COMMUNICATION

Chair: Aaron Furgason, Department of Communication

In our commitment to students’ personal, professional, and public success, the mission of the Department of Communication is to provide a rigorous, ethical, collaborative, and culturally responsive learning environment. We embrace civic participation ideals and provide rich opportunities for written, oral, and technological communication competence, research skills, intercultural appreciation, and professional readiness.

The Department serves this mission at the undergraduate level through its three clusters:

- Communication Studies,
- Journalism and Public Relations, and
- Media Studies and Production.

Student Honor Societies: Alpha Epsilon Rho (Media Studies and Production), Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Honor Society.

Programs

Majors

- B.A. in Communication (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/communication-ba/)
- B.A. in Spanish with a Concentration in Communication (Journalism Cluster) (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/ba-spanish-concentration-communication-journalism-cluster/)
- B.A. in Spanish with a Concentration in Communication (Media Studies & Production Cluster) (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/spanish-ba-concentration-communication-media-studies-production-cluster/)

Minors

- Communication (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/communication-minor/)
- Interactive Media (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/interactive-media-minor/)
- Journalism (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/journalism-minor/)
- Leadership Communication (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/leadership-communication-minor/)
- Media Production (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/media-production-minor/)
- Public Relations (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/public-relations-minor/)
- Screen Studies (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/screen-studies-minor/)
- Sports Communication (http://catalog.monmouth.edu/undergraduate-catalog/wayne-d-mcmurray-humanities-social-sciences/communication/sports-communication-minor/)

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Courses

ASL-101 American Sign Language I Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
This Learner-centered course is designed for students with little or no previous knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL). Students acquire basic grammar and lexical skills that will enable them to communicate in routine social or professional situations within an authentic cultural context.
ASL-102  American Sign Language II  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): ASL-101
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
Designed to continue development of American Sign Language (ASL) skills with primary focus on refining the use of basic ASL sentence types. Students will continue to be exposed foundational aspect of ASL classifiers, hand configuration, palm orientation, and signing space as well as transitioning body language. Students will engage in an expanded learning of Deaf culture and history.

CO-100  Introduction to Communication  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Theory, concepts, and practices of the production, transmission, and reception of messages. Examines elements, models, functions, and types of networks of communication.

CO-102  Radio Production  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COSPT
Basic principles of radio broadcasting, with emphasis on pre-production, planning, and audio production techniques.

CO-106  Listening  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
Practice listening skills in a variety of personal, academic, and professional contexts. Applying current research in listening theory. Understanding and appreciating the importance of listening every day and for a lifetime.

CO-120  Interpersonal Communication  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
The principles and fundamentals of human oral communication in person-to-person and small group environments; the process of encoding and decoding messages, language usage, listening, and feedback.

CO-145  Introduction to Television Production  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): IM
Introduction to basic studio and field television production equipment, production processes, and approaches to the creation of televised messages. Additional hours to be arranged.

CO-155  Media Literacy  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Introduces students to a range of critical thinking skills for use when encountering media materials, including television, radio, print, and Internet resources. Students will develop an understanding of the complex functions of the mass media industries and an understanding of the aesthetic, emotional, cognitive, and moral choices involved in interpreting media messages.

CO-205  Topics in History of Sports and Media  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): COSPT
Examines the development and evolution of selected sports and fields of athletic endeavor primarily in the United States. Students will gain knowledge of various sports, how media has covered and influenced these sports, and how those sports have impacted and influenced American culture and society. This course is repeatable for credit.

CO-206  Issues in Sports Media  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COSPT
Students examine the way that the media covers, analyzes, and critiques sports and sports issues. Media and sport have become two powerful and influential forces in society today. This class will demonstrate how the two have become irrevocably intertwined.

CO-210  Voice and Diction  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-100
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COACM, COCS, CORTA
Analyzes individual voice and articulation problems; practice focusing on improvement in quality, variety, flexibility, and range.

CO-211  Introduction to Journalism  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COSPT
Explores how concepts of news are changing and develops a hands-on understanding of the way news is created. Course covers basic journalism techniques and standards.

CO-215  Newswriting  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-211; and EN-101 and EN-102 or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): WT
Advanced theory and practice in newswriting and reporting.

CO-216  Journalism/PR Career Preparation  Credits: 1
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Instructs Communication majors how to effectively pursue opportunities for employment, professional training, and internships. It is designed specifically for Communication students emerging as professionals in the fields of Journalism and Public Relations.

