TELEVISION AND DIGITAL MEDIA (TVDM)

TVDM 101 History and Development of TV and Digital Media (3 credits)
Corequisite(s): CMDA 110. Restriction(s): School of Communication and Media majors only. A survey of the history, organization and current structure of radio, television and hybrid technologies; societal and cultural influences of electronic broadcast media; introduction to practical and theoretical concepts of studio production.

TVDM 201 Language of Television (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 110 or CMST 101 or WRIT 105 or HONP 100. An inquiry into how video and televisual work and what they communicate. The intent of the course is twofold: to help students understand how moving pictures themselves convey meaning and what kind of meanings these are, and how the commercial television industry predominantly offers a particular, limited version of the medium's possibilities in its news, information, and entertainment programming. This includes a component wherein students further their learning of these lessons through the creation of their own simple productions. Meets Gen Ed - Fine and Performing Arts.

TVDM 205 Fundamentals of TV and Digital Media (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. A hands-on introduction to technical aspects of basic studio and field equipment. Open to students in School of Communication and Media.

TVDM 220 How to Watch Television (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 110. This course analyzes television in the ways and to the extent to which it needs to be understood by its audience. The aim is for students to critically evaluate the role and impact of television in their lives as well as in our culture. This is achieved by an approach that combines media theory and criticism with media education.

TVDM 221 Developing the Documentary (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 110 or WRIT 105 or HONP 100. Restriction(s): School of Communication and Media approval. Students will be introduced to the impact of technological advances on the history and evolution of the documentary art form. Emphasis on how to research and develop long form documentaries for a variety of outlets (PBS, HBO, MTV, National Geographic, ESPN, and theatrical). Students will be asked to develop an idea of their choice from the initial research stage to the development of funding proposals, budget, and innovative outreach campaign.

TVDM 233 Radio Production (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220 or WRIT 105 or HONP 100. Part classroom learning, part radio production workshop, ‘Radio Production: WMSC-FM On the Air’ is an introduction to the theory, practice, art and craft of radio production. Students learn production styles popular in commercial, public and college radio for news, music, talk, sports and hybrid formats.

TVDM 243 Media and Culture (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 110. The ways in which the broadcast media affect mass culture and consequently the values and mores of society; includes the history of mass culture and the mechanisms by which diverse forces of society (i.e., minority cultures, political trends or technological innovations) affect mass culture.

TVDM 245 Radio and TV Performance (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. Restriction(s): Majors only. To develop fundamental announcing skills necessary for performance of commercials, news, and other scripted programming for electronic media. Examination, performance, and evaluation of specific skills ranging from simple commercial and public service announcements and news scripts to more complex acting and interpretative exercises.

TVDM 247 Sports Media and Society (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 110. This course is intended to introduce the School of Communication and Media students to the specialized area of sports television. By the conclusion of the course, students will: understand and be able to offer informed opinions about the importance of sports and recreational activities as a defining element of any society; be able to relate the effects of television, a principal element of the media, on sports in American culture; be conversant in the organizational and financial structure of the television sports industry; demonstrate knowledge of the history of televised sports programming; have an opportunity to demonstrate basic production techniques applied in contemporary sports television producing.

TVDM 251 Introduction to the Control Room/Studio (4 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. Restriction(s): Majors only. A workshop presenting the fundamentals of studio television production; opportunity to demonstrate creative potential through short studio productions; emphasis upon the idea, and principles of camera blocking.

TVDM 253 Introduction to Field Production and Editing (4 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 110. An intermediate workshop introducing students to EFP (electronic field production) and the non-linear post-production techniques in the editing facilities of the DuMont Television Center; continued emphasis upon program concept.

TVDM 255 Special Topics in Television and Digital Media (1-3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220 and departmental approval. This course is specifically intended for lower division (freshman and sophomore) students. It provides an umbrella to offer a variety of specialized introductory level topics which do not justify establishing a permanent course. May be repeated for a maximum of 15 credits.

TVDM 260 History of Television Programming (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 110. An examination of the history of television programming in the United States. Students view original programs that constitute some of the key moments in television history and assess their significance based on aesthetic, content-oriented, technological, sociological, and political-economic points of view.

TVDM 277 Audio Production for Film/Digital Media (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 110 and departmental approval. A fundamental workshop exploring the properties of sound as both a separate creative medium and as a supplemental tool for the visual image; studio and location recording, editing and mixing.

TVDM 293 TV and Digital Programming (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. A structural and critical examination of broadcast and cable television programming, including program production/acquisition, scheduling, and evaluation. An overview of programming strategies and techniques, sources, genres, regulation, issues and trends.

TVDM 300 Documentary Production (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 253 and departmental approval. Production class with an emphasis on producing and directing non-fiction documentary programming, including sports and news formats. Open to students in School of Communication and Media.
TVDM 315 Political Broadcasting (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. A survey of the history of political broadcasting beginning with radio and concentrating on television; analysis of the relationship between broadcasting and the political process, to include campaigning for office, the election and how broadcasting helps or hinders the art of governing.

TVDM 341 Cross Platform Sports Writing and Reporting (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220 or JOUR 210. This seminar course will provide students experience in writing and reporting sports to deliver content on all major platforms. Through lectures, writing, field reporting, readings and guest speakers, students will develop a strong understanding of the challenges faced on the sports beat. This course includes instruction in the use of social media, web sites and video as important components of top tier sports coverage.

