Mission Statement

Department of Communication faculty maintain high standards in teaching, research, and service. Department of Communication faculty members are productive scholars in the discipline, staying abreast of technological and theoretical developments. These advancements are brought into the classroom to foster students’ ability to communicate competently using traditional and mediated channels. Students are introduced to the most recent and relevant communication theory, research, and technological skills through practical activities in mediated, interpersonal, public, and professional contexts that serve students’ long-term goals, promote the university, and serve the larger Youngstown community.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Communication is all about learning how to communicate information effectively. Strong communication skills are essential in all industries and are invaluable in helping organizations succeed. The Department of Communications prepares students careers in broadcasting.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Department of Communication students find many outlets to build on the skills they learn in and out of the classroom. For example, Lambda Pi Eta, a communication honorary society, recognizes our outstanding students and provides opportunities for greater involvement and leadership within the field of communication. Opportunities for active involvement in media production and programming exist with YSU Athletics (http://www.ysusports.com) (NCAA D1 sports productions), Penguin Rundown (https://www.facebook.com/Penguinrundown/) (weekly sports web show), The Jambar (YSU’s student newspaper), Light the Wick (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPSmcPPEds-YwLMVZdb1AcA/) (arts-based web show), Rookery Radio (http://www.rookeryradio.com) (YSU’s first-ever, internet-only, student-run radio station), and starting in the Fall 2019, Jambar TV.

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Majors

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies
- Social Media Track (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-business-administration/department-communication/ba-communication-studies-social-media-track/)
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Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-business-administration/department-communication/ba-journalism/)
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Minors
- Minor in Communicating in Diverse Organizations (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-business-administration/department-communication/minor-communicating-diverse-organizations/)
- Minor in Communication Studies (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-business-administration/department-communication/minor-communication-studies/)
- Minor in Interpersonal Communication (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-business-administration/department-communication/minor-interpersonal-communication/)
- Minor in Journalism Studies (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-business-administration/department-communication/minor-journalism/)
- Minor in Magazine and Specialty Reporting (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-business-administration/department-communication/minor-magazine-and-specialty-reporting/)
CMST 1545 Communication Foundations 3 s.h.
Theories, strategies, and skills for competent participation in interpersonal, group, and public communication situations. Application exercises in interpersonal, group, and public communication.
Prereq.: Qualifying to take ENGL 1550.

CMST 2600 Communication Theory 3 s.h.
The study of significant theories of communication that reflect the diversity of communication studies and address different communication contexts: interpersonal, group, public, organizational, and mass.
Gen Ed: Social Science.

CMST 2610 Intercultural Communication 3 s.h.
The study of key historical and contemporary issues that affect communication across cultural boundaries. Exercises for improving communication skills in intercultural situations are included.
Gen Ed: Domestic Diversity, Social and Personal Awareness.

CMST 2630 Social Media Literacy 3 s.h.
Analyze and evaluate social media communication in its various forms. Includes message evaluation, digital media curating, ethics, and privacy.

CMST 2645 Presentational Speaking 3 s.h.
In-depth examination of the theory and practice of preparing and delivering presentations in today's work environment. Emphasis on using technology aids during presentations.
Prereq.: CMST 1545 or equivalent.

CMST 2650 Rhetoric of Film 3 s.h.
Conceptual examination and critical analyses of film including mythic, feminism, Marxist, auteur, genre, and rhetorical perspectives.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551.

CMST 2655 Communication in Groups and Organizations 3 s.h.
Introduction to theories and concepts relating to group and organizational communication effectiveness with practical career applications.

CMST 2656 Interpersonal Communication 3 s.h.
An examination of the skills necessary to develop, maintain, and evaluate one-to-one relationships. Through practical experiences from everyday life, the class examines what occurs when one person communicates with another.

CMST 3700 Designing Communication Research 3 s.h.
A study of the processes involved in designing both qualitative and quantitative communication research projects. Communication research design and implementation.
Prereq.: 15 s.h. of Communication Studies including CMST 2600, and ENGL 1551.

CMST 3717 Intro to Media Relations Campaigns 3 s.h.
An experiential, service-learning course in designing and implementing Media Relations campaigns.
Prereq.: CMST 1545.

CMST 3740 Social Media Communication 3 s.h.
Examination of applications and strategies for communicating through social media, including managing personal and professional social media messages, social media content development, and dissemination.
Prereq.: CMST 2630.