CO-217  Radio/Television Career Preparation  Credits: 1
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Instructs Communication majors how to effectively pursue opportunities for employment, professional training and internships. It is designed specifically for Communication students studying Radio and Television.

CO-218  Communication Studies Career Preparation  Credits: 1
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Prepares Communication Studies concentration students how to effectively pursue opportunities for employment, career development and professional training in the field of Communication.

CO-220  Public Speaking  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An introduction to the principles and practices of effective public speaking, using traditional rhetorical principles as applied in the composition and delivery of various types of speeches.
CO-221 Introduction to Digital Media  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): IM, TL
Provides the skills and theoretical context to produce, manage and optimize digital media to create dynamic and engaging websites, broadcast graphics and imagery for presentations. The course uses in class lectures, hands-on demonstrations, directed readings and discussions to help students understand the parameters of their digital tools and make high quality, socially engaged work. This course is repeatable for credit.

CO-222 User Experience and Interaction Design  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): CORTW, IM
Guides students through research, planning, and designing of interactive, transmedia, web, mobile, and gaming formats and platforms. Topics covered include computer-mediated communication, transmedia storytelling, information architecture for digital experiences, human computer interfaces, wireframes, and web and mobile device prototyping.

CO-223 Argumentation and Debate  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): HU-201 or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COACM, COCSD
The principles of argumentation and their application in the debate situation; the nature and structure of reasoning, the types of evidence, the construction of briefs, and the researching of debate propositions.

CO-224 Introduction to Mass Communication  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
The historical development and functions of mass media, such as radio, television, print, and film.

CO-225 Business and Professional Communication  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): RD
Principles and techniques for oral and written communication skills within the business and professional situations; emphasis on job interviewing with resumes and cover letters, professional emails and social media posts, informative and persuasive presentations, and listening skills.

CO-226 Intercultural Communication  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): BI.EL, CD, RE
The process of communication between people of different cultures; the influences of culture on communicative messages and meanings.

CO-231 Multicultural Voices: From Page to Stage  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COACM, COCSD
Explores contemporary multicultural voices through published short stories and poetry, including slam poetry/spoken word and new forms of digital literature. Using performance of literature as a method of analysis and presentation, students will also consider enactments of identity through diverse perspectives on race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, ability, and nationality.

CO-233 Rhetoric and Persuasion  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Concepts and principles of communicative messages that influence thoughts, attitudes, and behavior. Foundational theories of persuasion, including rhetorical, critical, and social scientific perspectives.

CO-234 Climate Communication  Credits: 3
Course Type(s): RD
An examination of the role of communication in environmental science, activism, and policy. Topics include the challenges of communicating about science, risk communication, and environmental advocacy campaigns. These concepts will be put into practice through the study of argumentation practices and the performance of original, researched-based presentations.

CO-235 Sports Broadcasting  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-102 or CO-145
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COSPT
Prepares students for an internship at a public or commercial radio station or an entry-level position. Students will learn how to gather, organize, write, report, and broadcast radio sports.

CO-236 Sports Reporting  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COSPT
Introduction to the field of sports journalism, which includes standardized news writing techniques as well as feature writing.

CO-240 Smartphone Video Production  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): CORTP
Teaches students how to use their smartphones to produce high-quality videos which they can then share with a large and diverse online community. From the development of an idea and importance of pre-production planning to the final stages post-production and marketing, this class will guide students through the entire process of creating and sharing visual media.

CO-241 Introduction to Screen Studies  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COSS, IM
Introduction to the disciplined study of the Screen Arts - motion picture film, television, video, and digital multimedia - with respect to the operation of the various elements of sound and image as they operate within the text of the visual work screened. Includes screening and discussion of various representative works.

CO-242 Creating Good Radio  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-102
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): CORTP
Broadcasting as effective communication; practical experience in writing, producing, directing, and performing in radio programs; critical analysis of various professional broadcasts.

CO-243 History of the Motion Picture  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COSS
An introduction to the major phases of motion picture history from its origins to the present, including screenings and discussions of major film movements, technological innovations, and landmark directors.

CO-246 Producing and Directing for Television (TV2)  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-145
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): CORTP
The application of aesthetic theory and production principles via studio television production assignments. Emphasis is placed upon the roles of producer and director in live television production. Additional studio hours to be arranged.
CO-247  ESPN Live Sports I
Prerequisite(s): CO-145
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): CORTP, COSPT
Hands-on introduction to the process of producing live television sports broadcasts. Students will examine each of the staff positions, and will serve in many of them as crew for the TV sports broadcasts on campus.

CO-250  Global Communication
Course Type(s): B.IEL, COJPR, COJPT, COPRT, GU, RE
Introduces students to the various aspects of global communication, primarily media communication, journalism, and public relations. Particular emphasis will be on the categories of difference such as gender, race, class, and ethnicity. Global communication is reshaping economic, social, cultural, and political aspects of our lives nationally and internationally. Hence, in this course students will explore essential components of global communication, emphasizing shifts in national, regional, and international media patterns and trends including production, distribution, and consumption.

CO-262  Co-Curricular Practicum in Radio
Prerequisite(s): CO-378 or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Credit for specified assignments at the University radio station, WMX, is awarded after a term-end evaluation by the instructor of the project agreed upon with the student. May not count toward major requirements. May be repeated for a total of six credits; limited to students active at the radio station for at least one semester.

CO-263  Co-Curricular Practicum in Television
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Credit for specified assignments at the University television station is awarded after a term-end evaluation by the instructor of the project agreed upon with the student. May not count toward major requirements. May be repeated for a total of six credits; limited to students active at HAWK TV for at least one semester. Instructor permission is required to take this course.

CO-264  Co-Curricular Practicum in Journalism
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Credit for specified assignments at the University newspaper is awarded after a term-end evaluation by the instructor of the project agreed upon with the student. May not count toward major requirements. May be repeated for a total of six credits; limited to students active at The Outlook for at least one semester. Instructor permission is required to take this course.

CO-265  Co-Curricular Practicum in Public Relations
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Credit for specified public relations assignments for the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), University Clubs and Associations, and/or the University Communication Department is awarded after a term-end evaluation by the instructor of the project agreed upon with the student. May not count toward major requirements; may be repeated for a total of six credits. Instructor permission is required; limited to students active with PRSSA for at least one semester; students may also gain entry with previous experience on a public relations event/project and provide tangible evidence to advisor.

CO-266  Co-Curricular Practicum in CommWorks
Prerequisite(s): 3 credits from a course with a course type of COCSD or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Credit for specified performance assignments with CommWorks (Students Committed to Performance) and, by extension, the University Communication Department is awarded after a term-end evaluation by the instructor of the project agreed upon with the student. May not count toward major requirements. May be repeated for a total of six credits; limited to students active in CommWorks for at least one semester. Students may also gain entry with previous substantial experience in performance, theatre, and/or forensics; student must provide tangible evidence to the advisor.

CO-267  Co-Curricular Practicum in MOCä
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
One credit for specified assignments with MOCä and by extension the University Communication Department is awarded after a term-end evaluation by the instructor of the project agreed-upon with the student. The course may not count toward other major requirements. May be repeated for a total of six credits. Permission of the instructor is required to take this course.

CO-271  Ethics, Justice and American Prisons
Prerequisite(s): SO-101 and instructor approval
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): SJS
Explores the rise of mass incarceration in the United States, with a critical look at the ethical, socio-cultural, political and economic factors that shape the American prison system today. The course is also the gateway course to the Monmouth University Academic Exchange Program, also referred to as MU-AEP, a collaborative effort between Monmouth University and the New Jersey Department of Corrections. This program, of which this course is a requirement, is offered by Monmouth University to help to facilitate a transformative exchange of ideas and perspectives between incarcerated students and non-incarcerated students and non-incarcerated students inside the New Jersey state prison. Also listed as SO-271.

CO-272  Real People Reel Stories
Prerequisite(s): CO-102
Course Type(s): COACM, CORTP, EX5
Learning to tell a story through video testimonies/interviews. Socially conscious topics will be chosen from quality of life issues being explored by our new on-campus Polling Institute or those presented by community aid organizations. Instructor permission is required to take this course.

CO-275  Performance for Radio
Prerequisite(s): CO-102
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): CORTA
The fundamentals of radio announcing will be stressed along with station orientation. The student will develop strong vocal skills for a variety of radio personalities over the air.
CO-299  Internship in Communication  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-216 or CO-217 or CO-218, departmental approval, and Junior standing
Term Offered: Summer Term
Course Type(s): EX1
Supervised, practical experience in communication (radio, television, public relations, journalism, and human communication); emphasis on the application of discipline specific technologies and theories in a professional environment directly related to one's course of study.

CO-290  Media Law  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COJPT, COPRT, CORTT
How the mass media is constrained and protected by the law and court interpretation. Overview will focus on libel, copyright, obscenity, free press, and other legal/illegal aspects of mass communication. Also listed as PS-290.

CO-292  Communication Research Methods  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-100, MA-105 and at least 6 credits in Communication
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Introduction to the use of the scientific methods, various research approaches, and application of both qualitative and quantitative methods for application in the field of communication.

CO-293  Social Media  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COJPR, COJPT, COPRT, IM
An interactive, intensive study of social media with regard to the field of public relations. Students will be introduced to new contexts and forms of social media, an ever-growing area of study.

CO-295  Introduction to Public Relations  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COJPT
A comprehensive survey of the field of public relations. Emphasis on the evolution, role, functions, and scope of public relations in American society.

CO-296  Public Relations Fundraising  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-295
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COJPT, COPRT, COSPT
Designed to provide an introduction to the practice, programs, and publics of fund raising. Development of a fund raising campaign will be produced for a nonprofit client. Written and oral communication skills essential to the professional fund raiser will be practiced in class and through assignments. May be offered in a hybrid format (partially online).

CO-298  Special Topics in Communication (200 Level)  Credits: 1-3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An intensive study of a particular subject or problem in communication to be announced prior to registration. May be conducted on either a lecture-discussion or a seminar basis. If a prerequisite is required it will be announced in the course schedule.

CO-299  Independent Study in Communication  Credits: 1-3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Guided research on selected topics in Communication. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required to take this course, along with demonstrated ability in the proposed area of concentration.

CO-300  Co-Curricular Practicum in Service Learning  Credits: 1
Prerequisite(s): Two 200+ level courses in Communication, permission of the instructor, and a minimum G.P.A. of 2.50
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
One credit is awarded for service learning work with a community partner and a faculty supervisor. Service projects are framed by academic material from the Communication Studies concentration proposed by the student. Student learning is facilitated through reflection writing. The course may not count toward other major requirements. Permission of the instructor, and a minimum G.P.A. of 2.50 are required to take this course.

CO-301  Communication Theory  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-292, EN-101, EN-102, and eighteen credits in Communication; or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): WT
Introduces students to the study of communication theory from interpersonal, small group, and organizational, to the mass media.

CO-303  Creating a Culture of Peace  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COCST, COJPT, COPRT
An introduction to theories of nonviolent communication, the use of practical communication skills for nonviolent conflict resolution, and applications of nonviolent communication in historical and contemporary peace movements.

CO-304  Onstage and in the Streets: Performance and Culture  Credits: 3
Course Type(s): CD, COCSD, COCST
Introduction to understanding diverse popular performance practices as unique and contested expressions of culture and identity. Studying human performances within everyday life, in public spaces, and through cultural rituals, street theatre, and professional productions, a variety of contemporary theories, methods, and critical issues are considered within the fields of communication, theatre, performance, and cultural studies. Students must be enrolled in the Study Abroad program in Cadiz, Spain. Also listed as FS-304.

CO-306  Mixed Reality Performance: AR, VR, and Motion Capture  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-221
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): CORTA, IM
This course will explore the use of Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Motion Capture technologies as a unified field for representing "other realities" in a Performance context. Traditional techniques for Theater and Musical Performance will be reframed with the use of these new technologies and merged into the form of "Mixed Reality Theater". The class will be set up as an experimental studio and students will be asked to collaborate as a theatrical troupe working on either individual or group projects that will culminate in a public event where projects will be presented live in front of an audience and documented. Notions of Narrative, Worldbuilding, and Embodiment in a performative context will be the primary focus of the course.

CO-309  Family Communication  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-100 or CO-120
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COACR, COCS, COCST
Explores couple and family communication processes. Focuses on how individuals use interaction to establish, maintain, and change personal, romantic and family relationships.
CO-311  Communication Ethics  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An introduction to communication ethics and related contemporary issues intended to support students in making principled communication decisions.

CO-313  Digital Media Writing  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-295
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
A study into the fundamentals of effective public relations writing, including production of media releases, position papers, and media kits. The course focuses on writing style and technique, along with form and distribution methods.

CO-315  Making the Short Film  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-214
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): CORTP
Students will be given the opportunity to study and apply both the technical and aesthetic principles of film and video production, in addition to examining the characteristics of successful short narrative films. Students will enhance their skills in visual storytelling by developing and producing three short films to screen on both the big and small screen.

