

Department of Communication - Curriculum Guide Sheet

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***** APPLICABLE TO STUDENTS ADMITTED TO CCSU ON OR AFTER FALL 2008 *****

MEDIA STUDIES

This emphasis area is designed for students who wish to focus primarily upon the critical, theoretical and aesthetic foundations of media and its institutions.

Continuation Policy

The Department of Communication maintains a policy for continuation in the major. Communication majors must complete Comm. 240 (with a C- or better) and Comm. 140 before they reach 60 credits. Majors must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or better to stay in the major.

Key Requirements

A total of 39 credits must be completed. These are divided across three areas: a communication core, required emphasis courses and departmental or suggested outside electives. All students must take a total of 21 credits from 300/400-level courses, with a minimum of 9 credits from 400-level courses.

Communication Core (12 credits)

- Comm. 140 Public Speaking **(to be taken before first semester of junior year)**
- Comm. 230 Introduction to Mass Media
- Comm. 240 Survey of the Field of Communication **(to be taken before first semester of junior year)**
- Comm. 301 Critical Thinking **OR** Comm. 302 Problem-Solving and Decision-Making

Required Emphasis Courses (9 credits)

- Comm. 330 Digital Film and Television Production I
- Comm. 336 Media Literacy **OR** Comm. 338 Analysis of News
- Comm. 405 Principles and Processes of Mass Communication

Directed Electives (18 credits) Note: At least 9 credits must be 400 level (which includes Comm. 405) and at least 6 credits must be from Communication department courses listed below.

Offered by the Department

- Comm. 220 Introduction to History of Film
- Comm. 255 Visual Communication
- Comm. 319 Filmic Narrative
- Comm. 329 Screenwriting
- Comm. 380 Women and Film
- Comm. 382 American Cinema
- Comm. 431 Mass Media and Society
- Comm. 435 Images of Gender in the Media
- Comm. 445 Advertising and Society
- Comm. 455 Global Visual Communication
- Comm. 490 Internship (no more than 6 credits)
- Comm. 491 Independent Study (no more than 6 credits)
- Comm. 485 **or** 486 **or** 495 **Selected** Special Topic courses (no more than 6 credits)

Suggested Outside Courses

- Jrn. 200 Introduction to Journalism
- Jrn. 235 News Writing and Reporting I
- Jrn. 336 News Writing and Reporting II
- Eng. 376 Creative Writing: Essay
- Eng. 377 Creative Writing: Playwriting
- Eng. 378 Creative Writing: Special Topics
- Jrn. 380 Feature Writing
- Jrn. 381 Opinion Writing
- Cine. 201 The Language of Film
- Eng. 403 Technical Writing
- Jrn. 412 Editing

Communication courses in **other emphases**: up to 12 credits

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(We encourage students to take Media Production and Performance courses)

Advising Procedures

A maximum of 6 credits in related courses from outside the department may be counted toward the major.

The completion of a minor in a related field of study in another department at the University is required. Students should complete an Undergraduate Change of Major, Degree or Advisor form to declare their minor. **Note: Some courses offered by the Department are open to majors only. See course descriptions for information.**

