Title: Audience Studies: Monitoring & Evaluation Framework & Tools

Code: DMC-413

Semester: 8th

Rating: 3 Credit Hours

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Course Description:

With the emergence of social media, the audience studies have gained more significance. The understanding of perspectives on audiences as a producer of content, audience data, audience capital and segmentation is essential for a media student to critically use them for their theoretical and practical work. This advanced level course is designed to offer the same.

Learning Outcomes:

The student will be able to

- Develop the in-depth understanding for different perspectives on audiences in digital environment.
- Critically analyze the role of audiences as content producers in changing dynamics of media.
- Understand the audience studies for content generation for digital media platforms

Course Contents:

- 1. New media new audience
- 2. Audience fragmentation
- 3. Audiences in digital environment
- 4. Consumers as producers
- 5. Collecting the audience data
- 6. Audience measurement and analysis
- 7. Digital media analytics
- 8. Techniques for audience engagement
- 9. Understanding subscribers, fans and followers
- 10. Content customizations and audience power
- 11. Mobile apps, Audiences on the go
- 12. Audience erosion
- 13. Methods for audience research
- 14. Audience studies beyond the effect approach
- 15. Audience as marketing capital
- 16. Future for the audience
- 17. Audience centered theories

Suggested Readings:

- Nightingale, V. (2014). The Handbook of Media Audiences. London: Pearson
- Ruddock, A. (2001). Understanding Audiences: Theory and Method. London: Sage

Teaching Learning Strategies:

- 1. Class Discussion
- 2. Projects/Assignments
- 3. Group Presentations
- 4. Students LED Presentation
- 5. Thought Provoking Question

Assignments:

Assignments may include special reports, projects, class presentations, field work. The nature of assignments will be decided by the teacher as per the requirements of the course.

Assessment and Examinations:

Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1	Midterm Assessment	35%	It takes place at the mid-point of the semester.
2	Formative Assessment	25%	It is continuous assessment. It includes: classroom participation, attendance, assignments and presentations, homework, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, quizzes etc.
3	Final Assessment	40%	It takes place at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.