CO-317  Civic Journalism  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-211
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COJPW, COPRM, EX5
News with a community service attitude. Gain hands-on experience through speakers, field trips, interviews, and involvement with local issues. Students write civic journalism news stories and host a community symposium to encourage dialogue among diverse community groups.

CO-318  Topics in Film  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COCST, CORTT, COSS
Explores in-depth a specialized topic relevant to film and cultural studies. The topic changes each time the course is taught and may include a particular film director, genre or historical period. This course is repeatable for credit.

CO-320  Small Group Communication  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-100 and permission of the instructor
Course Type(s): COACM, COCST, EX3
Students explore academic perspectives on the process of group communication, leadership, conflict, decision-making, and problem solving, then reflect on and apply these perspectives outside the classroom in the context of a service learning project. Also listed as SO-320.

CO-321  Nonverbal Communication  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-100 or CO-120
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COACM, COCST
A study of the process and effects of the kinesic, paralinguistic, tactile, olfactory, artifactual, and proxemic aspects of nonverbal communication.

CO-323  Persuasion  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-100 or CO-233, or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COACF, COCP, COCST
Concepts and principles of communicative messages that influence thoughts, attitudes, and behavior; roles of source, message, channel, and receiver.

CO-326  Advanced Sports Broadcasting  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-235
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COSPT
Explores in-depth the role that a broadcaster takes on covering teams and events as a play by play announcer or sideline reporter.

CO-327  Civic Participation  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-100, CO-120 and CO-225
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COACF, COCP, COCST
Explores how public communication shapes and reinvigorates civic participation, offering ways of understanding and resolving civic problems in democratic societies.

CO-328  Sports and Public Relations  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-295
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COJPR, COSPT
Sports in Public Relations is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of public relations opportunities within the sports industry. This course will explore a detailed look at all elements of sports public relations including media relations, crisis management, ethics, events and promotions, and the internet and social media. Students will gain a thorough understanding of the work PR practitioners perform for colleges, second-tier sports, major professional teams and non-profit organizations.

CO-329  Sports and Film  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COSPT
Explores in-depth the role that sports and film play in society using different themes and teaching different life lessons. This course is repeatable for credit once.

CO-330  News Editing  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-211 or CO-295
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COJPW, COPRM
Copy-editing techniques for reviewing and improving news writing.

CO-333  Multimedia Journalism  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-211
Course Type(s): COJPR, COJPW, COPRM, IM
Explore the world of electronic information from a journalist's perspective. Learn to use and evaluate electronic resources including search engines, e-mail, news groups, directories, and databases for reporting news. Covers reporting and composing news stories for online publication and the legal and ethical questions raised by online news.

CO-335  Group Techniques in Performance  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COACM, COCSD
Various theories and techniques used in group performances with a concentration on Readers Theatre and Chamber Theatre; selected literature is arranged, analyzed, and performed. Also listed as TH-335.
CO-337 Performance Theory and Practice  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): COACM, COCST  
The study of performance offers students the opportunity to explore the power of performance in its diverse forms in both theory and practice. Students will experience a wide variety of performance contexts, including performances of self in everyday life, performances of culture, performances of literature, and socially engaged, original performance art.

CO-338 Video Production and Editing  
Prerequisite(s): CO-145  
Course Type(s): CORTP, IM  
A hands-on workshop allowing advanced students to work on individual projects with instructor guidance based on each student's level of experience. Students learn field production and editing.

CO-339 Voiceover Workshop  
Prerequisite(s): CO-102 and CO-221  
Course Type(s): CORTP  
This course presents the announcing, production, and marketing skills needed for the professional voiceover industry. You will learn a variety of presentational styles of voiceover applicable to all mediums (radio, TV, film, and digital media); expand on previous production knowledge related to hardware and software for effective and expedited audio editing; and develop skills to market oneself as a brand to stand-out in a competitive pool of voiceover artists and actors.

CO-340 Writing the Review  
Prerequisite(s): CO-211 or permission of the instructor and EN-101 and EN-102 or permission of the instructor  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): COJPR, COJPW, COPRM, COSS, WT  
The process of writing newspaper opinion pieces on film and theatre presentations.

CO-342 Editorial Writing  
Prerequisite(s): CO-211 or permission of the instructor and EN-101 and EN-102 or permission of the instructor  
Term Offered: Fall Term  
Course Type(s): COJPR, COJPW, COPRM, WT  
Editorial writing is the style of persuasive writing found on a newspaper's editorial pages, in online and print magazines, and in scripting some radio and television talk shows. Students will gain experience in doing research into current trends and events, persuasive writing, and exploring the multiple sides to an argument.

