



UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

COM540: MEDIA LAW, REGULATION AND ETHICS

Course Name (English)	MEDIA LAW, REGULATION AND ETHICS APPROVED
Course Code	COM540
MQF Credit	3
Course Description	This course intends to expose and help students to understand various types of law that can be imposed on media practitioners. The course is grounded in the belief that all communication students should understand that no society can call itself free unless it cannot only tolerates, but insists on freedom of speech and press. Law, regulation and ethic not only define the limits of acceptable conduct in the society; they also protect the rights of individuals who challenge those limits. The students will also be given a solid grounding in constitutional, statutory, administrative and common law as it applies to communication media. A student friendly, story telling approach uses cases to illustrate principles and predict change. High interest examples draw students into the world of media law by offering fascinating insights into the lives of the people who take part in the system.
Transferable Skills	Analytical Skills Media Law Understanding
Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Case Study, Discussion, Project-based Learning
CLO	CLO1 Discuss the relevant concepts of the media and law in the country. CLO2 Demonstrate effective teamwork in projects related to regulation and ethics in society. CLO3 Explain the major approaches to the study of media law, regulation and ethics.
Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations
Topics	
1. Introduction to Media Law, Regulation and Ethics 1.1) Defining media, law and ethics 1.2) The role of the media in the society	
2. The Changing of Media Landscape 2.1) The historical circumstances that shaped Malaysian Media Landscape	
3. Issues in Media, Society & Culture: The Connections & Conflicts 3.1) The State and the media: A Symbiosis or a threat 3.2) The pluralism, pessimism and optimism 3.3) The society in Malaysia and South East Asia	
4. Media Structure and Performance 4.1) Early structure of local media 4.2) The economic of media	
5. The Rise of the New Media 5.1) Social media and freedom of speech 5.2) Cyber communication and legal issues 5.3) Relevant laws: Telecommunication Act, CMA etc 5.4) Netiquette and communication	
6. Capitalism and Control of the Media 6.1) The New Economic Policy 6.2) The Media Acquisition In South East Asia 6.3) The Political-Economy of Communication 6.4) Ownership and control of Malaysian media 6.5) Understanding freedom of speech 6.6) The role of media in facilitating democracy	

<p>7. Media Freedom and Democracy 7.1) Politics, democracy and the media 7.2) Islam and democracy 7.3) Islam, democracy and the formation of civilize society</p>
<p>8. The Legal System 8.1) An Introduction to Malaysian Legal System 8.2) Sources of the law 8.3) Federal Constitution 8.4) Category of law</p>
<p>9. The Legal Issues 9.1) The Printing and Publication Act (1984) 9.2) Sedition Act (1948) 9.3) The Official Secret Act (1972) 9.4) Defamation Act (1957) 9.5) The law of privacy 9.6) Trespass</p>
<p>10. Mass Media and National Security 10.1) The Malaysian Internal Security Act (1960) 10.2) Peaceful Assembly Act 2012 10.3) Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012</p>
<p>11. Media, Ethics, Issues and Controversies 11.1) Defining ethics 11.2) Branches of ethics 11.3) Codes of etchics 11.4) Accuracy and fairness 11.5) Conflicts and interest</p>

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	60.00%
Final Assessment	40.00%

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Case Study	Individual assignment on media case study (ILAC) report.	20%	CLO1
	Group Project	Group Advocacy Project for Service Learning Malaysia - University for Society (SULAM).	30%	CLO2
	Written Report	Individual reflection report on SULAM project.	10%	CLO2

Reading List	Recommended Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utusan Publications 1996, <i>Akhbar dan Mahathir</i>, Utusan Publications Kuala Lumpur • Mohd Safar Hasim 1996, <i>Akhbar dan Kuasa: Perkembangan Sistem Akhbar</i>, Universiti Malaya Universiti Malaya
	Reference Book Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdul Aziz Bari 2006, <i>Politik Perlembagaan, Institut Kajian Dasar: Kuala Lumpur CARPA (1988)</i>, CARPA Australia • Curran, J. 2012, <i>Media and Power</i>, Routledge London • Curran, J 2003, <i>Contesting Media Power: Alternative Media in A Networked World</i>, Routledge London • Franklin, Anderson & Lidsky, <i>Mass Media Law: Cases and Materials</i>, 7 Ed., Foundation Press [ISBN: 978-159941859] • Jamaie Hamil 2004, <i>UMNO dalam Politik dan Perniagaan Melayu</i>, Penerbit UKM Bangi • Mc Nair, B 2011, <i>An Introduction to Political Communication</i>, 5 Ed., Routledge London • McQuail, D 2010, <i>Mass Communication Theory</i>, 5 Ed., Sage London • Middleton & Lee 2016, <i>The Law of Public Communication</i>, 2 Ed., Pearson Allyn and Bacon • Mohd Safar Hashim 2002, <i>Mengenali Undang-undang Media dan Siber, Utusan Publication</i>, Kuala Lumpur • Muhammad Uthman El-Muhammady 2007, <i>Islam dan Demokrasi dalam Demokrasi dan Dunia Islam suntingan oleh Mohd Izani Mohd Zain</i>, Penerbit Universiti Malaya Kuala Lumpur • Smartt, U 2006, <i>Media Law for Journalists</i>, SAGE London
Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources	
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources	