**Academic Course Syllabus**

*«Journalistic Investigations»*

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| **Specialty** | *061 Journalism* |
| **Academic Program** | *061.020 “Media Communications”* |
| **Education Level** | *Second (Master’s) level* |
| **Course Status** | *Compulsory* |
| **Language of Instruction** | *English* |
| **Year / semester** | *1 year, 1 semester* |
| **Number of ECTS credits** | *5 credits* |
| **Distribution by types of classes and hours of study** | *Lectures – 20 hours* |
| *Practical lessons – 10 hours, laboratory lessons – 10 hours.* |
| *Independent work – 110 hours.* |
| **Form of final control** | *Exam* |
| **Department** | *Social Communications Management, room 202 (building 1); +38 (057) 702-18-31* |
| **Instructors** | *Maryna Аleksandrova, PhD, Associate Professor;**Viktoriia Opanasenko, PhD, Associate Professor.* |
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| **Instructional days** | *Lectures: according to the schedule**Practical lessons: according to the schedule* |
| **Consultations** | *According to the schedule, at the department, online, individual* |
| **Course Objectives & Learning Outcomes***The objective of teaching the academic course is to form students’ theoretical knowledge fundaments on the basics of investigative activities in the information sphere, practical skills in searching for information in registers and other types of information sources, effective interaction with teams of investigative journalists, the use of modern information and communication technologies in organizing all types of information processes: search, analysis, transformation, storage, presentation of information; formation of moral, ethical and volitional qualities, flexibility and critical thinking necessary for conducting their own investigations.* |
| **Prerequisites for the Course*****“****Current trends in media communications”; “Media technologies”; “Methodology of mass communications”; “History of media text”.* |
| **Content of the Course****Module 1: Theoretical and methodological framework of journalistic investigations****Topic 1. Journalistic Investigations: a Modern Form of Social Communication****Topic 2. Research Ethics in Investigative Journalism****Topic 3. Journalistic Investigations and Information Management****Topic 4. Investigative Reporting: Sourcing the Story****Module 2. Methods of journalistic investigation****Topic 5. Data Journalism****Topic 6. Research for Journalistic Writing****Topic 7. Planning and Carrying Out an Investigation****Topic 8. Developing Investigative Journalism Projects** |
| **Tools and Software for the Course***Multimedia equipment for viewing videos and presentations* |
| **Course page on the Moodle platform** | [*https://pns.hneu.edu.ua/course/view.php?id=11043*](https://pns.hneu.edu.ua/course/view.php?id=11043) |
| **Learning Outcomes Assessment System**The system of assessment of the formed competencies takes into account the types of classes, which include lectures, practical classes, and independent work. The assessment of students’ competencies is based on a cumulative 100-point system. Current control is carried out during lectures, practical classes and is assessed by the sum of the points scored: max. amount – 60 points; min. amount – 35 points. The results of the exam: maximum – 40 points, minimum – 25 points. More detailed information on assessment is provided in the technological map of the course.Current control includes the following control measures: presentations on topics, creative tasks.More detailed information on assessment is provided in the technological map of the course. |
| **Academic Course Policies**Violation of academic integrity is considered to be: academic plagiarism, self-plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, cheating, deception, bribery, biased assessment. For violations, students may be held academically liable for the following: re-passing the final control (test, exam, test, etc.); retaking the relevant academic component of the academic program. |
| ***More detailed information on competencies, learning outcomes, teaching methods, forms of assessment, and independent work is provided in the Program of the Course.*** |

Syllabus has been approved at the meeting of the Department on April 06, 2023. Minutes No. 10