CO-343 Performance and Social Activism  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): COCSD  
Students survey the recent history, theories, and methods of creative activist performance and produce original performances that function as embodied visions of social change and/or resistance to social norms. Emphasis is placed on representations of gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, class, ability, etc. as well as structural inequalities and social injustice.

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CO-352 Broadcast News Operation  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): CORTP  
Overview of TV studio and newsroom operations with an emphasis on news writing, field reporting and studio production. Students will produce news content, green screen commentaries and specialized packages. Class sessions will provide students with practical and critical tools that will help them gain a better understanding of how compelling, informative content is constructed for broadcast and online news. Open to all majors.

CO-357 Acting for Television  
Prerequisite(s): TH-154  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): CORTA  
Techniques that the on-camera performer uses in various TV situations, commercials, daytime drama, situation comedy, and serious drama. Also listed as TH-357.

CO-360 Feature Writing  
Prerequisite(s): CO-211 or permission of the instructor; Junior standing, and EN-101 and EN-102 or permission of the instructor  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): COJPR, COJPW, COPRM, WT  
The process of developing ideas into feature stories.

CO-365 Screenwriting  
Prerequisite(s): CO-155 or permission of the instructor  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): CORTW, COSS  
Writing techniques for film and television, with an emphasis on the process of screenwriting, from concept to completion and revision, as well as marketing scripts written for the screen.

CO-367 Media Analysis  
Prerequisite(s): CO-155; and EN-101 and EN-102 or permission of the instructor  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): CORTT, WT  
Analysis and critical examination of the content of mass media.

CO-368 Applied Ethics in American Prisons  
Prerequisite(s): SO-271 or CO-271  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): SJS  
The second in the sequence of the Monmouth University Academic Exchange Program, a collaborative effort between Monmouth University and the New Jersey Department of Corrections. This program, of which this course is a requirement, is offered by Monmouth University to help to facilitate a transformative exchange of ideas and perspectives on the topics of ethics and social issues between incarcerated students and non-incarcerated students inside a New Jersey prison. Also listed as SO-368.

CO-372 Podcasting  
Prerequisite(s): CO-102  
Term Offered: Fall Term  
Course Type(s): CORTP  
A hands-on study of alternative broadcast mediums and their relation to social media and audience studies. Examples will include Podcasting specifically, with discussion on Internet radio, LPFM, Ham Radio and Pirate radio.

CO-373 Music Promotion  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): CORTT  
A critical examination of the inner workings and business strategies that exist within the symbiotic relationship between the radio and music industry. Topics of discussion include: payola, marketing, promotion, indecency/obscenity, political economy theory, gate-keeping theory, subculture theory, and audience-making theories. Students must have Junior or higher standing to take this course.

CO-374 Radio Programming and Promotion  
Prerequisite(s): CO-102  
Course Type(s): CORTP  
Overview of the principles of radio programming and promotions: formats, FCC rules, ratings, on-air experience, theories, and music selection choice will all be stressed. The class will produce programming and promotions to be aired on Monmouth's radio station, WMCX.

CO-375 Television Criticism  
Prerequisite(s): CO-155; and EN-101 and EN-102 or permission of the instructor  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): CORTT, WT  
Analysis and critical examination of the content of television programs.

CO-376 Radio Station Management  
Prerequisite(s): CO-102  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): CORTT  
Principles of management for radio stations. Discussions and practicum include: programming, promotions, sales, public relations, production, community relations, sports, and news.

CO-377 Radio Operation Practice  
Prerequisite(s): CO-102 and permission of the instructor  
Course Type(s): None  
Seminar offered in summer only.

CO-378 Talk Radio  
Prerequisite(s): CO-102 or permission of the instructor  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): CORTA  
Introduction to the preparation of documentaries, interviews, and phone-in talk shows. Students will produce a weekly show on WMX.

CO-379 Advanced Radio Production  
Prerequisite(s): CO-102 and CO-242, or CO-372 or CO-374  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): CORTP  
Advanced audio production techniques utilizing digital technology, with emphasis on the conception and realization of effective messages in radio broadcasting.

