| Course Title & Number:      | IMMU 7010  |
|-----------------------------|--|
|                             | Science Communication: Audio-Video Methodologies |
| Number of Credit Hours:     | 3  |
| Class Times & Days of Week: | Wednesday (Winter term) – Noon to 3PM            |
|                             | Every two weeks                                  |
| Voluntary Withdrawal date:  | ТВА  |
| Location for classes:       | Bannatyne Campus Apotex centre Room 050          |

## **General Course Description**

This course will provide an overview of the primary methodologies governing science communication in audiovisual. Throughout the course, the emphasis is on radio, and video communication, how its failures can undermine the understanding and confidence in science by a diverse audience and how its successes can help make science more approachable. The course will consist of lectures and in-class activities, live presentations and participation of well-renowned guest lecturers from national radio and TV shows to accommodate a variety of learning styles. Prerequisite IMMU 7000 Science communication: Foundation & writing methodologies. The course is mandatory for students taking part in the micro-diploma: Science and communication.

# **Course Goals**

This course will provide an overview of how to communicate science in an engaging, accurate, and accessible way to everyone. Students will learn and practice the fundamental methodologies of effective science communication audio and video skills. They will understand the roadblock that can turn appropriate and effective science into inappropriate and ineffective science communication. The sections are built on lectures, active discussion and engagement activities. Through several formative presenting assessments, students will work towards the summative group project for their final assignment to produce an audio or video piece about research made at the University of Manitoba or on another specific scientific topic.

# **Course Learning Objectives**

Upon the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. To develop strong visual and oral communication skills.
- 2. To design and deliver visual or oral forms in a focused area of interest tailored to a specific audience.
- 3. To improve creative skills to communicate complex ideas.
- 4. To critically analyze peer-reviewed journal articles in a focused area of interest to disseminate to a non-technical audience.
- 8. To integrate communication skills for non-technical audiences through collaborative construction and delivery of a science communication group project.

| Session | Class Content (3hrs session)   |
|---------|--|
| 1       | Short Introduction to Science  |
|         | communication  |
|         | Refresher IMMU 7000  |
| 2       | Science on the box   |
| 3       | Science on "air" (aka radio)   |
| 4       | Science on TV & documentary  |
| 5       | DYI Podcast & Videocast  |
| 6       | Science Communication: Science Centers and Museums (On-site Manitoba |
|         | Museum)  |

#### Tentative Winter 2024 Schedule

| 7  | Science & outreach activities for K-12  |
|----|---|
| 8  | Science RendezVous                      |
| 9  | The use of social media                 |
| 10 | The use comics in science communication |
| 11 | Group project presentation              |

# **Course Evaluation**

The HEAL 7010 Science Communication: Audio-video Methodologies course will consist of:

1) Active participation worth 5%

2) Two assignments worth 15% each; and

3) Two mixed group projects worth 50% of the final grade that will reflect the material covered during the entire course; and

4) a final reflection worth 15%.

# GRADING

The IMMU 7010 Science Communication: Audio-video methodologies course will consist of:

| Type of Assessment Exam/assignment |   |                           |          |                         |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
|                                    | breakdown   | Material to be<br>covered | Due Date | Value of<br>Final Grade |
| Personal<br>Assignment             | + Visual label<br>explainer<br>+ 3 MT<br>participation                                    | All material taught       | TBD      | 15%<br>15%              |
| Mixed Assignment                   | + Group project<br>(Videocast or<br>podcast)<br>+ Group project<br>Science<br>Rendezvous) | All material taught       | TBD      | 25%<br>25%              |
| During and after<br>each lecture   | + Active<br>participation<br>+ Reflection   |                           |          | 5%<br>15%               |
|                                    |   |                           |          | 100%                    |

## GRADING SCALE

| Letter Grade | Percentage out of 100 | Grade Point Range |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| A+           | 90-100                | 4.25-4.5          |
|              | 80-89                 | 3.75-4.24         |
| B+           | 75-79                 | 3.25-3.74         |
| В            | 70-74                 | 2.75-3.24         |
| C+           | 65-69                 | 2.25-2.74         |
|              | 60-64                 | 2.0-2.24          |
| D            | 50-59                 | Less than 2.0     |
| F            | Less than 50          |                   |

# Textbook, Readings, and Course Materials

Introducing science communication : a practical guide Brake, Mark.; Weitkamp, Emma. 2010

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