# BACHELOR 'S PROGRAMME COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF STUDY, 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER

Course title	NGO PUBLIC RELATIONS
Course code	DS6
Course type	tutorial
Course Level	1 <sup>ST</sup> cycle (Bachelor's degree)
YEAR OF STUDY, SEMESTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of study, 1 <sup>st</sup> semester
Number of ECTS credits	4
NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK	4 (2 lecture hours + 2 seminar hours)
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Prerequisites	Intermediate level of English

#### A GENERAL AND COURSE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCES

#### **General competences:**

- → To know and understand the specialized language of public relations;
- → To use the conceptual and methodological apparatus of communication sciences for solving new theoretical and practical PR problems specific to NGO sector;
- → To respect high ethical standards in addressing public relations problems. Course-specific competences:
- → To know the characteristics that differentiate NGOs from public institutions and companies;
- → To know the stages of founding a non-governmental organization;
- → To understand the diversity of the nonprofit sector and the key action areas of the NGOs;
- → To position a NGOs by elaborating a mission, vision, value statements and principles;
- → To develop strategies, goals, objectives, tactics, and actions in PR campaigns for different NGOs;
- → To develop the ability to elaborate and transmit written messages in accordance with the communication objectives, the receiver's profile and the communication context;
- → To know the constituent elements of a communication campaign from the NGO sphere.

#### B LEARNING OUTCOMES

The successful completion of this course indicates that the student has demonstrated the ability to:

- → indicate some important differences between NGOs, public institutions and companies;
- → formulate the mission, vision, value statements, framing, branding for a NGO;
- → identify the stakeholders of a non-profit organization, especially the stakeholders who can financially support the activities of the organization;
- → correlate PR objectives with different PR tactics and activities;
- → create persuasive messages in order to influence the stakeholders of a non-profit organization;
- → recognize and describe each component of a PR campaign developed for a NGO;
- → explain both success and failure of various NGO PR campaings;
- $\rightarrow$  to use effectively their communication skills.

### C LECTURE CONTENT

- → The nature of nonprofit organizations. NGOs, public institutions, companies
- → The diversity of the nonprofit sector. Key action areas of the NGOs
- → Gaining favorable media coverage, endorsements and public support in order to raise awareness of social causes and social issues
- → Positioning the NGOs: mission, vision, value statements, framing, branding
- → Resources aquisition. Recruiting and retaining dedicated volunteers
- → The fundraising process, types of fundraising, fundraising policies, fundraising evaluation

- → Advocacy and lobbying in the nonprofit sector
- → Practical guidelines for campaigning public relations. Elements of a PR plan
- → Strategies, goals, objectives, tactics, and actions in PR campaigns
- → Creating and testing effective messages to achieve NGOs' objectives
- → Media mix strategies used by the nonprofit organizations
- → Communication campaigns in the action areas of the NGOs: protection of human rights, protection of animal rights, health care, environmental protection, philantropy, social welfare, promotion of liberal democracy
- → Networked nonprofits. NGOs and the Internet

#### D RECOMMENDED READING FOR LECTURES

- [1] Anft, Michael. 2015. Scientists to Charities: You're Doing It All Wrong. Chronicle of Philanthropy, 4/1/2015, Vol. 27, Issue 8
- [2] Beckwith, Sandra L. 2006. Publicity For Nonprofits: Generating Media Exposure That Leads to Awareness, Growth, and Contributions. Chicago (IL): Dearborn Trade
- [3] Bendell, Jem (ed.). 2000. Terms for Endearment: Business, NGOs and Sustainable Development. Sheffield: Greenleaf Publishing
- [4] BoardSource Staff. 2010. Essential Texts for Nonprofit and Public Leadership and Management: Handbook of Nonprofit Governance. Hoboken (NJ): Jossey-Bass
- [5] Bowen, Shannon A. 2005. Mission and Vision Statements. In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [6] Hansen-Horn, Tricia L. 2005. Lobbying. In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [7] Kanter, Beth and Paine, Katie Delahaye. 2012. Measuring the Networked Nonprofit: Using Data to Change the World. Somerset (NJ): John Wiley & Sons
- [8] Kelly, Kathleen S. 2005. Fundraising. In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [9] Leeper, Kathie A. 2005. Nonprofit Organizations. In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [10] Metzler, Maribeth S. 2005. Environmental Groups. In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [11] Pompper, Donnalyn. 2005. Media Mix Strategies. In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [12] Saul, Jason. 2011. End of Fundraising: Raise More Money by Selling Your Impact. Hoboken (NJ): John Wiley & Sons
- [13] Smith, Michael F. 2005. Activism. In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [14] Smith, Ronald D. 2005. Strategic Planning for Public Relations. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Mahwah (N.J.): Lawrence Erlbaum Associates
- [15] Springston, Jeffrey K. 2005. Public Health Campaign. In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [16] Taylor, Maureen. 2005. Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs). In Robert L. Heath (ed.), Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Thousand Oaks (CA): Sage
- [17] Tench, Ralph and Yeomanz, Liz. 2009. Exploring Public Relations, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Harlow: Prentice Hall
- [18] Tschirhart, Mary and Bielefeld, Wolfgang. 2012. Managing Nonprofit Organizations. Somerset (NJ): John Wiley & Sons

## E SEMINAR CONTENT

- → Give three examples of NGOs, public institutions and companies at local, national and international level
- → Indicate three NGOs that are focused on the mentioned action areas at local/ regional, national and international level
- → Indicate three social causes/ issues that got media coverage, celebrity endorsement and public support

- ightarrow Analyze the mission, the vision, the assumed values, and the brand identity of an NGO
- → Present the financial and human resources of a International NGOs
- → Indicate five laws as results of lobbying in the nonprofit sector
- → Indicate three cases in which PR practitioners didn't followed the guidelines for planning communication campaigns
- → Give two examples of strategies, goals, objectives and tactics in the context of a PR campaign
- → Comment the message platform of a communication campaign developed by an INGO
- ightarrow Present and analyze the media mix of a Public Relations Campaign for an NGO
- → Present a communication campaign realised by a UE nongovernmental organization
- → Illustrate with examples three methods by which NGOs used the World Wide Web to conduct effective PR campaigns

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F	RECOMMENDED READING FOR SEMINARS		
	The books and articles mentioned at D.		
G	EDUCATION STYLE		
LEARN	NING AND TEACHING METHODS	Exposition, heuristic conversation, debate, and problematization	
ASSESSMENT METHODS		Seminar activities 50%	
		Final (written) examination 50%	
LANG	UAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English	