TVDM 343 Sports Production for Television, Radio and Internet (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. This class is designed to introduce advanced level media students to the fundamental principles of sports media production. Working under the assumption that students must prepare for multi-platform presentation of media no matter what the subject, students in this class will experience all facets of contemporary accumulation, production and distribution of media information-in this case the subject is sports.

TVDM 345 Advanced Television Event Production and Planning (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 253. This course will give students a unique view into planning and producing live events. It will include a directing workshop, a package producing workshop, and several hands on events. This course will be about half editorial content creation and half operational production. Students with interest in either or both sides will find it useful.

TVDM 349 Ethics of Mass Communication (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220 or JOUR 210. A survey and analysis of major legal and ethical issues in broadcasting and mass communication.

TVDM 351 Television Practicum (1 credit)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 253 and departmental approval. Students participate in a designated number of hours of television production for the closed circuit television facility as well as other production opportunities. May be repeated for a maximum of four credits.

TVDM 353 Children’s Television (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. Current children's productions and examination of research on their affect/effectiveness; work on class productions designed for children.

TVDM 355 Craft Workshop (1-3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 253 and departmental approval. Designated students work closely under the supervision of studio operations personnel/technicians to concentrate on the maintenance and operation of the DuMont Television Center facility. Opportunity for students to work intensively with advanced production hardware. May be repeated for a maximum of three credits.

TVDM 357 Advanced Television Production (4 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 251 and TVDM 253. Restriction(s): Majors only. Advanced workshop providing opportunity for pre-professional level production for distribution off-campus; emphasis on selection of quality properties for production; introduction to on-line post-production techniques.

TVDM 360 Advanced Post-Production Workshop (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 253 and departmental approval. A hands-on workshop designed to maximize student’s abilities to understand the ethical choices and importance of editing as a storytelling tool when creating programming for digital media.

TVDM 361 Media Management (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. Economic support patterns, evolution of broadcast programming; ascertainment of community needs; station promotion and advertising; legal and ethical issues relating to broadcasting.

TVDM 373 MIDI and Digital Music Production (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 277 and departmental approval. Students will develop music production skills focusing on the technical aspects and creative uses of MIDI, standard music studio procedures, session management, and microphone placement/selection for capturing acoustic instruments.

TVDM 375 Introduction to Music Recording (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 277 or FILM 277; and TVDM 373. This production course will introduce students to the concepts and production techniques used in multitrack music recording. The class will explore the impact these techniques have had on music, as well as their creative use in a studio environment. Students will complete several recording projects as part of the course requirement, as well as develop skills in session management, signal flow/trouble shooting, mic placement, mixing and signal processing.

TVDM 377 Sound Analysis and Design (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 277 and departmental approval. This production-oriented class will explore the aesthetics and techniques of sound design for radio, television, and film. Students will analyze professional sound designs in these media and create their own using both analog and digital technology.

TVDM 391 International Broadcasting (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 220. This course will explore the history and development of broadcasting systems other than our own. Major broadcasting systems include England, Australia, Canada, Japan, Russia (and former Soviet Union satellites), France and Italy. The course will trace the effects of various political systems on the system of broadcasting, dealing with such issues as accessibility, privacy and freedom of speech. Students will examine the reasons for the demise of Radio Free Europe and other international broadcast services. The course will also address the effects of changing technologies on international communication (i.e., satellites, fiber optics, HDTV).

TVDM 421 New Genres in Documentary (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 300 or FILM 300. Students create transmedia documentary projects for distribution using the Internet, social media and mobile devices as exhibition platforms. This includes exposure to television news programs, web sites radio and print.

TVDM 441 Multimedia News Production (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): CMDA 320 or departmental approval. Practical training in gathering, writing and producing of news story packages for incorporation into a studio news show and other interactive platforms. Demonstration and application of ENG (electronic news gathering) techniques related to production. Class may be repeated for 1 credit.
TVDM 450  Senior Seminar  (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 351; departmental approval. Restriction(s):
Seniors only. The course is designed to prepare students for the
transition from student to working professional with an emphasis on
writing, interviewing, networking, job availability and possibilities, and
professional conduct. Guest speakers from the industry will provide
advice for obtaining and maintaining employment.

TVDM 451  Television Production Company  (1-3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 357 and departmental approval. Senior level
broadcast laboratory in which students function in some key role in a
production unit which produces professional television production for
distribution on- and off-campus. May be repeated for a maximum of nine
credits.

TVDM 455  Special Topics in Television and Digital Media  (1-3 credits)
Corequisite(s): CMDA 320. Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval.
Special fee. Various topics offered depending upon program needs
and available professional part-time faculty. Usually deals with some
professional aspects of the broadcast field or special study of the
broadcast media. May be repeated for a maximum of 24 credits.

TVDM 477  Sound Design for Film  (3 credits)
Prerequisite(s): TVDM 377. A continuation of Sound Analysis and Design.
This class continues to explore the aesthetics and techniques of sound
design utilizing nonlinear digital recording techniques. Students will
focus on signal processing techniques and creating original sound
effects; Foley work, and dialog replacement. Students complete an
original sound design for a film, television, or video game project, working
with the producer/director to fulfill the artistic vision of the piece.