CMST 3745 Individual Studies 1-3 s.h.
Student selects a special problem or issue in communication to research in detail under the direction of a faculty member, pending department committee approval. Repeatable to 6 hrs.
Prereq.: Junior standing.

CMST 3746 Presentational Speaking 3 s.h.
Prereq.: CMST 1545 or equivalent.

CMST 3747 Film Analysis: A Rhetorical Perspective 3 s.h.
Audience and critical rhetorical analysis of films. Approaches include Mythic, Genre, Auteur, Feminist, and Marxist with a focus on the rhetorical dimensions of the various perspectives.
Prereq.: One of ENGL 1550.
Coreq.: CMST 1545.

CMST 3750 Gender Communication 3 s.h.
Principal concepts and issues of gender and communication as they apply to identity, and communication within and between the genders in a variety of contexts.
Prereq.: CMST 1545.

CMST 3754 Argumentation 3 s.h.
Developing critical thinking through systematic evaluation of theories, principles, and practices of argumentation.
Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 3756 Interviewing 3 s.h.
Theories of communication applied to interview situations with a special concern for developing student understanding of and skills needed to participate in one-to-one and panel interviews.
Prereq.: CMST 1545 and junior standing.

CMST 3757 Media Relations Writing 3 s.h.
A lecture-lab course in writing pamphlets, advertisements, newsletters, and websites for media relations campaigns.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551.

CMST 4850 Social Media Campaigns 3 s.h.
Integrated media campaign development using social media applications; theory and practice of social media campaign lifecycles including inception, implementation, and evaluation of client-based projects.
Prereq.: CMST 1545 and junior standing.

CMST 4851 New Communication Media 3 s.h.
New media histories, technologies, and cultures. Considers promising future forms, and includes issues of authorship, community, identity, interactivity, visuality, the nature and power of technology, intelligent systems, and artificial life.
Prereq.: CMST 2600 and junior standing.

CMST 4855 Interpersonal Communication Relationships 3 s.h.
Theories of relationship development, maintenance and termination. The impact of face-to-face and mediated communication on interpersonal relationships.
Prereq.: CMST 2600 and CMST 2656 and junior standing.

CMST 4859 Organizational Cultures 3 s.h.
Analysis of organizational cultures. Relationships between organizational culture and communication in modern organizations.
Prereq.: CMST 2655 and junior standing.

CMST 4879 Sports Communication Message Design 3 s.h.
Integrated media campaign development using theory and practice of communication. Students will explore lifecycles of sports information campaigns including inception, implementation, and evaluation of projects.
Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 4896 Internship 3 s.h.
An application of communication theories and practice within organizational settings. Weekly meetings with faculty supervisor are required. Weekly field work is 15 hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hrs.
Prereq.: CMST 2655, junior standing, major in Communication Studies, and approval of Internship Proposal form.
CMST 4898  Media Analysis  3 s.h.
Application of methods of analysis to describe and critique the content of various types of media, including new media, news media, and entertainment media. Emphasis on the relationship between media content, uses, and effects.  
Prereq.: CMST 3700.

CMST 4899  Senior Project  3 s.h.
Synthesis of research, writing, and presentation skills through the completion of a communication research project and professional development activity. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 s.h. Grading is Traditional/PR.  
Prereq.: Senior standing, major in Communication Studies, 24 s.h. of communication studies major complete, including CMST 3700 or CMST 3799. Gen Ed: Capstone.

CMST 4899A  Senior Project: Focus Groups and Interviews  3 s.h.
Synthesis of research, writing, and presentation skills through the completion of a communication research project and professional development activity. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 s.h. Grading is Traditional/PR.  
Prereq.: Senior standing, major in Communication Studies, 24 s.h. of communication studies major complete, including CMST 3700 or CMST 3799.

CMST 4899B  Senior Project: Surveys and Experiments  3 s.h.
Synthesis of research, writing, and presentation skills through the completion of a communication research project and professional development activity. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 s.h. Grading is Traditional/PR.  
Prereq.: Senior standing, major in Communication Studies, 24 s.h. of communication studies major complete, including CMST 3700 or CMST 3799.

CMST 4899C  Senior Project Focus Groups and Interviews  3 s.h.
Synthesis of research, writing, and presentation skills through the completion of a communication research project and professional development activity. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 s.h. Grading is Traditional/PR.  
Prereq.: Senior standing, major in Communication Studies, 24 s.h. of communication studies major complete, including CMST 3700 or CMST 3799.

