JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION (JOURN)

JOURN 150 — Introduction to Sports Communication
3 credits.
Explore the central activities and concepts related to various communication professions involved in the realm of sports. These activities include sports journalism, sports broadcasting, sports marketing communications, and sports public relations. Consider major social issues that impinge upon these professions including how sports and media intersect with concerns associated with race and gender. Explore strategies to build careers in sports communications and beyond.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 162 — Mass Media in Multicultural America
3 credits.
An introduction to the roles and functions of print, film, electronic and digital media in multicultural America. International comparisons highlight differences and commonalities in the social and cultural position of mass media in societies with racially and ethnically diverse populations.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 163 — Gender and Sexuality in Mass Communication
3 credits.
Exploration of the role that gender and sexuality both play in media representation, production, reception, and activism.
Requisites: Undergraduates only
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

JOURN 175 — Media Fluency for the Digital Age
3 credits.
The digital media landscape is rapidly evolving, and it has major ramifications on how we view and interact with political, social and economic landscapes. Become more fluent in digital media by examining current and emerging media and the issues and opportunities surrounding it, while producing and consuming digital media content. Being “digitally fluent” is considered a key 21st Century skill. So what does it mean to be fluent in digital media? It goes way beyond putting a “snap” on your Story or posting to Facebook. It’s a matter of knowing which medium is best given what you want to say - and who you want to converse with! Critically examine and engage with this media landscape. Analyze how digital media content is created and digested by various audiences across social, political, and economic environments.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

JOURN 176 — Special Topics in Mass Communication
3 credits.
Special focus on a specific conceptual issue or topic involving mass communication.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 201 — Introduction to Mass Communication
4 credits.
How the mass media are organized and how they function in modern society; their technological basis, economic and political foundations, and social implications.
Requisites: Freshman, sophomore, or junior standing only
Course Designation: Gen Ed - Communication Part B
Breadth - Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 202 — Mass Communication Practices
6 credits.
Build increasingly sophisticated communication skills, including writing, editing, gathering information, working with data, and presenting stories through varying media forms. Develop an appreciation of how different media influence message design by communicators and reception by audiences. Develop a complex toolkit of conceptual and practical skills for media work in journalism, strategic communication, and hybrids. Build writing skills and critical thinking abilities, two elements common to success in any field.
Requisites: Declared in a Journalism undergraduate program and JOURN 201 and concurrent enrollment in JOURN 203
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023
JOURN 203 – Information for Communication
3 credits.
Develop information skills - information collection, information verification, information analysis, and information presentation (the CVAP approach) - that are used by professionals in journalism and strategic communication. Includes practical techniques that enhance basic skills related to the collection, evaluation, analysis and presentation of information. These skills will provide a foundation for the major and in journalism and mass communication careers.
**Requisites:** Concurrent enrollment in JOURN 202
**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
**Repeatable for Credit:** No
**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

JOURN 335 – Principles and Practices of Reporting
4 credits.
Basic reporting for print and electronic media. Bring together technical and conceptual skills by creating a variety of print, audio, and web-based news stories on a current public issue.
**Requisites:** JOURN 202 or graduate/professional standing
**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
**Repeatable for Credit:** No
**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

JOURN 345 – Principles and Practice of Strategic Communication
4 credits.
Introduction to strategic communication for students interested in advertising, public relations, health communications, and political campaigns.
**Requisites:** JOURN 202 or graduate/professional standing
**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
**Repeatable for Credit:** No
**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

JOURN 350 – Sports Marketing Communications
3 credits.
Explore various activities related to the promotion domain of sports marketing including marketing research, sports branding, image management, advertising promotion, event promotion, sports sponsorships, and public relations. Examine each of these activities, and focus on the marketing communications associated with each of these activities.
**Requisites:** JOURN 150 or 202
**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
**Repeatable for Credit:** No
**Last Taught:** Summer 2023

JOURN/POLI SCI/URB R PL 373 – Introduction to Survey Research
3 credits.
Theory and practice of survey research; planning, sampling, questionnaire construction, interviewing, content analysis, machine tabulation, analysis of data; two hours lecture; two hours lab or field work. Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 544 prior to fall 2017
**Requisites:** Sophomore standing
**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
**Repeatable for Credit:** No
**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

JOURN 401 – In-Depth Reporting
4 credits.
Advanced reporting with emphasis on critical evaluation of evidence and on recognizing the complex effects of government actions. Explore and develop community context stories that originate in a range of venues from the courts to the schools.
**Requisites:** JOURN 335 or graduate/professional standing
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
**Repeatable for Credit:** No
**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

JOURN 404 – Interpretation of Contemporary Affairs
4 credits.
Preparing and writing of editorials, columns and news analyses.
**Requisites:** JOURN 335 or graduate/professional standing
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
**Repeatable for Credit:** No
**Last Taught:** Spring 2016

JOURN 405 – Creative Nonfiction
4 credits.
Creative elements of non-fiction story telling to develop skills necessary for writing across the journalistic spectrum, from newspapers to magazines to books.
**Requisites:** JOURN 335 or graduate/professional standing
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
**Repeatable for Credit:** No
**Last Taught:** Fall 2022
JOURN 411 – Multimedia Design
4 credits.
Visual communication and graphic design in multimedia contexts. Build design and production techniques to relay creative messages through print and digital media. Content explores design theory and techniques, as well as the effects and ethics of visual media messages.
Requisites: JOURN 335, 345, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2023

JOURN 415 – Science and Environmental Journalism
4 credits.
Instruction and practice in strategies for communicating science to the public. Emphasizes include (1) how to explain difficult concepts and processes; (2) skills for telling interesting and artful stories; and (3) strategies for making reasonable judgments about scientific evidence.
Requisites: JOURN 335 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2015

JOURN 417 – Magazine Publishing
4 credits.
Integrated, in-depth approach to magazine management, writing, editing and design. Covers the magazine industry from both the editorial and business ends, bringing together journalism and strategic communication students. Includes production of Curb magazine in print, online and mobile formats.
Requisites: JOURN 335, 345, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 420 – Investigative Reporting
4 credits.
Techniques of investigative and long-form enterprise reporting. Includes extensive reporting in the field and a final project.
Requisites: JOURN 335 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

JOURN 425 – Video Journalism
4 credits.
Video journalism is widespread, thanks to online news and sources such as YouTube. Create news stories using the techniques of videography, digital editing, writing and producing. Video journalism is unique in its language, requiring engaging material, a fast start, sharp focus, short narrative and natural voices. Focus on capturing stories with strong visuals and ambient sound of the people affected by issues and events.
Requisites: JOURN 335 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 426 – Community-Based Reporting
4 credits.
Provides advanced, targeted instruction in reporting that pays close attention to neighborhoods or very small communities (subcommunities), also known as hyperlocal reporting. These small communities can be defined by geographic boundaries or boundaries of shared topical interest. Locate community-based reporting’s place in the larger media ecology of mainstream media (newspapers, TV, weekly papers, magazines, independent websites, etc.), and investigate how local journalism’s place in changing media ecologies helps (or discourages) people from becoming active citizens in a democracy.
Requisites: JOURN 335
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

JOURN 445 – Creative Campaign Messages
4 credits.
Introduction to the creative aspects of message development for advertising, public relations, and other strategic communications.
Requisites: JOURN 345 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 447 – Strategic Media Planning
4 credits.
Introduction to media planning for students interested in careers in advertising, public relations, or other forms of strategic communication.
Requisites: JOURN 345 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022
JOURN 449 – Account Planning and Strategy
4 credits.

Process of planning, implementing, and analyzing strategic communication campaigns.
Requisites: JOURN 345 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 450 – Advanced Sports Communication
4 credits.

Core skills and issues of communicating about sports to a mass audience in a changing media landscape, as well as advice and support in starting a sports communication career including access to professionals in the field. Utilizes professional, historical and theoretical perspectives in helping participants gain proficiency in disseminating information about sports-related events and topics for informative and strategic purposes, while developing a sense of the role of sport in contemporary society.
Requisites: JOURN 150, 335, or 345
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 453 – Strategic Media Relations
4 credits.

Develop the advanced practical skills and conceptual understanding necessary to function impressively as an entry-level professional in media relations, i.e., transmitting news to mass communicators in traditional and interactive media on behalf of a client or organization.
Requisites: JOURN 335 or 345
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

JOURN 455 – Emerging Media and the News
4 credits.

Tools and platforms with which to produce professional content for publication. Examples for course topics will include social media, multimedia and other new technologies that professional communicators must master.
Requisites: JOURN 335, 345, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2019

JOURN 456 – Long Form Video
4 credits.

Develop skills needed to conduct professional-level journalism and strategic communication in long-form video. Produce documentary pieces of covering a contemporary topic of local or regional interest and complete other exercises in video analysis, composition and production.
Requisites: JOURN 335, 345, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

JOURN 457 – Storytelling Through Sound
4 credits.

Audio storytelling as an art form, with a focus on creating a series of episodic long-form audio storytelling segments. Develop interview and writing skills, as well as field recording and editing techniques. Develop personal style and voice, while learning practical skills necessary to write and produce audio content for over the air or online.
Requisites: JOURN 335, 345, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

JOURN 463 – Digital Media Strategies
4 credits.

Provides an overview of digital media from an objective, strategy, and tactical planning perspective within strategic communication media and promotion campaigns.
Requisites: Declared in a Journalism undergraduate program and JOURN 345
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 464 – Public Relations Strategies
4 credits.

Provides an overview of public relations from an objective, strategy, and tactical planning perspective within strategic communication campaigns. Investigates one core element of a strategic communications campaign and provides an in–depth study into the topic area of public relations.
Requisites: JOURN 345
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
JOURN 465 – Social Media Marketing Communications
4 credits.
Provides an overview of social media marketing planning and buying from an objective, strategy, and tactical perspective within strategic communication campaigns. Investigate one core element of a strategic communications campaign, and provides an in-depth study into the topic area of digital media.
Requisites: Declared in a Journalism undergraduate program and JOURN 345
Course Designation: Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

JOURN 470 – Strategic Communication Campaigns Capstone
4 credits.
Provides a grounding in advanced principles of strategic communication campaign development and execution, further developing skills used in creating advertising and marketing communications, focusing on research, strategy, copy and design, media, and public relations/promotions.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

JOURN 475 – Special Topics in Advanced Concepts and Skills
1-4 credits.
Exploration of a particular set of concepts and skills in more depth. Subject will vary.
Requisites: JOURN 335, 345, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate course work requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN/HISTORY 560 – History of U.S. Media
4 credits.
Evolution of the mass media in the United States in the context of political, social, and economic change.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate course work requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

JOURN 561 – Mass Communication and Society
4 credits.
Relationships between mass communications and society; analysis and evaluation of media performance and of suggestions for change.
Requisites: Junior standing; not open to special students
Course Designation: Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate course work requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 563 – Law of Mass Communication
4 credits.
Freedom of speech and press with particular emphasis on major legal issues confronting media practitioners; introduction to such areas of law as censorship, libel, invasion of privacy, access to information, regulation of electronic media and commercial speech.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate course work requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 564 – Media and the Consumer
4 credits.
Advertising and other mass media content from the consumer’s viewpoint; consumer’s need and opportunities for information, and use of opportunities; consumer evaluation of media performance, guidelines for effective use; alternative means for obtaining information; implications of consumer movement.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate course work requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 565 – Effects of Mass Communication
4 credits.
Use and effects of mass communication for individuals and societies. Examines who is affected, what effects occur and how much, what different media content is involved and what situations make effects more or less likely.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate course work requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

JOURN 566 – Communication and Public Opinion
4 credits.
The role of the mass media of communication in the formation of public opinion. Propaganda goals of government, political, economic, and social groups.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate course work requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023
JOURN 601 – Colloquium in Professional Communication Careers
1 credit.
Explores a wide variety of post-undergraduate communication career options available in Journalism. Topics related to job hunting, resume writing, and networking are also covered. Focuses on opportunities and challenges in a wide variety of communication fields, from advertising and public relations to radio, newspapers and TV broadcasting. Guest speakers or panelists will span different sectors (agencies, corporations, nonprofits, higher education, government, etc.).
Requisites: Declared in a Journalism undergraduate program
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN/COM ARTS/HDFS 616 – Mass Media and Youth
3 credits.
Children’s and adolescents’ use of mass media and mass media effects on them. Particular attention is given to changes in comprehension and other cognitive activities that give insights into media use and effects.
Requisites: JOURN 202, COM ARTS 325, HDFS 262 (or HDFS 362 prior to Fall 2023), ED PSYCH 320, PSYCH 460, or LSC 251 (or PSYCH 560 prior to Fall 2017)
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

JOURN/COM ARTS/LSC 617 – Health Communication in the Information Age
3 credits.
Examines the role of communication in health, how the revolution in information technology has affected health communication, and the assumptions about health information and communication that drive current efforts to use technologies.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 618 – Mass Communication and Political Behavior
4 credits.
Interrelationships of news media, political campaigning, and the electorate. Impact of media coverage and persuasive appeals on image and issue voting, political participation and socialization.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

JOURN 620 – International Communication
4 credits.
Historical, political, economic and cultural trends in global mass communication systems.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 621 – Mass Communication in Developing Nations
4 credits.
Development, structure, and role of mass communication systems in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

