

Media Studies

Coursework Requirements Curriculum Checksheet

The Master of Arts in Communication with a Concentration in Media Studies program is academically oriented and is for students interested in advanced study of television, film, and other mass media. This degree is appropriate for students interested in media processes and research, media effects, media theory and criticism, film criticism, and scholarly research and writing about radio, television, and film. It is an appropriate preparatory degree for doctoral work.

Students entering the M.A. Media Studies program without significant, recent experience in digital video production must take COM 5350: Media Arts Production in the first semester of coursework.

One required course:

COM 7000: Introduction to M.A. Studies in Communication (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) _____

Four 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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One elective course numbered 7001 or higher.

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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.

Acknowledgment of M.A. and G.C. Handbook Policies and Procedures

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.

Student Name and Access ID (Please Print)

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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