CMST 4899D  Senior Project Surveys and Experiments  3 s.h.
Synthesis of research, writing, and presentation skills through the completion of a communication research project and professional development activity. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 s.h. Grading is Traditional/PR.  
Prereq.: Senior standing, major in Communication Studies, 24 s.h. of communication studies major complete, including CMST 3700 or CMST 3799.

CMST 5852  Conflict Management and Negotiation  3 s.h.
An in-depth analysis of the theories and variables influencing conflict management, resolution, and negotiation. Includes strategies and skills for meditation and arbitration.  
Prereq.: CMST 2600 or CMST 6900.

CMST 5860  Persuasion and New Media  3 s.h.
Introduction to persuasion theory and application of theory to new communication media.  
Prereq.: CMST 2600 and CMST 3700 or graduate status.

CMST 5889  Theory of Sports and Communication  3 s.h.
CMST 5889. An overview of sports and communication, their symbiotic relationship and the social, cultural, and political impact of that relationship.  
Prereq.: CMST 2600 or TCOM 1570 and senior standing, or permission of instructor.

CMST 5898  Seminar  3 s.h.
A cooperative exploration of topics in communication studies. May be repeated up to 6 s.h.  
Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 5898P  Seminar Streaming Video and Content Creation  3 s.h.
A cooperative exploration of topics in communication studies. May be repeated up to 6 s.h.  
Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 5898Q  Seminar Study Abroad Ghana  3 s.h.
A cooperative exploration of topics in communication studies. May be repeated up to 6 s.h.  
Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 5898R  Seminar Furries, Hipsters and Gangs: Subcultures in America  3 s.h.
A cooperative exploration of topics in communication studies. May be repeated up to 6 s.h.  
Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 5898S  Seminar Political Communication  3 s.h.
May be repeated up to 6 s.h.  
Prereq.: CMST 2600.

CMST 6900  Introduction to Graduate Study  1 s.h.
Orientation to teaching, learning, and research in the communication discipline for new graduate students.

CMST 6945  Communication for the Classroom Teacher  3 s.h.
The study of communication theory and practice appropriate for the prospective classroom teacher. Theories and application exercises focus on interpersonal communication, group communication, and classroom speaking.

CMST 6950  Computer Mediated Communication Research  3 s.h.
Theory, research, and application of CMC including examination of computer communication theories and relevant research methodologies, web design theory and critiques, blogging, podcasting, e-mailing, social media, multimedia storytelling. Design, implementation, and evaluation of CMC.

CMST 6953  Group Dynamics: Theory and Research  3 s.h.
Theory and research of group processes, critical thinking and creativity strategies, theory of group leadership and teamwork, conflict management and mediation, advanced group decision-making and problem solving, motivational strategies.

CMST 6957  Organizational Communication Research  3 s.h.
Applies theories of organizational communication to a chosen organization. Culminates with report and presentation.

CMST 6970  Internship  3 s.h.
Communication-related work in a non-academic professional setting.  
Prereq.: Completion of the MA core courses.

CMST 6980  Applied Research Methods  3 s.h.
Introduction to and application of qualitative research methods relevant to business communication settings.

CMST 6990  Measurement and Analysis  3 s.h.
Research processes using social scientific, quantitative methodologies and practical experience in conducting research. Essential skill development in research design, measurement, data collection and data analysis.

CMST 6991  Communication Problems: Independent Study  3 s.h.
Individual study and practical application of communication research principles to various organizational, group and mediated communication problems.

CMST 6994  Capstone  3 s.h.
Applied research paper on a communication topic. Oral presentation required. For non-thesis option students only. Thesis option students should take CMST 6995: Thesis.  
Prereq.: Completion of the MA core courses.

CMST 6995  Thesis  1-6 s.h.
Research study on an applied communication topic. Oral presentation required. Total of 6 s.h. required for the MA thesis option. For thesis option students only. Non-thesis option students should take CMST 6994: Capstone.  
Prereq.: Completion of the MA core courses.

