

Media Studies

Courses

MEDIA ST 1065 Internet Media: 3 semester hours

This studio course will cover the principles of media design as they apply to the interactive world of the web. Sensitivity to the visual elements of online interfaces will be developed through analysis of the changing nature of communication technologies. Students will conceive and create their own web-based media projects.

MEDIA ST 1070 Introduction to Cinema: 3 semester hours

Same as THEATR 1070. This course provides an overview of American cinema from the early beginnings of D.W. Griffith and his contemporaries to the present day. The course will discuss both the Hollywood studio system and today's independent movement. Genre, film theory, criticism, and aesthetics are also covered.

MEDIA ST 1100 Introduction to Advertising: 3 semester hours

An introduction to the history, rhetoric, and aesthetics of Advertising. A basic understanding of industry issues and key areas such as account management, research, strategy, creative, media, and production.

MEDIA ST 1110 Introduction to Broadcasting and Digital Media: 3 semester hours

This course provides an introduction to the broadcasting and digital media industries. It also addresses topics including history, government regulations, technological changes, and social implications.

MEDIA ST 1198 Practicum in Media Studies: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. Open to Media Studies majors or minors only; not open to students who have delayed grades outstanding. Practical work in a field related to media studies supervised by a faculty member. This course may be repeated for up to 20 credit hours.

MEDIA ST 2080 Advertising Copywriting: 3 semester hours

Same as ENGL 2080. To give students a hands-on approach for writing advertising material for print and broadcast against tight deadlines in a professional setting.

MEDIA ST 2113 Media Production I: 3 semester hours

Study of the basic skills needed to create media packages. The class will provide students with practical experience in camera operation, directing, producing, switching, audio mixing, and lighting, as well as basic non-linear editing. Lab arranged.

MEDIA ST 2180 Introduction to News Writing: 3 semester hours

This course focuses on developing stories and news writing; staff of The Current and other student publications are encouraged to enroll.

MEDIA ST 2210 Video Production I: 3 semester hours

This course covers the basic theories and practice of remote video production. Producing and directing in the field will be examined and practiced. The course will focus on technical and aesthetic aspects of cinematic production. Lab arranged.

MEDIA ST 2211 Introduction to Digital Multimedia Production: 3 semester hours

Students will explore different state-of-the-art digital multimedia applications, including audio, video, and computer generated graphics, that are presently used in television, radio, CD, DVD, and online presentation. Current media related software such as QuickTime, Window Media, and Flash multimedia creation will be demonstrated and utilized to develop skill sets in those areas.

MEDIA ST 2225 Live Events Media: 3 semester hours

Techniques and aesthetics of recording live video events. Course will include practical application training for single- and multi-camera shoots of concerts, lectures, theatre, dance, weddings, and other special events.

MEDIA ST 2235 Media Theory: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: COMM 1050. This course presents a theory-based explanation of the relationship between mass media and society. The topics covered include agenda-setting, violence and television, and other current issues from a critical perspective.

MEDIA ST 3025 Current Issues in Strategic Communication: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: MEDIA ST 1100 or COMM 1150, junior standing or consent of instructor. The course covers current trends, topics, and controversies in advertising, public relations, and related fields. Students will analyze, evaluate, and critique current topics in group discussions. Students are expected to help select and research the topics as well as lead discussion with the support from the instructor.

MEDIA ST 3113 Media Production II: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: MEDIA ST 2113. Advanced study of the skills needed to create media packages. The class will provide students with a continuation of practical training in camera operations, directing, producing, switching, audio mixing, and lighting, as well as more advanced post production techniques. Lab arranged.

MEDIA ST 3150 Feature Writing: 3 semester hours

Same as ENGL 3150. Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. Study of freelance and staff-written magazine or newspaper feature articles. Emphasis on relationship between types of publication and article content, research methods, and writing style. Frequent short assignments - journal entries, interviews, library projects, article critiques, and market reports - lead to production of full-length feature articles. May not be taken on the satisfactory/unsatisfactory option. The course counts toward the English Certificate in Writing.

MEDIA ST 3201 Narratives from the Forever Wars: 3 semester hours

Same as MVS 3201 and ENGL 3201. This course studies literature and film written by and about those who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, with particular interest in how veterans as individuals are represented in it.

MEDIA ST 3260 Design for Stage and Screen: 3 semester hours

Same as THEATR 3260. Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. This course surveys the professional theories and practices used in the field of design for stage and screen. It emphasizes a digital design process and collaboration.

MEDIA ST 3261 Lighting for Stage and Screen: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. This course surveys the theories and techniques used in digital lighting design and production for the stage and screen. It emphasizes professional practices and applications of lighting for both stage and screen.

MEDIA ST 3310 Video Production II: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: MEDIA ST 2210. Study of advanced theories of media production. Refinement of production principles learned in MEDIA ST 2210. Exploration of complex program formats, and advanced non-linear editing techniques. Lab arranged.

MEDIA ST 3313 Advanced Video Editing: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Six (6) hours of television production. Study of advanced non-linear editing techniques, animation, and advanced graphics development. Exploration of state of the art editing formats. Lab arranged.

MEDIA ST 3318 Advanced Independent Video Production: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: MEDIA ST 2210. This course will enable students to plan, script, shoot and edit advanced independent video productions for exhibition and competitive formats. Emphasis will be placed upon auteur conceptualization, production, and direction. May be repeated for up to a total of 6 credit hours.

MEDIA ST 3338 Advertising Technique: 3 semester hours

Same as MKTG 3738. Prerequisites: MEDIA ST 1100 or MKTG 3700 or consent of instructor. Techniques for creating advertising messages and campaigns to reach target audiences. Focus on the process of persuasion, importance of advertising in modern economics, rationale for company advertisement, evaluation of advertising effectiveness, and assessment of advertising myths and truths. Practical application of messages and campaigns will be stressed.

MEDIA ST 3355 Media Law and Regulation: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: COMM 1050 or MEDIA ST 1110. This course addresses laws affecting the mass media. The topics covered include problems and issues in legal regulation of media content, ownership, access, and accountability as well as industry self-regulation and the influence of citizens' organizations.

MEDIA ST 3356 Global Media Systems and Trends: 3 semester hours

This course will survey major theories, global trends, and key stakeholders in the field of mass and digital media. It addresses issues regarding the transnational and transcultural flow of media content and communication technologies. Topics include the historical context and cultural implications of globalization, patterns of international media flow, and the roles of transnational media and communication organizations.

MEDIA ST 3398 Internship in Media Studies: 3-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: Senior standing; consent of instructor; open to Media Studies majors only; not open to students who have any delayed grades. Practical work at an off-campus agency, supervised by a professional in consultation with a faculty member. This course may be repeated for up to 20 credit hours.

MEDIA ST 3990 Directed Readings in Media Studies: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor; not open to students who have any delayed grades. Supervised independent study involving readings, conferences, papers, in one of the department's disciplines: advertising, radio, television, film, or journalism.

MEDIA ST 4040 Special Topics in Media Studies: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: Junior, senior, or graduate standing and consent of instructor. Special topics with subject matter dealing with current issues, (theoretical or applied), in the discipline of media studies. Since the topics of MEDIA ST 4040 may change from semester to semester, the course may be repeated for up to 12 credit hours.

MEDIA ST 4400 Senior Project: 3-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: Senior status and consent of instructor. The capstone experience requires seniors to produce an original research project, a representative portfolio, or an intrinsic case study, which exemplifies their undergraduate study. Students will present their work to the instructor supervising the course, as well as program related-faculty. Repeatable up to 6 credit hours.