

University of Mumbai



No. UG/160 of 2019-20

**CIRCULAR:-**

Attention of the Principals of the Affiliated Colleges and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies.

They are hereby informed that the recommendations made by the Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Communication & Journalism at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, have been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 vide item No. 4.46 and subsequently approved by the Management Council at its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 vide item No.16 and that in accordance therewith, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Management Council under Section 74(4) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Mah. Act No. VI of 2017) the Ordinances No. 6494 & 6495 Regulations No. 9238 to 9239, 9238-A and the syllabus of Certificate Course in Legal Journalism (Basic and Advanced) has been introduced and the same have been brought into force with effect from the academic year 2019-20, accordingly. (The same is available on the University's website [www.mu.ac.in](http://www.mu.ac.in)).

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28<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

  
(Dr. Ajay Deshmukh)  
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To,

The Principals of the affiliated Colleges and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies. (Circular No. UG/334 of 2017-18 dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.)

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Copy forwarded with Compliments for information to:-

- 1) The I/c Dean, Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies,
- 2) The Chairman, Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Communication & Journalism,
- 3) The Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation,
- 4) The Director, Board of Students Development,
- 5) The Co-ordinator, University Computerization Centre,

  
(Dr. Ajay Deshmukh)  
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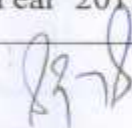
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**Syllabus for Approval**

Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	Title of the Course	Certificate Course in Legal Journalism
2	Eligibility for Admission	
3	Passing Marks	
4	Ordinances / Regulations ( if any)	
5	No. of Years / Semesters	
6	Level	P.G. / U.G./ Diploma / Certificate ( Strike out which is not applicable)
7	Pattern	Yearly / Semester ( Strike out which is not applicable)
8	Status	New / Revised ( Strike out which is not applicable)
9	To be implemented from Academic Year	From Academic Year 2019-20

Date:

Signature: 

Chairman/ Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Dean Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies: 

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**Certificate Course in Legal Journalism**

(To be introduced from Academic Year 2019-20)



# **Certificate Course**

## **in**

# **Legal Journalism**

**Department Communication and Journalism**  
**Kalina Campus**

**Coordinator**

**Advocate Ch. Srinivas Chakravarthy**

**O. 6494 - Title: Certificate Course in Legal Journalism (Basic and Advanced)**

**O. 6495 - Eligibility for Admission into this Course**

- + Any journalist,
  - working or free lance,
- + Student currently pursuing a journalism course,
- + Fresh law graduate,
- + Any Fresh Graduate.

**Basis of admission:**

First Come First Serve

**R. 9238 - Duration of Programme:**

Duration of each Course will be for a period of 60 Hours spanning about 15 Weeks.  
(Weekly 4 Hours).

**Place:**

- + Department of Communication and Journalism, Health Centre, Mumbai University, Kalina Campus.  
And / or
- + Any affiliated colleges of University of Mumbai.

**R. 9239 - Course Fee:**

- + Basic: Rs 10,000/-
- + Advanced: Rs. 25,000/-

**R. 9238 A - Batch Intake:**

Minimum of 15 Students and Maximum of 30 Students.

### **The Curriculum includes**

- ✚ Class room presentations,
- ✚ Discussions,
- ✚ Guest Lectures,
- ✚ Special Lectures,
- ✚ Assignments, and
- ✚ Internal examinations

### **Introduction:**

Legal journalism precisely tries to address this requirement for a journalist who is desirous of specializing in this most interesting and challenging area of journalism. We try to cover the various aspects of the legal aspects which makes it easy for journalist to gauge the various phrases, jargons, legal maxims, etc., Words are the tools with which a journalist has to work.

### **Objectives of the Course**

The main object of this course is to impart the basic and advanced knowledge of the legal language, procedures, selected laws so that the journalist reporting a legal aspect finds it easy to maneuver through the often difficult and complex legal reporting.

This course aims to provide the edge to those who want to specialize and be counted in the field of legal journalism.

### **Learning Outcome:**

- ✚ Acquaintance with the legal knowledge of specialized vocabulary, jargons, and phrases etc.,
- ✚ Understanding court room proceedings, procedures,
- ✚ Deciphering the court judgments, orders,
- ✚ This course aims to provide the edge to those who want to specialize and be counted in the field of legal journalism.

**Course Content:**

Sno	Basic Course	Advanced Course
1	Legal Language Basic (4 Hours)	Legal Language Advanced (6 Hours)
2	Court Hierarchy (2 Hours)	Crime Investigation and Crime Reporting ( 2 Hours)
3	Constitution of India ( 20 Hours)	Important Case Laws / Judgments (15 Hours)
4	Indian Penal Code (IPC) important sections ( 10 Hours)	Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) relevant procedures (10 Hours)
5	RTI Act ( 5 Hours)	Information Technology Act, Digital Laws (10 Hours)
6	Self Regulation of Media ( 2 Hours)	Reporting of Matters Sub-Judice (2 Hours)
7	Whistle Blower Protection ( 1 Hours)	Reporting of Court Room Proceedings (2 Hours)
8	Prasar Bharati Bill and Broadcast Laws (5 Hours)	Contempt of Court (2 Hours)
9	Insight into the In-Tolerance, Hate Speech, Sexual Harassment (Vishaka Guidelines), obscenity Laws ( 3 Hours)	Intellectual Property Rights (2 Hours)
10	<b>Assignment:</b> Moot Court (8 Hours)	<b>Assignment:</b> Court Room visit and reporting (6 Hours)

**Budget:**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Advanced</b>
End Semester Exam Fee @ Rs. 500 /- per student for 30 Students	15,000	15,000
Course Fee for 30 Students (Rs. 10,000/- for Basic and Rs. 15,000/- for Advanced)	300,000	450,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>315,000</b>	<b>465,000</b>
<b>Cost to the Department</b>		
Expert Remuneration @ Rs. 1,000 each for 60 Hours	60,000	60,000
Coordination Fee	10,000	10,000
Resource Procurement (News Papers, Books, DVDs, props etc.,)	25,000	25,000
Workshops: 3 Work Shops of Rs. 10,000/- each	30,000	30,000
<b>Total Cost to the department</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>125,000</b>

**NOTE:**

Admission Fee @ Rs. 200 will be charged from the students seeking admission

**Evaluation Pattern**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Content/ Activities</b>	<b>Credit</b>
1.	Attendance	1
2.	Class Assignment	1
3.	Participation in Class Activities	2
4.	Performances in Community	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>



### **Attendance**

75% attendance is a must for the student to appear for the **End Semester Examination**.

### **Examination**

✚ Examination will be held for 100 marks

- ✓ Comprising of **Internal Examination** for 40 marks and
- ✓ **End Semester Exam** consists of 60 marks

### **Qualification Marks**

Qualification Marks will be 50% in both Internal and End Semester Examinations