

Programme Changes 2026-2027

Master in Communication Studies: Journalism and Media in Europe

This document provides an overview of the programme changes that will apply to the compulsory module of the Master of Communication Studies: Journalism and Media in Europa, starting from the academic year 2026-2027. The following changes will be implemented:

- Political Economy will undergo a title change and will be renamed Journalism and News Audiences. Students who don't pass Political Economy this year, will have to take the course under its new name, Journalism and News Audiences, next year.

An overview of the courses can be found below. For any questions regarding your study path, please contact your study path counsellor: [Study path counselor Social Sciences, Solvay Business School | Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(vub.be\)](mailto:study_path_counselor@vub.be).

Compulsory module 2526	ECTS	SEM	Compulsory module 2627	ECTS	SEM
Journalism, Politics and Ideology	6	1	Journalism, Politics and Ideology	6	1
Political Economy of Journalism in the EU	6	1	Journalism and News Audiences	6	1
Journalism: Trends and Technologies	6	1	Journalism: Trends and Technologies	6	1
European Public Sphere	6	2	European Public Sphere	6	2
Journalism Practice in Europe	6	2	Journalism Practice in Europe	6	2
Master Thesis Communication Studies (<i>Pre-doctoral Track</i>)	18	1+2	Master Thesis Communication Studies (<i>Pre-doctoral Track</i>)	18	1+2

Programme Changes 2026-2027

Master in Communication Studies: Digital Media in Europe

This document provides an overview of the programme changes that will apply to the elective module of the Master of Communication Studies: Digital Media in Europe as from the academic year 2026-2027.

The following changes will be implemented:

- Internet Censorship, Control and Governance will undergo a title change and will be renamed Communication and Development.
- Users and Innovation in Digital Media, currently offered in the second semester, will be moved to the first semester.
- Business and Consumer Ethics will be discontinued and will no longer be offered within the programme.

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Elective module 2526	ECTS	SEM	Elective module 2627	ECTS	SEM
Data, Privacy and Society	6	1	Data, Privacy and Society	6	1
Internet Censorship, Control and Governance	6	1	Communication and Development	6	1
Users and Innovation in Digital Media	6	2	Users and Innovation in Digital Media	6	1
European Public Sphere	6	2	European Public Sphere	6	2
Media, Culture and Globalisation Theories	6	2	Media, Culture and Globalisation Theories	6	2
Business and Consumer Ethics	6	2	Business and Consumer Ethics	6	2
European Media Markets	6	2	European Media Markets	6	2
Traineeship in Communication Studies: Digital Media in Europe	12	1+2	Traineeship in Communication Studies: Digital Media in Europe	12	1+2