MESA AND JOURNALISM STUDIES (MJS)

MJS-1010 Principles of Media and Communications
3 Credits
Introduce communication and media, and critically examine the roles that communication and media play in everyday life. Explore communication principles, theories, and practical skills vital for becoming effective communicators in a variety of contexts.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or concurrent enrollment.
OAN Approved: OCM006

MJS-1310 Film Appreciation
3 Credits
Introduction to cinema studies including: film genres, narrative story telling, directing, acting, cinematography, editing, and sound in films. Includes survey of world film history and criticism. Class views motion picture masterpieces from a number of countries.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): None.
OAN Approved: TMAH.

MJS-1320 Social Media Communication
3 Credits
Introduces students to blogging, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other kinds of social media as an important, natural evolution of modern journalism. Examines social media of all kinds and teaches students about using social media for fun and profit. In addition, examines the effects of social media on business, government and politics, and sociological behavior.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or concurrent enrollment.

MJS-1610 Survey of the Black Press
3 Credits
Nature and function of Black press including broadcast, with emphasis on history and function of Black press and impact of Black press on minorities in general. Special attention on career opportunities for minorities and problems of black journalist working with general press.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): None.

MJS-1820 Independent Study/Research in Media and Journalism Studies
1-3 Credits
Directed individual study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

MJS-182H Honors Independent Study in Media and Journalism Studies
1-3 Credits
Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test, and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses.

MJS-2000 Digital Media Writing
3 Credits
Good writing is a key in many careers. Develop your writing, rewriting and editing skills for news, public relations, advertising, business and other careers, as well as for your college writing projects. Focus on the process of writing – not just composing but planning, revising, proofreading and editing. Emphasis on writing for digital media, developing media literacy, elements of covering and writing news, and writing for specific audiences.
Lecture: 2 hours. Laboratory: 2 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1020 College Composition II, or ENG-102H Honors College Composition.

MJS-2010 News Writing
4 Credits
News information gathering and writing for all media. An advanced look at structure of news stories and emphasis on writing against deadlines. Ethical, policy and legal questions confronting reporters, their newspapers and publishers. Completion of a professional portfolio of in-class clips. Survey of career opportunities in print, broadcast and internet journalism.
Lecture: 4 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1020 College Composition II, or ENG-102H Honors College Composition.

MJS-2040 American Cinema
3 Credits
American film history from its beginnings to the present day. American film as an expression of American society and popular culture. Topics include: classical Hollywood cinema; the studio system; the star; genre studies of the western, comedy, musical, combat films, and film noir; Hollywood in the age of television; the film school generation; and into the 21st century.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.

MJS-2050 Mass Media and Society
3 Credits
Designed to increase your understanding of research and theory of the impact of media on individuals and society to help you become a more aware and critical consumer of media. Includes an overview of the scientific approach to the study of media. Theory and research on media effects within a variety of areas, including media violence, sexual media content, frightening images, news, political media content, media stereotypes, and new media technologies.
Lecture: 2 hours. Laboratory: 2 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I, or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I, and MJS-1010 Principles of Media Communication.
MJS-2060 Principles of Public Relations
3 Credits
Introduction to the profession of public relations; learn how to develop, implement and evaluate a public relations plan; and engage in professional practice by carrying out public relations activities on behalf of a local club, campus organization, or local community.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.

MJS-2070 Sports Reporting & Broadcasting
3 Credits
This course will examine the nuances of objectively covering local sporting events, including the writing, taking game notes, interviewing, meeting a deadline and writing game stories, features and notes composites. Students will also learn to post brief interviews in the form of podcasts and videos. Students will learn the specific language and enthusiasm level needed for writing for a sports audience.
Lecture: 2 hours. Laboratory: 2 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.

MJS-2220 Broadcast and Multimedia Journalism
3 Credits
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): MJS-1010 Principles of Media and Communications.

MJS-2310 Screenwriting I
3 Credits
Provides an introduction to screenwriting for feature films.
Lecture: 2 hours. Laboratory: 2 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-1010 College Composition I; and MJS-1010 Media and Communications or MJS-1310 Film appreciation, or departmental approval.

MJS-2410 Television: Videojournalism and Documentary Production
3 Credits
Introduction to basic concepts of video production for non-fiction producers. Emphasis on operation of video/audio equipment and visual story telling process. Basic producing workflow for TV news-magazine segments and documentary films: research, planning, writing, recording, editing, marketing, and distribution. Teamwork and group production emphasized.
Lecture: 2 hours. Laboratory: 2 hours
Prerequisite(s): MJS-1010 Principles of Media and Communications, or departmental approval: comparable knowledge or skills.

MJS-282H Advanced Honors Independent Study/Research in Journalism/Mass Communications
1-3 Credits
Advanced Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses.

MJS-2830 Cooperative Field Experience
1-3 Credits
Open to students eligible for the Cooperative Education Program. Employment in an approved training facility under College supervision. Requirement for one credit is 180 hours of approved work. Students may earn up to three credits in one semester. May be repeated for an accrued maximum of nine credits.
Other Required Hours: 180 clock hours of approved work per credit hour.
Prerequisite(s): See campus CO-OP Advisor for the Cooperative Education Program application.