

5.0 credits

30.0 h

Teacher(s) :	Derèze Gérard ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	To provide students with the tools and data they need to acquire, within the context of their information and communication training, an adequate understanding of the chief components of Belgian and international current events, and to monitor this understanding. The course aims to follow recent current events, and re-situate the issues addressed in their political, economic, social, historical, cultural and societal setting.
Aims :	By the end of the course, students will have the necessary (factual and contextual) basis and information research methods needed to follow the most important current events. <i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i>
Content :	To this end: - the first part of the course will address questions of methodology when searching for sources of information; - the second part of the course will consist of a study and overview of the main news items; invited guests will complement students - understanding of the matters analysed; - seminars aimed at students - appropriation of an understanding of current events will be organised as part of the course throughout the year; - at the end of each semester, a panel of teachers in the Department and of journalists will question each student about items addressed and about current affairs. At the end of the year, the putting together of dossiers of information and a journalistically-based confrontation with a leading political figure will provide students with an opportunity to display the skill they have developed during the course. The course requires active, ongoing participation on the part of students both in following current events and in putting together dossiers of information.
Other infos :	ASSESSMENT The seminars, which will aim to develop students - understanding of current events, will include a weekly assessment. To assess the dossiers presented to the course, students will also be questioned twice a year by a panel consisting mainly of information professionals. SUPPORT General documents, reference materials and notes will be made available to students. SUPERVISION The course will call for special supervision by an Assistant because of the weekly assessment. It also requires interventions by outside experts.
Cycle and year of study :	> Master [60] in Information and Communication > Master [120] in Information and Communication
Faculty or entity in charge:	COMU