

# FACTBAR MEETING

Media School  
Thomas More University College,  
Mechelen

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# MEDIA SCHOOL

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- Bachelor Journalism: 3-year program
- University College Level
- Competence-based cross-media training
- Strong focus on research and constructive journalism in an international context
- Thomas More is part of the KU Leuven Association

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# CAMPUS MECHELEN

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# FACT CHECKING & VERIFICATION

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- ‘News basics’-course in the first year: theoretical framework
- Media production in first and second year
- Online publication in 2nd year: social media reporting
- Research in first, second and third year: story-based inquiry (Luuk Sengers)
- Practice enterprise ‘21bis.be’ in 3rd year

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# 21BIS.BE

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- 3rd year journalism students in online and print, radio or tv
- Per medium small groups, coached by a teacher
- During 1st semester: one of the courses - 2 or 3 times a week
- In 2nd semester: ‘internal internship’ - 4 weeks - full time - before or after ‘external’ internship

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# OUR CONTRIBUTION TO FACTBAR

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- Fact-checking practice pilot in media production-course 1<sup>st</sup> year (2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2018 - regional elections)
- Development of national fact-checking website (2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2018)
- Fact-checking exercise for 2<sup>nd</sup> year-students in editorial skills (October 2018 - regional elections)
- Fact-checking semester during 21.bis internal internship (European & national elections 2019)

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- Organising peer coaching and peer review
- Develop a course on fact checking
- Help with practice enterprise methodology
- Involving (inter)national media/experts together with international students
- Organizing meetings

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