JOUR 2600  Investigative Reporting Workshop  1 s.h.
Students become part of a team of reporters. The program will identify one reporting project that will be the focus of this laboratory. The project will be reported until completion. Students are expected to participate in gathering and analyzing information and in the writing and/or production of stories. Repeatable for up to 3 s.h.
JOUR 2602 Media Writing 3 s.h.
Introduction to writing for the mass media. Development of writing techniques and examination of styles and approaches used in writing for various mass audiences. Fulfills requirement for Integrated Language Arts Middle Childhood teaching license.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

JOUR 2603 Journalism Ethics and Social Responsibilities 3 s.h.
Examination of ethical standards and moral theories and their practical application in professional journalism through case studies. Students will learn to become active critics of media professionals.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities.

JOUR 2605 Journalism as Literature 3 s.h.
Examination of literary works by journalists. Study of journalism techniques transferred to literary storytelling.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities.

JOUR 2624 Imaging and Design of Media 3 s.h.
Focus on the use of photographs, graphics, tables, charts, and other visual products to convey messages. Includes study of basic visual literacy, design principles and technology. Crosslisted as ENGL 2624.

JOUR 2626 American Journalism 3 s.h.
The development of journalism in America, the role of the news media and its effects on American society, and special consideration of journalism as a tool of diversity and as a literary tradition.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1550 with a "C" or better.

JOUR 2632 Introduction to Photojournalism 3 s.h.
The basics of photojournalism, including composition, lighting, editing, news judgment, and ethics.

JOUR 3716 Magazine Publishing 3 s.h.
Introduction to the fundamentals of publishing in the magazine industry. Review of history and present state of magazine publishing, business models and general vs. specialized audience publications; includes basic feature writing, design techniques and publication strategies.
Prereq.: JOUR 3725 or JOUR 2622, and JOUR 2624.

JOUR 3717 Editorial and Opinion Writing 3 s.h.
Techniques, approaches and practice in writing reviews, editorials, and opinion columns. Exercises in criticisms of the arts, editorial research, and editorial style.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725.

JOUR 3720L Magazine Journalism Workshop 1 s.h.
Working for campus publications to apply news gathering and reporting skills. Emphasis on organizational culture of magazines. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects. May be repeated for up to 3 s.h.
Prereq.: JOUR 3716 or consent of instructor.

JOUR 3721L Journalism Workshop 3 s.h.
Application of the principles of news reporting skills in student media. May be repeated once.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725.

JOUR 3722L Radio News Workshop 3 s.h.
Production of news and feature stories to be aired on radio; development of interview and media production skills for news. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725.

JOUR 3723 Advanced Journalism Editing and Design 3 s.h.
Application of visual literacy and editing skills. Emphasis on editorial decision making, journalistic style editing, quantitative reasoning, fact-checking, and practice of traditional and multimedia design techniques.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725 and JOUR 2624.

JOUR 3725 News Reporting 1 3 s.h.
Study of news reporting and writing, with emphasis on journalistic and AP style, development of news judgment, interviewing, and storytelling through traditional and new media. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects.
Prereq.: completion of JOUR 2624 or ENGL 1551 with a grade of "C" or better.

JOUR 3726 American Journalism 3 s.h.
The development of journalism in America, the role of the news media and its effects on American society, and special consideration of journalism as a tool of diversity and as a literary tradition.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1550 or JOUR 2624 with a C or better.

JOUR 3758 Projects in Working Class Reporting 3 s.h.
Collaboration with the Center for Working Class Studies. Emphasis on using journalistic techniques to cover issues important to working-class people. Coursework may require travel for projects.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551.

JOUR 3759 Sports Journalism 3 s.h.
Techniques of sports reporting with emphasis on game reporting, sports features, columns, photography and new media storytelling. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725 or consent of instructor.

JOUR 3760 News Reporting 2 3 s.h.
Focus is on advanced news reporting and storytelling skills. Includes in-depth coverage of feature writing, investigative, and enterprise journalism. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622.

JOUR 3761 New Media Journalism 3 s.h.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725 and JOUR 2624.

JOUR 3762 Political Reporting 3 s.h.
Development of skills necessary to report, write, record, and publish stories about the American political system. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725.

JOUR 3768 Journalism Individual Studies 1-3 s.h.
Student selects a package of stories to research, report and produce under the direction of a faculty member, pending approval by the faculty member. Multimedia storytelling is encouraged. Repeatable to 6 hrs.
Prereq.: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

JOUR 3769 Principles and Practices of Sports Information 3 s.h.
This course explores the history, development, trends and responsibilities involved in creating and disseminating messages related to sports teams and players, special emphasis on the relationship between journalism and sports information distribution. This course will examine the fundamental components of sports information and storytelling and discuss ethics in relation to sports messaging, player identity and audience relationships.
Prereq.: JOUR 2624.