JOURN 622 – The Impact of Emerging Media
3 credits.
Provides an introduction to the literature and research on emerging communication technologies (e.g., blogs, social media, massively multiplayer games, mobile devices) and the effects of these technologies on the individual and societal levels. Illuminates the psychological, social, political, industrial, and policy implications of the use of emerging communication technologies. Become equipped with a basic social and scientific understanding of the interplay between technology, individuals, and society, and recurring issues concerning the adoption and usage of new communication technologies. Emphasizes empirical approaches to understanding these relationships, delving into contexts such as journalism, strategic communication, and the place of digital media in politics and society.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN/ART HIST/HISTORY/LIS 650 – History of Books and Print Culture in Europe and North America
3 credits.
History of books and print culture in the West from ancient times to the present. Focus on the influence of reading and writing on social, cultural, and intellectual life. Methodologies, theories, and sources for study of book and print culture history.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022
JOURN 651 – Sports Controversies & Communication Professions
3 credits.

Exploration of a number of prominent controversies that pervade the realm of sports and engage the activities of sports communication professionals (such as sports journalists, broadcasters, marketers and public relations specialists). Discuss the issues involved in these controversies, and pay special attention to the way they impinge upon professional practices.

Requisites: JOURN 150, 162, 201, or Junior Standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 658 – Communication Research Methods
4 credits.

Survey of methods for investigating mass communication process and effects.

Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN/ASIAN AM 662 – Mass Media and Minorities
4 credits.

Representations of minority groups in U.S. news and entertainment mass media. Historical, social, political, economic, and other factors influencing the mass mediated depictions of minorities.

Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

JOURN 664 – Social Networks in Communication
3 credits.

Examines key concepts in social network theory and develops and applies them to the field of communication. Attention is paid to the differences between social and online networks, as well as their relationships. Explores major concepts and questions in social network theory and analysis, including the elements that make up a network; network relationships (e.g. homophily, knowing others like ourselves); the construction of whole social networks out of dyads (two people) and triads (three); strong and weak ties; roles and positions; groups, cliques, and clusters; as well as small worlds and communities. Emphasis will be on what these concepts mean and how they work. There will be minimal introduction to technical network analysis and hands-on work.

Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2019

JOURN 669 – Literary Aspects of Journalism
3 credits.

Critical reading of the best reporting and writing.

Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 670 – Community Service Learning: Technology for Social Change
3 credits.

Integrates the study of the social impact of new communication technologies into community engagement practices. Illuminates social, political, psychological, and policy implications of the adoption and use of new and emerging technologies and provides an educational opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills obtained from the class to a local, community-based collaborative project (i.e. integrated social media campaign) that aims to strengthen the community. This collaborative project is a hands-on experiment that demonstrates how to use new communication technologies for social change.

Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

JOURN 675 – Topics in Government and Mass Media
3 credits.

Analysis of political and legal relationships between mass communication and government with emphasis on current problems and issues.

Requisites: Senior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2023

JOURN 676 – Special Topics in Mass Communication
1-4 credits.

In-depth analysis of a conceptual mass communication issue.

Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023
JOURN/LIS 677 — Concepts and Tools for Data Analysis and Visualization
3 credits.
An introduction to information and data visualization: introduction to major concepts, instruction in specific tools for data analysis and visualization, and application of skills in a final project.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

JOURN 678 — Legal & Ethical Dimensions of Emerging Media
3 credits.
Examines the legal and ethical questions surrounding digital media and their effects on society and individuals.
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

JOURN 681 — Senior Honors Thesis
3 credits.
Mentored individual research and study for students completing Honors in the Major.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 682 — Senior Honors Thesis
3 credits.
Mentored individual research and study for students completing Honors in the Major.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 691 — Senior Thesis
3 credits.
Mentored individual research and study for students completing a senior thesis.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

JOURN 692 — Senior Thesis
3 credits.
Mentored individual research and study for students completing a senior thesis.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

JOURN 697 — Internship
1-3 credits.
Advanced directed study projects as arranged with a faculty or instructional academic staff member, based on internship experience.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 698 — Directed Study
1-6 credits.
Advanced directed study projects as arranged with a faculty or instructional academic staff member.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2010

JOURN 699 — Directed Study
1-6 credits.
Advanced directed study projects as arranged with a faculty or instructional academic staff member.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 800 — Advanced Mass Media Practice
3 credits.
Advanced projects in professional practice in mass media.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2015
JOURN 801 – Mass Communication and the Individual
3 credits.
Theory and research on individuals’ use of mass communication and effects of mass communication. Topics include choice, selection and functions of mass media use, attention and cognitive processing, information effects, persuasion and emotion/involvement, and social and behavioral effects.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 802 – Mass Communication and Society
3 credits.
Examines systematic procedures for theory building and comparison of theories of communication processes between mass media and other societal institutions and their relationships with both individuals and micro-social systems.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

