**CSK 3105 COMMUNICATION AND LAW**  
This course is a practical survey of the law governing communication, especially practitioners working in the field. Coverage includes restraints on information gathering and publication, privacy, defamation, copyright, broadcast and cable regulations, access, electronic media, indecency, obscenity and pornography, media censorship, freedom of information and public rights to access, advertising and consumer regulations.

**Course objectives:**  
This course will consider legal and policy developments in media and communications laws.

**Course Content:**

Introduction

* Media regulation and ownership
* Statutory bodies and their roles
* Press councils
* National Uganda journalists association

Defamation law

* Freedom of speech
* Choice of law and jurisdiction
* Imputations
* Defences
* Remedies

Contempt

* Reporting committee proceedings
* Reporting parliamentary proceedings
* Journalists shield laws and whistle blowing

Classification and censorship

* Blasphemy and religious verification
* Obscenity
* Hate speech
* Sedition and terrorism
* Internet filtering and censorship

Confidentiality and privacy

* Confidential information
* Privacy law
* The do not call register
* Anti-spam legislation

**Learning objectives:**

This course considers the legal regulation of media ownership and communications content.  
It’s expected that students will on the completion of the course have:

1. An understanding of the major areas of law regulating media content
2. An ability to solve legal problems involving media and communications law
3. An awareness of problems which are developing in relation to particular fields of media industry and emerging technologies
4. An appreciation of theoretical concerns about freedom of speech the operation of domestic institutions, censorship and privacy

**Course assessment:**

Extended coursework essay}

Group presentation} = 30%

Test}

Final Comprehensive Examination = 70%

(End of Semester)

**Instruction methods:**

Lectures

Case Studies

Group Discussion and Class Presentations

Activity Research Work

**References:**

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