion leaders in social change	
08	Book Chapter Reading:-	
	The DBS Handbook of Mass Media & Communication, Chapter 06	
	Reading:-	
	https://www.atlantis-press.com/article/125968729.pdf	
	IT is an important part of media organization's structure	4
	Role of computer in editing and designing of media content	
09	(Mainstream media and	
	Digital media)	
	Book Chapter Reading:-	
	Online Public Relations, Chapter 08, 10, 11	
	Role of Artificial Intelligence in Digital Communication	4
	Role of IT in data management and analysis	
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10	Readings:-	
10	https://ts2.space/en/ai-and-future-of-digital-communication-enhancing-efficienc	
	y-and-effectiveness-with-intelligent-machines/	
	https://onpassive.com/blog/impact-of-artificial-intelligence-on-communication/	
	https://www.glueup.com/blog/artificial-intelligence-in-digital-transformation	



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	https://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/cd-22/manual/v2chapter2.pdf		
11	 Environmental Reporting- Climate Change Role of Social Media to Fight against Climate Change Readings:- https://www.idosi.org/wasj/wasj28(6)13/13.pdf https://climateknowledgeportal.worldbank.org/overview https://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk/140988/1/Pearce%2C%20W%20-%20The%20social%20media%20life%20of%20climate%20change%20-%20AFC%202018-11-22.pdf 	4	
12	Theories of Media, Culture & Society • Agenda Setting, Spiral of Silence, Diffusion of Innovation theory, Media Dependency theory, The Knowledge Gap, Cultivation theory Book Chapter Reading:- Mass Communication Theory, Chapter 09	3	
13	Theories of Media, Culture & Society • Social Responsibility theory, Magic Bullet theory, Two-step flow theory, Uses & Gratification theory, Book Chapter Readings:- Mass Communication Theory, Chapter 03 pg. 72-80 The DBS Handbook of Mass Media & Communication, Chapter 01	3	
14	Presentations		
15	Presentations		
16	Final Exams		

Title	Introduction to Mass Communication (8 th Ed)	
Author	Stanley J. Baran	
Title	The Dynamics of Mass Communication (11 th Ed)	
Author	Joseph R. Dominick	
Title	Journalism For All (Reference book)	
Author	Dr. Mehdi Hasan & Dr. Abdus Salam Khurshid	
Title	Online Public Relations - A Practical Guide To Developing An Online Strategy In The World Of Social Media	
Author	David Phillips and Philip Young	
Title	Mass Communication Theory – Foundations, Ferment, and Future (7 th Ed) (Reference book)	
Author	Stanley J. Baran & Dennis K. Davis	
Title	The DBS Handbook of Mass Media & Communication (Reference book)	



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Author	Ruchika Gupta	
	Supplement readings including book chapters, research articles and newspaper article will also be shared with the students.	

Evaluation Procedure & Marks Distribution:

Assessment Tools	Weightage
Quizzes (3)	10%
Individual Assignment (2)	4%
Group Term Paper and Presentations (1)	6%
Midterm I	15%
Midterm II	15%
Final Exam	50%

Grading Policy:

Relative grading Scheme will be followed for grading