JOURN 803 – Mass Communication and Culture
3 credits.
Intensive readings focusing on the critical studies and/or cultural studies traditions in mass communication theory and research.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

JOURN/HISTORY 808 – Mass Communication History
3 credits.
Intensive reading and discussion designed to introduce literature of mass communication.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022

JOURN/LSC 811 – Conceptualization and Design of Mass Communication Research
2-3 credits.
Assists students in turning research questions into substantive research designs with understanding of the concepts involved. For most students, the final product will be a well-developed thesis or dissertation proposal.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2018

JOURN 812 – Qualitative Communication Research Methods
3 credits.
Research methodology. Design research, analyze and interpret evidence, and develop a deeper appreciation of research strategies.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

JOURN 813 – Practicum in Communication Research
3 credits.
Detailed practicum on conducting and publishing empirical research in mass communication.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

JOURN 818 – Computational Approaches to Communication Research
3 credits.
Surveys major computational approaches and analytical tools that are promising in advancing communication research and practices in the modern digital information environment.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

JOURN 821 – Health Communication
3 credits.
Application and integration of theory in understanding the effects of mass media, with close attention to health communication campaign messages.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 822 – Global Communication
3 credits.
Readings and discussion focussing on global media issues. Topics may include news flow, cultural imperialism, representations, history and political economy, globalization trends, new technologies, mass media and nation building, communication and grassroots politics.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023
JOURN/ENVIR ST/LSC  823 – Science and Environment Communication
3 credits.
Tracks the evolution of mass media coverage of science and the environment. Emphasis on how journalists utilize evidence, the influence of scientific and journalistic norms on stories, and the effects of mass media on science and environment messages to the public.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 824 – Race, Ethnicity and Media
3 credits.
Examines key theoretical and empirical readings in the area of race/ethnicity and media.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

JOURN/LSC  825 – Law and Ethics of Communication and Media
3 credits.
Explores critical questions of media law and ethics within the United States.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

JOURN/LSC  826 – Journalism Theory
3 credits.
Focus on the content and purposes of journalism, explores cultural values associated with journalism, relationships between journalism and other institutions, and current issues facing journalists at a time when the profession faces many challenges.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

JOURN/GEN&WS  828 – Gender and Sexuality in Mass Communication
3 credits.
A scholarly theory overview on gender and sexuality in communication studies.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

JOURN/POLI SCI  829 – Political Communication
3 credits.
This course examines the role of communication in American politics. Topics covered include the communication of politics (e.g., communication by political elites, effects of mass media and interpersonal communication on political attitudes) as well as the politics of communications (regulation of political communication, policy issues, etc.).
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

JOURN/COM ARTS/LSC  831 – Psychology of Entertainment Media
3 credits.
Provides an in-depth look into entertainment media, including its effects on individuals, social groups, and society. The focus on entertainment content is across platforms - from "mass" to social media. Emphasis will be paid to psychological, individual-level effects.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

JOURN/LSC  833 – Technology and Society
3 credits.
Considers the effects of new communication technologies on everyday life and political mobilization.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

JOURN/LSC  834 – Communication and Social Theory
3 credits.
Looks at key questions in social theory from the 20th century and provides concepts and analytical frameworks to think carefully about how networks work and what they do at different levels of society.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

JOURN  835 – News Framing and Social Protest Movements
3 credits.
Addresses the multi-disciplinary theory and research that have contributed to our understanding of both the antecedents and consequences of mediated messages as they impinge upon processes related to social protest. Draws from literature in mass communication, political science, sociology, psychology and other disciplines to examine questions about the role of communication media in the dynamics of social protest.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
JOURN 880 – Topics in Mass Communication
3 credits.
In-depth investigation of a specific topic in mass communication.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 901 – Colloquium in Mass Communication
1 credit.
Research presentations by mass communication scholars, and is designed to acquaint graduate students with theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of communication.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 902 – Graduate Teaching Colloquium
1 credit.
Colloquium series in fields related to communication and information studies. Teaching presentations on various theoretical and practical approaches to teaching and learning in the communication and information fields.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

JOURN 903 – Professional Master’s Colloquium
1 credit.
Expands the toolkit of skills and experiences through direct work with working journalists and communication professionals.
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

JOURN 990 – Thesis
1-9 credits.
Advanced level mentored reading and research for students with dissertator status.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

JOURN 999 – Independent Research Problems
2-4 credits.
Advanced level mentored reading and research for dissertators.
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023