JOUR 4821 Advising Student Media 3 s.h.
Study of the role and responsibilities of the media advisor in high school and college. Topics include the unique legal and ethical concerns of student media, the training of student staff, the relationship of the student press to the academic administration, and publication-management concerns. Listed also as ENGL 4821.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725 or ENGL 3741.

JOUR 4822 Magazine Writing and Reporting 3 s.h.
In-depth study of writing and reporting techniques for magazine journalists. Emphasis on learning freelance skills, getting work published, and marketing yourself as a magazine writer. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects.
Prereq.: JOUR 3725 or JOUR 2622, and JOUR 2624.

JOUR 4823 In-Depth Reporting 3 s.h.
Emphasis on extended research, extensive interviewing and investigative reporting techniques. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725.
JOUR 4824  Press Law and Ethics  3 s.h.
Study of First Amendment rights of the press; examination of laws concerning libel, privacy, copyright, obscenity, censorship, open meetings and open records in Ohio; discussion of press responsibilities.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725 and Junior standing.

JOUR 4825  Selected Topics in Journalism  3 s.h.
Study of approaches to and special aspects of journalism not covered in depth in other journalism courses. May be repeated once with change of topic.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725.

JOUR 4825P  Selected Topics in Journalism Streaming Video and Content Creation  3 s.h.
Study of approaches to and special aspects of journalism not covered in depth in other journalism courses. May be repeated once with change of topic.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725.

JOUR 4860  News Reporting 2  3 s.h.
Focus is on advanced news reporting and storytelling skills. Includes in-depth coverage investigative, and enterprise journalism.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or JOUR 3725.

JOUR 4893  Journalism Senior Project  3 s.h.
Capstone experience for journalism major. Individualized enterprise/investigative reporting projects with demonstration of advanced newsgathering techniques. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects.
Prereq.: Senior standing; and JOUR 3760 or JOUR 4860 and JOUR 4824.
Gen Ed: Capstone.

JOUR 4894  Journalism Internship  3 s.h.
Supervised journalism work experience. Students complete 60 hours for each hour registered. Internship placement is selective. Coursework may require travel for reporting projects. May be repeated with the approval of the department chairperson for up to 6 hours.
Prereq.: JOUR 3721L and junior standing and 2.5 GPA.

JOUR 4899  Sports Information Internship  1-3 s.h.
Sports Information Internship. Supervised work-and-learning experiences in sports information under the direction of a faculty member and an employee of a participating outside organization. Students complete 40 hours for each hour registered. Internship placement is selective. May be repeated with the approval of the department chairperson for total of 6 hours.
Prereq.: JOUR 3759, junior standing.

TCOM 1500  Orientation to Telecommunication Studies  1 s.h.
Survey of University and Department programs, policies, practices and facilities with particular emphasis on needs of telecommunication studies majors. Creation of telecommunication studies portfolio materials and other aspects of the Telecommunication Studies program. To be taken prior to TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683.

TCOM 1510  Sports Field Production 1  1 s.h.
Assignment to one or more production crews in conjunction with YSU Athletics and Horizon League Sports. Student responsibilities will be determined in light of skills and interests, as well as the production need. May be repeated.
Prereq.: TCOM 1510.

TCOM 1551L  Radio Workshop  3 s.h.
Application of the principles of radio production and broadcasting skills in student media.

TCOM 1570  Introduction to Electronic Sports Media  3 s.h.
A study of the electronic sports media as business and social forces; attention given to how media and sport industries grew as consorts into the Sports Media complex, basic legal and ethical considerations for sports media practitioners; the various platforms through which sports media content is offered; electronic sports media roles and careers; and the social implications of the electronic sports media.

TCOM 1580  Introduction to Telecommunication Studies  3 s.h.
A survey course designed to familiarize students with the principles and practices involved in radio and television broadcasting, cable, and other electronic communication systems.

TCOM 1581  Telecommunication Technologies  2 s.h.
Operational principles of audio, data, and video telecommunication technologies. One hour lecture and two hours lab per week.

TCOM 1595  Media Literacy and Culture  3 s.h.
This course offers a critical survey of the role played by mass communication in shaping culture. Individual media institutions are examined in terms of the information they distribute, the entertainment they provide, and the influence they exercise. Special attention is paid to the audience-medium relationship and the concept of media literacy.
Gen Ed: Social Science.