CO-380 Organizational Communication  
Prerequisite(s): EN-101 and EN-102 or permission of the instructor  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): COACP, COCSP, COCST, WT  
Students will learn various techniques of understanding how people use communication to organize and coordinate their work. Sample discussion topics are: using social media for hiring decisions, dealing with workplace romances and sexual harassment, and managing conflict and emotions at work. Written assignments are decision-making case studies of real problems in actual organizations.
CO-381 The Power of Story
Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COACM, COCST, EX5
Story is the most powerful and oldest means of communication. Examines its significance in constructing and preserving culture. We focus on the oral art of storytelling, its history, theory, and practice, using a multicultural approach. Students will write, select, prepare, and perform stories from a variety of cultures and literary sources. Students will use learned performance skills in class and at off-campus locations. Junior standing or permission of the instructor is required to take this course.

CO-383 Gender, Race, and Media
Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): EN-101 and EN-102 or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COCSP, COCST, COJPR, COJPT, COPRT, CORTT, GS, NU.EL, RE, WT
Examines multiple understandings of masculinity, femininity, and ethnicity in contemporary society, emphasizing the influential role of the mass media. Students consider the sources of their own attitudes about gender and race and reflect on the personal, social, political, and economic consequences of these expectations.

CO-384 Seminar in Leadership Communication
Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-220 or CO-225 or HU-201
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An introduction to the study and practice of leadership from a communicating perspective. Particular focus on the relationship between communicating and leading. Examination of leadership concepts and theories in organizational, group, and public contexts. Students will analyze their personal leadership styles and develop leadership communication skills through team projects and classroom exercises.

CO-389 Internship in Communication
Credits: 1-3
Prerequisite(s): CO-216 or CO-217 or CO-218, departmental approval, and Junior standing
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): EX1
Supervised, practical experience in communication (radio, television, public relations, journalism, and human communication); emphasis on the application of discipline specific technologies and theories in a professional environment directly related to one's course of study.

CO-390 Washington Center Internship
Credits: 7-12
Course Type(s): EX5
This internship allows students in all majors to intern at government agencies, public service organizations and business associations located in Washington, DC. Under the supervision of Washington Center supervisors and faculty, students gain substantive entry-level professional experience along with academic credit over the course of one semester. In general, students are required to intern in a government agency or public organization four and a half days per week and attend educational seminars, workshops and participate in professional forums conducted by the Washington Center. In addition, students must complete learning objectives and assignments specified by Monmouth University faculty sponsors. Also listed as PS-390 and SO-390. Junior standing and a minimum G.P.A. of 2.50 is required to take this course.

CO-393 Washington Center Course
Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
Students participating in a Washington Center Internship are required to enroll in a three credit seminar. A list of available courses is forwarded to all students prior to the beginning of the fall, spring, or summer term. Regular offerings include politics, professional communication, the fine and performing arts, and economics. Also listed as PS-393 and SO-393. Junior standing and a minimum G.P.A. of 2.50 is required to take this course.

CO-398 Special Topics in Communication and Theatre (300 Level)
Credits: 1-3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An intensive study of a particular subject or problem in communication to be announced prior to registration. May be conducted on either a lecture-discussion or a seminar basis. If a prerequisite is required it will be announced in the course schedule.

CO-399 Independent Study in Communication
Credits: 1-3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Guided research on selected topics in Communication. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required along with demonstrated ability in the proposed area of concentration to take this course.

CO-401 Producing Live Radio
Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-102
Course Type(s): CORTA
This is a capstone course. Principles of radio interviewing, storytelling and live music production will be covered, with an emphasis on pre-production, planning and on-air techniques. A central focus of this class is to prepare students for creative work in radio. This class will require on-air performance on WMCX.

CO-402 Audience Studies
Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-155
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): CORTW, WT
This course explores audience studies methods for analyzing audiences of popular music genres, television shows, films, and videogames. The class utilizes various theoretical traditions (ideological, semiotic, economic, sociological, psychoanalytic, cultural studies, etc.), with a focus on their utility for interpreting the meanings of the aforementioned media phenomena and its relationship to society and everyday life. These conceptual tools will provide the basis for analyzing media phenomena and its relationship with audiences and fans. Combining theory with practice, the course emphasizes critical thinking and writing about media texts in its varied dimensions and forms.

CO-404 Responsive Media
Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-145 or AR-181
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): CORTFR, IM
Students learn how to make interfaces for smart phones and tablets to create interactive audio and video. In addition, students will produce creative projects using data mapping, generative art and work collaboratively on a site-specific media project. Also listed as AR-404.
CO-409  Professional Media Writing  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): CORTW
Provides an introduction to the diverse field of professional writing and integrates a comprehensive overview of the various skills required of today's freelance media writer. Class sessions will offer students practical and critical tools designed to develop a range of writing styles and techniques, while introducing related applications and career opportunities. Lab assignments and writing projects will integrate the tools explored in class. Students must have at least a Junior standing to take this course.

