



SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"

FACULTY OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

CURRICULUM

Professional Field: **Обществени комуникации и информационни науки**

Educational and Qualification Degree "Master"

Specialty: **Journalism**

Master's Program: **Internal Political Journalism**

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Form of study: **part-time**

Duration of training (number of semesters): **three**

Professional Qualification: **Master of Internal Political Journalism**

Qualification description

Specialty: JOURNALISM

Master's Program: INTERNAL POLITICAL JOURNALISM

1. Focus, educational goals

The Program aims for the students to obtain specific knowledge of the journalistic profession and practical skills for writing on internal political topics: it acquaints the students with current social processes and forms skills for analysis of these processes.

The focus of this course is on a broad circle of professional problems: particularities of the news making process on internal political topics are being considered, as well as data gathering from different sources, how these sources are being checked, what are the functions of the key state institutions in Bulgaria, work with press centers, work with legal documents, risk of judicial prosecution. Attention is given to the particularities of the investigative journalism, to the specifics of the informational and analytical publication, to media characters and plots, to taboo topics in the media, to positive and negative professional processes.

The basic educational goals of the Master's Program are formation of specific theoretic, normative knowledge and skills for studying of public processes like social anomy, corruption, conflict of interests, rumors, visual satire, etc.

2. Training (knowledge and skills that are necessary for a successful professional activity; general theoretical and special training, etc.)

The Master's Program is oriented on one hand towards the acquisition of social and institutional culture that is necessary for the journalists, and on the other hand – towards professional reflexivity. The training is focused on the formation of certain journalistic skills through role play models on specific cases and on positive and negative professional practices.

The aim is for the students to get acquainted with particularities in the work of journalists on internal topics, with the normative system that is linked to the public information access. Apart from the lectures, the Program includes also visual presentations, discussions, application of specific techniques for search for sources, information gathering and journalistic analysis on certain problems, and meetings and master classes with famous professionals.

3. Professional competencies

Students acquire knowledge simultaneously in two directions – theoretical and practical. Almost all of the studied disciplines are oriented toward the professional practice. Knowledge of the society and of journalistic skills is obtained in the Program.

4. Professional development

Students graduating from this Program have a chance to develop professionally in the "Society", "Internal Information", "Social politics", "Analysis", "Investigations" and other departments at every editorial room in every type of media – newspapers, radio, television, information websites with a social thematic, civil engagement, etc.

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Major in "Journalism" / Master's Program "Internal Political Journalism"

for the class starting in 2021-2022 year

№	Course Code	Course Title	Type - C, E, O	term	ECTS credits	Number of classes - total				Number of classes per week	Type of evaluation* - E, CA, CEV, Cont.
						Total	Lectures	Seminars	Practical classes/ practices		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Compulsory Courses

1	3	1	2	7	State Institutions and the Media	C	1	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
2	3	3	9	1	Theory of Journalism	C	1	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
3	3	2	4	6	Media Characters and Plots of the Transition Period	C	1	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
4	3	3	1	3	Popular Opinion Research	C	1	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
5	3	2	4	9	Media Law	C	1	6	180	30	0		30+0	CA
6	3	2	3	8	Media and Conflicts	C	2	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
7	3	3	3	0	Investigative Journalism - World and Bulgarian Practices	C	2	6	180	0	30		0+30	E
8	3	2	9	2	Political Visual Satire	C	2	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
9	3	5	3	0	Crisis News Making	C	2	6	180	20	10		20+10	CA
10	3	1	1	6	Internal Politics in an European and International Context	C	3	2	60	20	0		20+0	E
11	3	2	0	8	Culture and Media	C	3	2	60	20	0		20+0	E
12	3	1	4	3	Journalism, Media and Public Relations	C	3	3	90	30	0		30+0	E
13	3	1	1	9	Civil Society and the Media	C	3	3	90	20	0		20+0	CA
14	3	1	2	6	Discussion Club	C	3	5	150	0	40		0+40	CA

Elective Disciplines – selected disciplines must carry at least 6 credits

1	И	2	9	0	Writing on Internal Political Topics	E	2	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
2	И	1	5	4	Image and Media Transitions	E	2	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
3	И	5	3	1	Stereotypes and Media	E	2	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
4	И	1	4	4	Journalistic Deontology	E	2	6	180	30	0		30+0	E
5	И	2	7	1	Non-government Sector and the Media	E	2	6	180	30	0		30+0	E

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Graduation

Form of a degree completion	ECTS - credits	First thesis defence session	Second thesis defence session
Thesis Defence	15	July	November

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Curriculum Reference Statement

Major in "Journalism" / Master's Program "Internal Political Journalism"

Educational Form: part-time, Educational Period: 3 terms

Course Load, ECTS-credits and number of grades for the term																																	
Type of courses	I term			II term			III term			IV term			V term			VI term			VII term			VIII term			IX term			X term			Total		
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Compulsory Courses	150	30	5	120	24	4	130	15	5																								
Min. of elective courses	0	0	0	30	6	1	0	0	0																								
Study Practices																																	
Total:	150	30	5	150	30	5	130	15	5																					430	75	15	

Form of a degree completion	ECTS - credits	number of classes for preparation	First thesis defence session	Second thesis defence session
Thesis Defence	15		July	November

Acquired Professional Qualification: Master of Internal Political Journalism