

GENERIC ELECTIVE
BA + MA
4th Semester

GEUG401
Introduction to media law and ethics

Course Code	Category	Course Name	TEACHING & EVALUATION SCHEME					L	T	P	CREDITS
			THEORY			PRACTICAL					
			End Sem University Exam	Two Term Exam	Teacher's Assessment	End Sem University Exam	Teacher's Assessment				
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Legends: L - Lecture; T - Tutorial/Teacher Guided Student Activity; P – Practical; C - Credit; *Teacher Assessment shall be based on the following components: Quiz/Assignment/ Project/Participation in Class. (Given that no component shall exceed 10 marks.)

Course Educational Objectives (CEOs):

The students will be able:

CEO 1 To help students to gain an understanding of media laws in India and their implications on the profession of journalism

CEO 2 To identify and analyze ethical questions pertaining to journalism

CEO 3 To develop knowledge of the principles and concepts of ethical theory in order to develop an expertise in moral reasoning with regard to ethical problem solving in the media.

Course Outcomes (COs):

After completion of this course the students are expected to be able to demonstrate following knowledge, skills and attitudes

CO 1 The student will be able to recognize ethical issues inherent in journalism

CO 2 The student will be able to identify, use, compare, and contrast major legal and ethical approaches

CO 3 The student will be able to apply laws to case studies and evaluate the relative merits and demerits of laws and ethical question pertaining to media

CO 4 The student will be able to understand legal procedure related to media industry.

CO 5 The student will be able to develop personal and professional codes of ethics for himself and his performance as a media professional

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Course Content:

Unit-1

Introduction to Laws and Media Laws

- Introduction to Constitution and Laws in India
- Jurisprudence; Introduction to Indian Constitution
- Laws and Types of Laws in India, Indian Penal Code
- Brief Introduction to current Media Laws in India

Unit-2

Conceptual Understanding of Media Laws

- Introduction to Media Laws and Ethics
- History of Indian Media Laws
- Understanding the concept of Media Ethics
- Concept of Legality and Ethicality in Media Industry
- Rights and Duties of Media Professionals
- Self- regulation by media.

Unit-3

Various Media Laws

- Freedom of Speech and Expression Article 19
- Gagging Act; Vernacular Press Act; The Press Registration of Books Act 1867
- Official Secret Act 1923; Press Commission, Cinematograph Act 1927
- Copy right Act 1957, Contempt of Court 1971 (journalistic perspective)
- Press Council act 1978; Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986; Prasar Bharati: 1990
- Defamation, Wireless and Telegraphy Act, 2000; IT Act 2000
- Right to Information 2005; Obscenity; Right to Privacy. IT Rules 2021

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Unit-4

Legality and Ethicality in Media

- Media and Journalistic Ethics
- Ethical Issues in Media Print, Electronic and social media
- Media Content- Debates on Morality & Accountability
- Censorship in Media
- Ethical issues in Sting Operations in India.

Unit-5

- Case Study related to Media Laws and Ethics in India

Reference Books:

1. Basu, B. (2000). *Laws of Press in India*. New Delhi: Anmol Publishers
2. Basu, D.D.(2002). *Press Laws*. Nagpur: Wadhwa and company publication.