



## UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

### COM741: MEDIA LAWS AND REGULATIONS

<b>Course Name (English)</b>	MEDIA LAWS AND REGULATIONS <b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Course Code</b>	COM741
<b>MQF Credit</b>	3
<b>Course Description</b>	This course is designed to study the macro issues relating to mass media laws and regulation in Malaysia and other countries. It will also examine issues of deregulation and liberalization of mass media laws, emerging laws such as the cyber laws of Malaysia as well as other laws designed to control the Internet.
<b>Transferable Skills</b>	i. Critical analysis skill ii. Problem solving skill
<b>Teaching Methodologies</b>	Lectures
<b>CLO</b>	CLO1 Adapt with the constitutional and legal within which the communication industry operates in this country CLO2 Discriminate the power and responsibility of the media
<b>Pre-Requisite Courses</b>	No course recommendations
<b>Topics</b>	
<b>1. The scope &amp; limits of the constitutional right to freedom of speech an</b> 1.1) n/a	
<b>2. Press Freedom: Friend or Foe?</b> 2.1) n/a	
<b>3. Restraints on access to information (Part 1)</b> 3.1) a) Legislation 3.2) b) Reports of Parliamentary Proceedings	
<b>4. Restraints on ACCESS to information (Part 2)</b> 4.1) c) Reports of Judicial Proceedings 4.2) d) Reports of Enquiries	
<b>5. Restraints on ACCESS to information (Part 3)</b> 5.1) e) Information in the Possession of Local Authorities 5.2) f) Official Reports & Publications	
<b>6. Restraints on ACCESS to information (Part 4)</b> 6.1) g) FIR and other information with the Police 6.2) h) Official Secrets 6.3) i) ACCESS to commercial and professional information	
<b>7. Restraints on ACCESS to information (Part 5)</b> 7.1) j) The law on confidentiality 7.2) k) Foreign news and broadcasts 7.3) l) Control over imported publications	
<b>8. Restraints on publication and dissemination of information (Part 1)</b> 8.1) a) Prior Restraints Versus Post-Event Control – Freedom of Speech and Freedom After Speech 8.2) b) Control on Assemblies and Processions Under the Police Act	
<b>9. Restraints on publication and dissemination of information (Part 2)</b> 9.1) c) Printing Presses & Publications Act 9.2) d) Broadcasting Act	
<b>10. Restraints on publication and dissemination of information (Part 3)</b> 10.1) e) Sedition Act 10.2) f) Internal Security Act	

**11. Restraints on publication and dissemination of information (Part 4)**

- 11.1) g) Defamation Act
- 11.2) h) Copyright Act
- 11.3) i) Official Secrets Act

**12. Restraints on publication and dissemination of information (Part 5)**

- 12.1) j) The Law on Contempt of Court
- 12.2) k) The Law on Contempt of Parliament
- 12.3) l) Obscene Publications

**13. Restraints on publication and dissemination of information (Part 6)**

- 13.1) n) Security Industry Act
- 13.2) o) Trade Description Act
- 13.3) p) Telecommunications Act

**14. Restraints on publication and dissemination of information (Part 7)**

- 14.1) q) The Law Relating to Advertisements
- 14.2) r) Public Order Preservation Act

Assessment Breakdown		%	
Continuous Assessment		100.00%	

  

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Final Test	Test	60%	CLO2
	Individual Project	Project Paper or Research Essay	20%	CLO1
	Quiz	Quiz I and Quiz II	10%	CLO2
	Test	Written Test	10%	CLO1

  

Reading List	Recommended Text
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farid Sufian Shuaib 2019, <i>Media Law in Malaysia</i>, Wolters Kluwer/Kluwer Law International [ISBN: 9789403513317]</li> <li>• Syariah Abdul Shukor et al 2019, <i>Communications and Media Law in Malaysia</i>, Penerbit USM [ISBN: 9789674407711]</li> <li>• Lesley Hitchens 2020, <i>Media Law in Australia</i>, 2nd Ed., Wolters Kluwer/Kluwer Law International [ISBN: 9789403522951]</li> <li>• Mark Polden and Mark Pearson 2019, <i>The Journalist's Guide to Media Law: A Handbook for Communicators in a Digital World</i>, 6th Ed., A&amp;U Academic [ISBN: 9781760297848]</li> <li>• Jacob Rowbottom 2018, <i>Media Law</i>, Hart Publishing [ISBN: 9781782256656]</li> </ul>

  

<b>Article/Paper List</b>	This Course does not have any article/paper resources
<b>Other References</b>	This Course does not have any other resources