

MODULE:	CONFLICT REPORTING
Semester:	I (Fall)
Stage:	II - Development and Integration
Theme :	Media skills
Assessment Weighting:	Project: 40%; Exam 60%
Number of Credits:	4 semester credits / 6 quarter units

INTRODUCTION

Conflict reporting has been one of the most important functions of journalism, whether print, broadcasting, television or more recently on-line. It has also been one of the most controversial, as the media has been criticised as apologists for power and cheer-leaders of war.

MODULE AIMS

This module aims to equip students with a background understanding of the role of media in covering both recent and historical conflicts. It will also encourage students to critically evaluate media coverage of conflicts and to think through the problems involved in accurate reportage of conflict.

MODULE LEARNING OUTCOMES

This module supports the following programme learning outcomes:

- Students should acquire a historical understanding of media coverage of conflicts and wars;
- Should be aware of the difficulties that are involved in the truthful reportage of conflicts
- Applying ethical standards to the coverage of conflicts

It does this by specifically ensuring that on module completion, students will be in a position to:

- Apply knowledge gained in a practical situation of conflict reporting
- Demonstrate their capacity to critically evaluate newspaper, radio and television coverage of current conflicts
- Discuss with confidence the issues of objectivity, censorship and journalistic sources in conflict reporting

ASSESSMENT METHODS

- Exam: 60%
- Continuous assessment: 40%