TCOM 2610  Sports Field Production 2  1 s.h.
Assignment to one or more production crews in conjunction with YSU Athletics and Horizon League Sports. Student responsibilities will be determined in light of skills and interests, as well as the production need. May be repeated.
Prereq.: TCOM 1510.

TCOM 2682  Scriptwriting for Electronic Media  3 s.h.
Fundamentals of telecommunication media writing with emphasis on the theory analysis and practices in the preparation of continuity, news, and documentaries.
Prereq.: TCOM 1570 or TCOM 1580; TCOM 1581; and ENGL 1550 with a grade of "C" or better in all.

TCOM 2683  Media Operations and Performance  3 s.h.
An introduction of practices and procedures basic to media production facilities. The equivalent of three hours lecture and two hours lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 1580 or TCOM 1570 and ENGL 1550 with a grade of "C" or better in both.

TCOM 2684  Broadcast News Practices  3 s.h.
Organization, preparation, and presentation of radio and television news programs. Includes study of journalistic requirements of broadcast media and broadcast newsroom operation. The equivalent of three hours lecture and two hours lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both.

TCOM 3710  Sports Field Production 3  1 s.h.
Assignment to one or more production crews in conjunction with YSU Athletics and Horizon League Sports. Student responsibilities will be determined in light of skills and interests, as well as the production need. May be repeated.
Prereq.: TCOM 2610.

TCOM 3780  Principles and Practices of Media Announcing  3 s.h.
A study of the announcer’s role in electronic mass media. Examination of theories, techniques, and major styles of media announcing. Three hours lecture, two or more hours of individualized lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major in Telecommunication Studies.

TCOM 3781  Audio Production  3 s.h.
Study of the concepts of audio production, including student production of various types of programs. The equivalent of three hours lecture and two hours lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major in Telecommunication Studies.

TCOM 3782  Video Production  1  3 s.h.
Study of studio production elements such as equipment, lighting, scene design, graphics, and special effects. The equivalent of three hours lecture and two hours lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major in Telecommunication Studies.

TCOM 3783  Telecommunications Regulation  3 s.h.
Responsibilities of electronic media communicators as prescribed by law and administrative agency policies, and court decisions. Analysis of the regulatory environment of broadcasters, common carriers, and cable.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major or minor in Telecommunication Studies.
TCOM 3784 Telecommunication Programming 3 s.h.
A study of contemporary broadcast and cable programming, including
development, scheduling, and competitive strategies.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major or minor in Telecommunication Studies.

TCOM 3786 Video Production 2 3 s.h.
Study and application of television production elements and editing.
Production values of composition, transition, and sequence explored from a
communication perspective. Students produce field-based productions. Three
hours lecture, two hours lab.
Prereq.: TCOM 3782.

TCOM 3787 Practicum in Telecommunication 1-3 s.h.
Individual study and practical application of communication principles to
various telecommunication problems. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 s.h.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both.

TCOM 3789 Electronic Media Interviewing 3 s.h.
A study and application of interviewing and reporting techniques, emphasizing
the local news interview and public affairs reporting. The equivalent of three
hours lecture and two hours lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both.

TCOM 3790 Broadcast News Lab 3 s.h.
Study and lab in news programs for TV, radio and web. Requirements of
broadcast media and newsroom operation. Students create the weekly
webcast, Light the Wick, or similar content. Two hours lecture and two hours
lab per week.
Prereq.: JOUR 2622 or TCOM 2682 or TCOM 2683.

TCOM 3791 Electronic Media Sales and Promotion 3 s.h.
An examination of the principles and practices of selling electronic media.
Analysis of rating-based sales and promotion strategies, as well as relations
with agencies and station representatives. The equivalent of three hours
lecture and two hours lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both.

TCOM 3792 Broadcast Sports Producing and Writing 3 s.h.
A study of the fundamentals of producing broadcast sports media content,
including script development and line producing.
Prereq.: TCOM 1570, TCOM 2682, TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better.

TCOM 3793 Broadcast Sports Performance 3 s.h.
Students receive instruction on play-by-play announcing and on the
preparation and extemporaneous discussion of player and team statistics
as well as other appropriate sports-related information. Skills for conducting
media interviews.
Prereq.: TCOM 1570, TCOM 2682, TCOM 2683.