CO-412  Project Greenlight  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COCSS, CORTT, COSS, IM
An orientation to career opportunities/advancement based on the successful pitch process necessary to achieve "greenlight" status for proposed media projects. Provides a comprehensive overview of new media formats, stages of media production, and related entertainment media technologies, products and services. Additionally, the course will examine the vital roles of producers and creative executives in these processes. Students will learn how to transform themselves from media consumers to media producers. No previous media-related training or experience is required. Students must have Junior standing to take this course.

CO-413  Advanced Public Relations Writing Layout and Design  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-295 and CO-313
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COJPR, COJPW, COPRM
Simulates a field public relations agency or department by providing students "real world" or field-applicable skills. An emphasis on media tools and production enables students to work in a fast-paced, deadline-intensive environment. The principles of communicating with media and specialized public audiences are core along with the preparation, production, and presentation of messages for mass consumption.

CO-414  Media Strategy  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-295 and CO-313, or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COJPR, COJPW, COPRM
Application of public relations techniques to various communicative environments, communication problems, and crisis management.

CO-415  Public Relations Trends and Analysis  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-295
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): COJPT, COPRT
Examines, reviews, and predicts how corporate leaders solve today's public relations challenges. Curriculum focuses on existing field trends and evaluates effective, as well as ineffective, corporate strategies. Students develop an integral understanding of the vital role of public relations in successful profit and non-profit organizations. Students develop an understanding of the issues management process, identify and plan crisis administration programs, and implement public affairs communication. Student assignments include research, composition of case statements, position papers, solutions and evaluative methods involving publicity demands, special events, promotions, image problems, and other challenges.

CO-425  Political Communication  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-100 or CO-220 or permission of the instructor
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): COACR, COCST
The impact of communication on political action. Persuasive strategies and mediated reality that affect political choices. Focus on the interpretation of political rhetoric and the role media plays in campaigns.

CO-427  Crisis and Issues Management  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-295
Course Type(s): COJPT, COPRT
Advanced public relations theory and practices dealing with management of organizational crisis and issues. Exploration of the process of research, analysis, planning, and implementation of crisis management. Examination of the role of the public relations professional in the development of crisis communication strategies and tactics. Emphasis on control of crisis, rumor, public perception, corporate image, and reputation. Use of case studies, simulations, group exercises, and projects to develop skills in crisis and issues management.

CO-483  Communication Internship Seminar  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): EX1
Supervised, practical experience in communication (radio, television, public relations, journalism, and human communication); emphasis on the application of discipline- specific technologies and theories in a professional environment directly related to one's course of study. On-campus seminar attendance is required. May be repeated once for credit. Junior standing is required to take this course.

CO-489  Internship in Communication  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): EX1
Supervised practical experience in communication (radio, television, public relations, and human relations) or journalism; emphasis on the programming, production, and transmission aspects of mass media. Repeatable for credit. Junior standing, departmental approval, and placement are required to take this course.

CO-491  Seminar in Communication  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-301, Senior standing, at least thirty credits in communication, and EN-102 passed with a grade of C or higher
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Communication as an organized body of knowledge and skills; advanced problems assigned according to the special interests of the student. For Communication majors only.

CO-492  Interactive Storytelling with Data  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CO-211 and CO-221 or CO-222
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): COJPW, CORTP, IM
Designed to introduce students to the world of data journalism and teach them to tell interactive stories using raw data. We will start from asking what is data journalism and how we find stories in the data. Students will learn how to acquire data from the web, normalize the data into databases and finally use software to tell engaging, interactive stories with collected data. Students will also learn how to collect data from traditional sources that aren't necessarily found online. Students are expected to complete a data-driven journalism project as part of the course. Also offered as a graduate course, CO-592.
**CO-499  Independent Study in Communication**  
Credits: 3  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): None  
Guided research on selected topics in Communication. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required to take this course. Demonstrated ability in the proposed area of concentration is required to take this course.

**HU-201  Critical Discourse**  
Credits: 3  
Prerequisite(s): EN-102  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): RD  
An introduction to basic principles of clear thinking and effective argument, combined with small group discourse and collaborative problem solving.