CLASS OUTLINE

Purpose: This is an examination of major legal and regulatory developments in print and broadcast communications and the new technologies.

Objectives & Values: Understand and apply the principles and laws of freedom of speech and press; demonstrate an understanding of the history of mass communications; work ethically in pursuit of truth, accuracy, fairness, and diversity; think critically, creatively, and independently; conduct research and evaluate information by methods appropriate to the communications profession; write correctly and clearly in forms and styles appropriate for the communications professionals, audiences, and purposes served

Prerequisites: CMMN A101, junior standing


Grade: short-answer mid-term essay exam (25 pts), 2 case analyses (10 pts each), First Amendment project (20 pts), class participation (10 pts), final (25 pts). Exam Scale: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D.

Grade Scale: 4.0-3.6=A, 3.5-2.6=B, 2.5-1.6=C, 1.5-1.0=D.

Attendance: Although attendance is not mandatory, class participation counts 10% of final grade and no e-mail or fax assignments accepted and no late work or makeup work permitted.

Online Resources: Syllabus is posted on LORA. Blackboard access will be explained in class.

Integrity of Scholarship: Please note LU Bulletin for policy regarding cheating and plagiarism.

Note: Students with disabilities who wish to receive accommodations in this class should contact Disability Services at 865.2990 by January 16th. Also: Ringing cells phones will be confiscated and donated to the battered-women's shelter.

*TENTATIVE SCHEDULE*

Introduction
Chapter 1 The Rule of Law
Chapter 2 The First Amendment
Chapter 3 Disruptive Speech

**Project Proposal due**
Chapters 4-5 Libel
Chapter 6 Protecting Privacy
Chapter 7 Emotional Distress and Physical Harm

**Project Research due**
Chapter 13 Intellectual Property
Chapter 14 Advertising

**Mid-Term Exam**
Chapter 12 Obscenity, Indecency, and Pornography
Chapter 8 The Media and the Courts
Chapter 10 Reporter’s Privilege
Chapter 9 Newsgathering

**Project draft due (all three parts)**
Chapter 11 Electronic Media Regulation

**All extra credit due**
Project Presentations
The Future
Review for Final Exam

Final Exam Per Bulletin: