

A bottom-up approach for the design and pilot of a joint Master Course in Cross-Media Journalism





# Social Media in Journalism Education

Practices from the Newsroom

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## Why to use social media?

Two main reasons why to use social media as a pedagogical tool in journalism education:

- Easy way to contact with students and help them with their articles
- 2. Practical way to teach social media professionally





## Which forums to use?

Cross-media courses in our newsroom are based

on social media:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram







## How to use social media?

Two main principles how we use social media during the courses:

- Internal communication between students and teachers
- 2. External communication between our newsroom and other medias in Finland





## 1. Internal communication

Facebook: Discussions between students and teachers. Each team have they own, closed group.

- To keep contact with students before and during the news and feature production.
- Main idea: Planning.





https://www.facebook.com/groups/1544178792565008/



#### www.eMEDiaproject.eu





## 2. External communication

## Main idea:

- to teach how to update social media professionally
- to get publicity to our publications

Facebook

Twitter (@utainlehti, #utain)

Instagram (@utainlehti, #utain, #behindthescenesutain)





## 2. External communication

- Facebook: sub-editors are in charge of updating FB
- Twitter: both journalists and sub-editors make tweets
- Instagram: both journalists and photographers make updates

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