

Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
(NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade University)
Centre for Distance & Online Education
Department of Journalism & Mass Communication

Dated: 30-03-2026

Assignment MA(JMC) II Semester (Generic Elective)

Course Title: Basics of Convergence Media (MJMC205)

Students are required to prepare neatly handwritten assignment and submit them to the address below, either in person or by post, on or **before 15-04-2026**

Address: The Section Officer, MAJMC Branch, 3rd Floor, ICDEOL, H.P. University Shimla, 171005

Note: This applies to students who chose Journalism and Mass Communication as a Generic Elective in the II Semester, except MA(JMC) students. You can find the syllabus for MA(JMC) on the H.P. University website via this link: <https://www.hpuniv.ac.in/university-detail/department-of-journalism-and-mass-communications>

Assignments are mandatory and are part of Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA).

Maximum Marks: 20

Assignment 1 = 10 Marks (Students have to attempt 2 questions out of 4 questions) 2x5=10

1. Discuss the key milestones in the evolution of communication, from cave paintings to artificial intelligence
2. What is technological determinism? Discuss its relevance in understanding the relationship between technology, media, and social change.
3. Differentiate between Web 2.0 and Web 3.0, highlighting their key features and implications for digital communication
4. Discuss the theoretical concerns related to singularitarianism, techno-progressivism, and technological utopianism.

Assignment 2 = 10 Marks (Students have to attempt 2 questions out of 4 questions) 2x5=10

1. How are modern human beings constructing their reality in the digital world? Discuss.
2. Discuss the theoretical concerns related to media violence theories and video game violence.
3. Explain the concept of privacy breaches and the role of big data in surveillance.
4. Discuss the impact of internet cultures on society, including activism, slacktivism, and hacktivism.



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Assignment MA(JMC) IV Semester (Generic Elective)

Course Title: Ethico-legal Issues in Media (MJMC22406)

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1. Define ethics. Discuss its significance and relevance in the field of media.
2. Examine the role of regulatory bodies like the Press Council of India and the NBA's News Broadcasting Standards Authority in upholding media ethics.
3. Explain the concept of intellectual property rights and the different types that exist.
4. How does the Copyright Act balance creators' rights with public interest through the principle of fair use? Discuss

Assignment 2 = 10 Marks (Students must attempt 2 questions out of 4 questions) 2x5=10

1. How do the laws of defamation and the provisions relating to contempt of court shape the boundaries of responsible media practices in India? Discuss
2. Examine the rights to privacy and the right to be forgotten, and discuss their implications for media practices.
3. Critically examine the role of the Central Board of Film Certification in film certification in India, with reference to debates on censorship, creative freedom, and public morality.
4. Examine the censorship laws in India, including the Official Secrets Act, Cinematograph Act, and the Young Persons (Harmful Publication) Act.



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