

MSc Science Communication Course Table

Compulsory								
Name of Existing Course	Course code	Type	Course Duration	Co-Requisites	Pre-Requisites	Credits	School	Contact
Research Report: Science Communication	GAES7012A		Full year	Science Communication		90	GAES	
Science Communication	GAES7011A	Classes are mixed with at-home weeks that have group sessions, with times to be discussed, and intensive in-person weeks from 09:00-16:00 for the full week at Origins Centre. Please see the timetable for this course.	Semester 1	Research Report: Science Communication	Critical thinking will be worked with throughout.	30	GAES	Course coordinator: Dr Meghan Judge meghan.judge@wits.ac.za Origins Centre, School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies

Optional								
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Health and Society	COMH7221A	Course runs one week before Block 1 begins. It is in-person and full days. If registered, contact the administrator for current information.	Before first block of Semester 1. NB: one-week in-person intensive before the first week of university. Taught every second year (2026, 2028, 2030, etc.).	Science Communication		15	Health Sciences	Course coordinator: Dr Sara Nieuwoudt sara.nieuwoudt@wits.ac.za Course administrator: Tumisho Mashasha tumisho.mashasha@wits.ac.za
Foundations of Bioethics	SCMD7002A	+/- 2-7 Feb (check with coordinator), in-person full days + various assignments due throughout first block.	Before first block of Semester 1. Intensive one-week cluster teaching contact time.	Science Communication		18	Health Sciences	Course coordinator: Prof Kevin Behrens kevin.behrens@wits.ac.za Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics
Knowledge, Society, Precarity: Science and Communication in an Era of Climate Crisis	GAES7007A	Classes are likely after hours in a hybrid format with some in-person classes; please verify with coordinator.	Semester 1 (taught in first or second block)	Science Communication		30	GAES	Course coordinator: Dr Alex Wafer alex.wafer@wits.ac.za School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies
Oral and Documentary History: Theory and Practice	HIST7030A		Semester 1	Science Communication	Humanities Training (including Archaeology)	30	Social Sciences	Course coordinator: Prof. Clive Glaser Clive.Glaser@wits.ac.za Department of History
Public Culture	CPVC7036A	Classes will likely fall on Mondays between 14:00-17:00 and will be on the second floor of the Wits School of Arts building.	Semester 1	Science Communication	Some Humanities background / training preferable as critical thinking and thesis-style writing is worked with throughout.	30	Curatorial, Public and Visual Archives, Wits School of the Arts	Course coordinator: Boitumelo Tlhoale tlhoale@wits.ac.za Curatorial, Public and Visual Cultures, Wits School of Arts
Core Course: Working Concepts in Creative Writing	SLLS4018A	Classes may fall between 09:00-12:00 Thursdays. Venue: Room 3176, 3rd Floor in Solomon Mahlangu House (please double check).	Semester 1	Science Communication	Students from other departments who would like to apply for the Core Course should submit a portfolio of creative work comprising ten pages (1.5 spacing, 12 pt) of any combination of: part of an unpublished creative prose manuscript (fiction or nonfiction); a selection of short stories; creative nonfiction essays; or poems.	23	Literature, Language and Media	Course coordinator: Stacy Hardy stacy.hardy@wits.ac.za School of Literature, Language and Media
Research Monitoring and Evaluation	COMH7227A		Semester 2. NB: 40 hours of contact time in a one-week block.	Science Communication		15	Health Sciences	Course coordinator: Nicola Christofides christofides@wits.ac.za Course administrator: Tumisho Mashasha tumisho.mashasha@wits.ac.za
Communicating for Social Change	SLLS7078A		Semester 2	Science Communication		30	Journalism	Course coordinator: Collen Chambwera Collen.chambwera@wits.ac.za Department of Journalism, School of Literature, Language and Media
Curating Exhibitions: The Politics and Aesthetics of Display	CPVC7035A		Semester 2	Science Communication		30	Curatorial, Public and Visual Archives, Wits School of the Arts	Course coordinator: Sinthemba Twalo twalo@wits.ac.za Curatorial Public and Visual Cultures, Wits School of Arts
Fantasy, Science Fiction and Fiction of the Unreal	MDLL7015A		Semester 2	Science Communication	Humanities training. NB: This course is discipline specific and requires knowledge of literature analysis and literary studies (should <i>not</i> be elected to improve writing).	30	Modern Language	Course coordinator: Colette Gordon Colette.Gordon@wits.ac.za Department of English Literature, SLLM
Data Privacy and Ethics	COM7055A		Semester 2	Science Communication		15	Computer Science and Applied Mathematics	Course coordinator: Prof. Richard Klein Richard.Klein@wits.ac.za School of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics