**Course Description**

 The teaching of this course will follow the methods developed by Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism. The approach is highly practical, and requires of students not only class attendance, but the completion of practical exercises as well. This makes for a more than occasional long day for the students. All students are expected to attend all elements of the course, as they together are designed to cohere.

 The course will use team teaching techniques, breaking the student body into smaller groups to provide more individual attention and to permit most efficient use of facilities.

***Weeks 1 – 4***

**Course 1. Modern Reporting in Central and Eastern Europe
*Instructor****:* Peter M. Herford

 This is the umbrella course under which all other courses fit, and is therefore a requirement for all students. It sets the theoretical framework of modern reporting, and as well develops the precise nature of the practical exercises. In addition, it provides the agenda for the other team- taught courses described below.

**Course 2. Research Methods
*Instructors***: Team teachers

 Heavily based on computer use, this element of the course will emphasize not only use of Internet resources, but computer tools such as spreadsheets and worldwide data bases. Non-digital  resources will be covered as well.

**Course 3. Business and Financial Reporting
*Instructors***: Team teachers

 While the role of money has changed in the countries concerned, the capacity of journalists to  cover the role of foreign direct investment, foreign exchange, inflation, price mechanisms,  market mechanisms and the like has not kept pace. This element is designed to equip the  students with tools they can use in such reporting.

**Course 4. Ethics in Journalism
*Instructors***: Team teachers

 Drawing on real cases from the region and beyond, this element will deal with ways in which  journalists can deal with the ethical dilemmas they now face.

**Course 5. Practicing Journalism in Post-Communist Countries
*Instructors***: Team teachers

 This is a highly targeted element of the course, and will deal with very specific problems that are  the legacy of communist journalism practice – from the theory of communication with citizens to  the commercial difficulties of transformation economies.