| Programme           | B.S. (4-years),<br>Communication Studies | Course Code | BSCS-304 | Credit Hours | 3 |
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| <b>Course Title</b> | <b>Professional Editing</b>              |             |          |              |   |

#### **Course Introduction**

The objectives of this course are to:

- Equip the students with the art and techniques of News Editing, Editing Style /Guides and Sequencing
- Develop advanced skills among the students for News Selection and News Placements on the basis of their news sense
- Make the students learn about page designing and make up on a professional level

# **Learning Outcomes**

After studying this course, the students will be able to:

- Develop news sense for deciding which news will be or should be given what type of treatment
- Write headlines out of the news reports besides having complete expertise about subediting

| Course Content |  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| Week 1         | 1. News Editing, Nature and Scope                                |   |  |  |  |  |
|                | 1.1.   | 1.1. Editing as a challenge in the era of Media Convergence |  |  |  |  |
|                | 1.2. Introduction to Newsroom, Newsroom Desks, Staff and their w |   |  |  |  |  |
| Week 2         | 1.3.   | News selection and News sources: Reporters, News Agencies,  |  |  |  |  |
|                | Monitoring   | of TV, Radio, Internet Social Media, Foreign Media etc.     |  |  |  |  |
| Week 3         | 1.4.   | Responsibilities/Duties of a Sub-Editor                     |  |  |  |  |
|                | 1.5.   | Responsibilities of Copy Editor                             |  |  |  |  |
|                | 2. Mechanics of News Editing                                     |   |  |  |  |  |
| Week 4         | 2.1.   | Editing principles/Style Sheets/Style Guides                |  |  |  |  |
|                | 2.2.   | Language and News Editing                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Week 5         | 2.3.   | Structuring and Re-Writing of News Stories                  |  |  |  |  |
| WEEK 3         | 2.4.   | Intro/ lead Editing and Re-writing,                         |  |  |  |  |
|                | 2.5.   | Translation   |  |  |  |  |
| Week 6         | 2.6.   | Verifying Information and Vague Attributions                |  |  |  |  |
|                | 2.7.   | Careful Readings to Remove Mistakes                         |  |  |  |  |
|                | 3. Headlines Making  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Week 7         | 3.1.   | Definition & Purpose of Headlines                           |  |  |  |  |
|                | 3.2.   | Qualities and Kinds of Headlines                            |  |  |  |  |
| Week 8         | 3.3.   | Principles of Headlines Making.                             |  |  |  |  |
| week 8         | 3.4.   | Catch-lines and Shoulders in headlines                      |  |  |  |  |
| Week 9         | 3.5.   | Picture Headline and Captions/Cutline                       |  |  |  |  |
|                |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Week 10        | 4. Propa   | Propaganda in News and Editing                              |  |  |  |  |
| Week 11        | 4.1.   | Fed News  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 12        | 4.2.   | Misinformation / Disinformation                             |  |  |  |  |
|                | 4.3.   | Slanted News  |  |  |  |  |

|         | 4.4.         | Distorted News   |  |  |
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| Week 13 | 5. Page Mak  | Page Make Up   |  |  |
| Week 14 | 5.1.         | Basic principles of Page Make-up                           |  |  |
|         | 5.2.         | Make up techniques and Different kinds of make up          |  |  |
| Week 15 | 6. Use of Co | Use of Computer  |  |  |
| Week 16 | 6.1.         | Use of computers in the Editing and Making Newspapers      |  |  |
|         | 6.2.         | Computerized Page Making Techniques                        |  |  |
|         | 6.3.         | Intro to Quark Express/ Adobe PageMaker                    |  |  |
|         | 6.4.         | Picture Selection, Picture Editing and Caption Writing     |  |  |
|         | 6.5.         | Difference between Editing of a News Story, Article/Column |  |  |
|         | and Feature  |  |  |  |

## **Textbooks and Reading Material**

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## **Teaching Learning Strategies**

- 1. Lectures
- 2. In-Class Activities
- **3.** Written Assignments

#### **Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar**

- Class Participation
  Attendance
- 3. Presentations
- 4. Attitude & Behavior
- 5. Hands-on Activities
- 6. Short Tests
- 7. Quizzes

| Assessment |                         |           |  |  |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Sr. No.    | Elements                | Weightage | Details  |  |
| 1.         | Midterm<br>Assessment   | 35%       | Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.   |  |
| 2.         | Formative<br>Assessment | 25%       | Continuous assessment includes: Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.                                      |  |
| 3.         | Final<br>Assessment     | 40%       | Written Examination 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. |  |