

# MASS COMMUNICATION (MCOM)

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## **MCOM 5050. Special Topic. 1-3 Hours.**

This research course offers special topics based upon new concepts developing in digital media. The specific research topic title appears in the Class Schedule and on student transcripts.

**Prerequisite:** Department approval.

## **MCOM 5099. Independent Study. 1-3 Hours.**

## **MCOM 5300. Digital Media History & Theory. 3 Hours.**

This course outlines the history and theory of new media from aesthetic, reception, production, media effects, cultural, and political perspectives. Students will explore cross-disciplinary theoretical approaches and apply them to new media and their impact on cultural production.

**Prerequisite:** Admission to graduate program.

## **MCOM 5308. Digital Entrepreneurship. 3 Hours.**

This course leverages digital technologies to teach students how to create commercial production opportunities, disseminate information, and collaborate with clients and partners. This emerging area of study includes the development of new business models comprised of information brokers, internet advertisers, licensing and legal issues, E-trailers and E-consumers.

**Prerequisite:** Departmental approval.

## **MCOM 5310. Critical Approaches to Media. 3 Hours.**

This course explores the growing body of critical and theoretical discourse defining the field of digital media studies. Students examine the major historical, cultural, sociopolitical, economic, structural, and philosophical trends in this field. **Prerequisite:** Admission to graduate program .

## **MCOM 5320. Digital Media Ethics and Law. 3 Hours.**

This course examines ethical and legal concepts as they apply to various forms of electronic media expression, with special focus on digital media and Internet-based expression. Free speech, open records, privacy, libel, copyright and obscenity laws are reviewed in the context of the digital environment.

**Prerequisite:** Admission to graduate program.

## **MCOM 5330. Advanced Digital Writing. 3 Hours.**

This course enables students to develop competency in narrative techniques and information delivery for different genres, distribution platforms, and audiences. Emphasis is placed on digital media technologies and the demands of writing for video, social media, multimedia production, digital sound and live performance.

**Prerequisite:** Admission to graduate program.

## **MCOM 5340. Social Media. 3 Hours.**

This course is both theoretical and practical, drawing from the literature of social networks and community to explore online social media. Students learn how to develop strategies to effectively communicate and collaborate with their audience through current social media platforms. Emphasis is placed on the media professional's use and understanding of social media.

**Prerequisite:** Admission to graduate program.

## **MCOM 5360. Mass Communication Theory. 3 Hours.**

This course addresses the history and development of mass communication theory. Theoretical approaches, models and application of theories are examined.

**Prerequisite:** Admission to graduate program.

## **MCOM 6098. Thesis. 1-3 Hours.**

Students work under faculty supervision to produce a scholarly thesis of original work about digital media approved by all members of the student's thesis committee.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of committee chair.

## **MCOM 6099. Thesis Project. 1-3 Hours.**

Students work under faculty supervision to produce a thesis project of original work in digital media approved by all members of the student's thesis committee.

**Prerequisite:** Approval of committee chair.

## **MCOM 6300. Advanced Preproduction. 3 Hours.**

This course introduces students to advanced sound production, lighting, and other preproduction techniques combined with narrative storytelling using digital videography. Each student produces and formats high-quality videos for digital distribution, including high definition output and online streaming.

**Prerequisite:** MCOM 5320.

## **MCOM 6310. Advanced Multimedia Production. 3 Hours.**

This course focuses on interactive multimedia production and narrative development for the web and other interactive media, using current authoring software. Students learn to create narratives using interactive design, content creation, authoring, scripting and publishing for the web. Special emphasis is placed on the development of long-form interactive stories.

**Prerequisite:** MCOM 5330 or departmental approval.

**MCOM 6320. Documentary Scriptwriting. 3 Hours.**

This course takes a creative and systematic approach to transforming ideas into effective scripts for corporate, medical, religious, educational and governmental videos. Students learn and apply techniques for communicating visually, writing for the ear, using drama and humor, and applying documentary genre structures in various disciplines and for media platforms.

**Prerequisite:** MCOM 5330.

**MCOM 6330. Digital Editing. 3 Hours.**

Students study the creative and aesthetic qualities of editing film and video. Students learn to edit for both narrative and documentary styles including computer-generated imagery, sound design, color correction, mood and rhythm.

**Prerequisite:** Department approval.

**MCOM 6340. Digital Entrepreneurship. 3 Hours.**

This course examines how new media tools are used to create commercial opportunities and assist in the dissemination of information in both digital and traditional media outlets. Students will explore and apply entrepreneurial principles to create new media business ventures.

**Prerequisite:** Admission to graduate program.

**MCOM 6350. Narrative Scriptwriting. 3 Hours.**

This course addresses the art and craft of narrative scriptwriting for digital media. Students develop narratives through the creation and building of characters and using dramatic principles such as scene setting, plotting, sequencing.

**Prerequisite:** MCOM 5330.

**MCOM 6360. Mass Comm Research Methods. 3 Hours.**

This course integrates an understanding and application of research methods to develop the ability to produce research in an academic environment and in the profession associated with mass communication fields. Students use and understand the processes and interpret the statistics that bring rigorous data to the research process. Students design, administer and critically evaluate a personal behavioral research project.

**Prerequisite:** Graduate standing.

**MCOM 6373. Digital Video Production. 3 Hours.**

This course emphasizes advanced applications of digital editing and visual storytelling. Through the creation and production of programming for Cable Channel 7, experienced student digital filmmakers increase aesthetic and technical proficiency in advanced video camera operation, lighting, and video editing methods.

**Prerequisite:** Department approval.