Media Arts
Coursework Requirements Curriculum Checksheet

The Master of Arts in Communication with a Concentration in Media Arts program is a professionally oriented degree emphasizing production and other creative activity, with appropriate foundational exposure to theory and research. The degree is designed for professionally oriented students who are currently working in the mass media industry and for those who wish to pursue such a career.

Students entering the M.A. Media Arts program without significant, recent experience with digital video production must enroll in COM 5350: Media Arts Production in the first semester of coursework. Such students must consult with their departmental adviser (via email if necessary) before registering for production courses.

Four required courses:
COM 7000: Introduction to M.A. Studies in Communication (3 cr) ______
COM 5270: Screenwriting (4 cr) ______
COM 5380: Video and Film Editing (3 cr) ______
COM 5400: Techniques of Film and Video Production (3 cr) ______

One theory course:
COM 7520: Theories of Media Effects (3 cr) ______
COM 7530: Critical Mass Communication Theory (3 cr) ______

One research methods course:
COM 6530: Audience Measurement and Survey Techniques (3 cr) ______
COM 7260: Quantitative Research Methods in Communication (3 cr) ______
COM 7360: Qualitative Research Methods in Communication (3 cr) ______
COM 7510: Seminar in Mass Media Research (3 cr) ______
COM 7580: Content Analysis (3 cr) ______
COM 7590: Criticism of Mass Media (3 cr) ______
COM 7600: Media and Cultural Historiography (3 cr) ______
COM 7610: Feminist Media Theory and Criticism (3 cr) ______

Two elective COM courses 5000-level or higher, appropriate to the Concentration. These courses are in addition to above or any other 5000-level courses used to fulfill Concentration requirements.
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Additional elective courses selected in consultation with the adviser resulting in a minimum total of 35 credits. These electives should primarily be courses in Media Arts and Studies.
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One of the following capstone plan options:
Plan B: Three credits of COM 7999: Master’s Essay Direction with an approved essay, and additional courses as needed totaling a minimum of 35 credits.
Plan C: Coursework selected from the above requirements totaling a minimum of 35 credits.

I have read the Department of Communication Master of Arts and Graduate Certificate Handbook and familiarized myself with the policies and procedures governing the program I am pursuing. I also understand that I must familiarize myself with the policies, procedures, and directives from the Graduate School as detailed in the Graduate Bulletin.

I understand that deviations from the Department of Communication or Graduate School policies and procedures may interfere with reasonable and normal academic progress and, in extreme circumstances, may result in my dismissal from the program. I further understand that I am to maintain regular contact with my academic adviser so that I may complete my degree in a timely manner.

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Student Name and Access ID (Please Print)

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Signature and Date

Please complete and return this form to the Graduate Secretary of the Department of Communication, 585 Manoogian Hall, along with the signed Plan of Work form and the appropriate M.A. or G.C. coursework requirements Curriculum Checksheet. The Plan of Work is to be completed in consultation with your academic adviser and must be filed by the completion of twelve credit hours of coursework.

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