TCOM 3794 Cross-platform Sports Broadcasting 3 s.h.
Examination of and instruction in new media technologies to deliver sports
media content. Emphasis on how the interactive nature of online content
changes traditional notions of presentation and distribution.
Prereq.: TCOM 1570, TCOM 2682, TCOM 2683.

TCOM 3795 Sports Media Production 1 3 s.h.
Theory and practice of remote radio and television sports production for
volleyball, soccer, and baseball. Students produce and direct coverage of
sporting events. Meets equivalent of 2 hours lecture plus 4 hours field lab per
week. May be repeated once.
Prereq.: TCOM 1570, TCOM 2682, TCOM 2683.

TCOM 4850 Advanced Audio/Video Production and Editing 3 s.h.
Advanced techniques and procedures in audio/video production. Techniques
include digital editing and video post-production procedures. Recognize
current video and audio technology and how to troubleshoot problems
associated with such technology.
Prereq.: TCOM 3781 or TCOM 3782 with a grade of "C" or better.

TCOM 4881 Telecommunication Management 3 s.h.
A study of the relationships of communication management with government,
networks, ownership and other groups. Organization and procedures of typical
units; common planning models.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major or minor in Telecommunication Studies.

TCOM 4882 Studio Operations Management 3 2 s.h.
Advanced individual projects or assignments in planning, coordinating
and assessing production and programming related to studio procedures.
Repeatable for a maximum of 4 s.h.
Prereq.: TCOM 3785; acceptance of Project Proposal Form by coordinating
faculty member and department chairperson.

TCOM 4884 Video Production Direction 3 s.h.
A study and application of the communication roles and skills associated with
video directing. Emphasis on audience analysis. The equivalent of three hours
lecture and two hours lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 3782.

TCOM 4885 Developments in Telecommunication Media 3 s.h.
Study and application of uses of telecommunication media apart from
commercial broadcasting. Study of new technologies and their potential.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both.

TCOM 4886 Audience and Market Measure 3 s.h.
Methods of collecting, analyzing, and using information about media markets.
Includes quantitative and non-quantitative techniques.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both.

TCOM 4887 Theories and Criticisms of Telecommunication 3 s.h.
Study of contemporary theories and research in telecommunication.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major or minor in Telecommunication Studies.

TCOM 4888 Internship Telecommunication 3 s.h.
An application of telecommunication theory and practices within organizations
primarily concerned with telecommunication. Students are selected on the
basis of special qualifications, including GPA, courses taken, and competitive
interview. Enrollment is contingent on the availability of internship positions.
Twenty hours a week.
Prereq.: Junior standing in telecommunications and permission of internship
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TCOM 4889 Broadcast Sports Internship 3 s.h.
An application of sports media theory and practices within sports and sports
media organizations such as university, semi-professional and professional
organizations.
Prereq.: TCOM 1570, TCOM 3792, TCOM 3793, TCOM 3794, and TCOM 3795;
selection by sponsoring organization.

TCOM 4890 Producing Broadcast News 3 s.h.
Supervision of news programs for TV, radio and web. Story development,
shooting/editing, script management, graphics creation, studio operations,
and on-camera performance. Creation and marketing of the webcast, Light the
Wick, or equivalent. Two hours lecture and two hours lab per week.
Prereq.: TCOM 3790.

TCOM 4897 Seminar in Telecommunication 3 s.h.
Designed to investigate contemporary aspects of telecommunications. May be
repeated for credit if topic is different.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major in Telecommunication Studies.

TCOM 4897E Seminar in Telecommunication Zombie Raccoons of the
Mahoning Valley 3 s.h.
Designed to investigate contemporary aspects of telecommunications. May be
repeated for credit if topic is different.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both;
major in Telecommunication Studies.
TCOM 4897P  Seminar in Telecommunication Streaming Video and Content Creation  3 s.h.
Designed to investigate contemporary aspects of telecommunications. May be repeated for credit if topic is different.
Prereq.: TCOM 2682 and TCOM 2683 with a grade of "C" or better in both; major in Telecommunication Studies.

TCOM 4899  Capstone  2 s.h.
Students demonstrate mastery of knowledge in a variety of degree assessment areas. Students prepare and present a portfolio of their work. The course assists students in assembling and presenting the portfolio to department faculty and other interested parties. To be taken after achieving senior status as a Telecommunications Studies major.
Prereq.: senior status in Telecommunication Studies.
Gen Ed: Capstone.