School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication

Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication with Critical Media Studies Concentration (BA)

Students who wish to specialize in Critical Media Studies (CMS) within the Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication major may apply to be admitted into the CMS Concentration after consultation with their Academic Advisor. This Concentration provides a thorough grounding in thinking critically, analytically, and creatively about media, their use, and their historical development. Admission to the Critical Media Studies Concentration requires a portfolio submission including course work examples, a writing component, and any other materials deemed appropriate. Concentration acceptance is determined by a CMS faculty jury. If accepted, CMS Concentration students will have the opportunity to perform critical media research and engage in the critical creative production of media. The CMS Concentration examines the ethical and social dimensions of media and applies that knowledge in the creation and analysis of digital media texts. By selecting courses from a variety of School elective headings, students are able to infuse other areas of interest into their focus on Critical Media Studies.

Unless otherwise noted, courses in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication are open to all students in the University. However, students majoring in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication may be given preference in certain course enrollments.

Bachelor of Arts in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication with Critical Media Studies Concentration

*Degree Requirements* (120 semester credit hours)¹

*View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester*

Faculty

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours²

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from Communication Core courses

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

Choose one course from the following:
MATH 1306 College Algebra for the Non-Scientist
MATH 1314 College Algebra

Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Mathematics Core courses (see advisor)

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences Core courses

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture Core courses

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts Core courses

American History: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from American History Core courses

Government/Political Science: 6 semester credit hours
GOVT 2305 American National Government
GOVT 2306 State and Local Government
Or select any 6 semester credit hours from Government/Political Science Core courses (see advisor)

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences Core courses

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Component Area Option Core courses

II. Major Requirements, Lower-Division: 24 semester credit hours

Foundations
ATCM 2300 Introduction to TechnoCulture
ATCM 2301 Digital Art and Design Foundations
ATCM 2302 Design I
CS 1335 Computer Science I for Non-majors

Fundamentals

**ATCM 2320** Critical Media Research Foundations  
**ATCM 2321** Reading Media Critically  
**ATCM 2322** Media Histories  
**ATCM 2330** Digital Art and Social Practice

III. Major Requirements, Upper-Division: 24 semester credit hours

**ATCM 3320** Critical Media Theories  
**ATCM 3321** Networked Identities  
**ATCM 3325** Global Media Cultures  
**ATCM 3331** Critical Making  
**ATCM 4320** Political Economy of Digital Media  
**ATCM 4326** Mediated Textuality  
**ATCM 4330** Culture Jamming

Choose one of the following:  
**ATCM 4397** Senior Seminar  
**ATCM 4398** Capstone Project  
**ATCM 4399** Senior Honors in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication

IV. Elective Requirements: 30 semester credit hours

**Prescribed Electives: 15 semester credit hours**

Choose any five courses from the following: (At least 2 must be 4000 level)

**ATCM 3300** Code Plus Culture  
**ATCM 3315** Animation Studies  
**ATCM 3323** Reading in a Networked Era  
**ATCM 3366** Game Studies I  
**ATCM 4322** Disability, Technology, and Media  
**ATCM 4323** Feminism, Technology, and Media  
**ATCM 4325** Race, Technology, and Media  
**ATCM 4327** Privacy and Surveillance
ATCM 4332 Critical Media Studies Lab I
ATCM 4333 Critical Media Studies Lab II
ATCM 4334 Topics in Critical Media Studies
ATCM 4366 Game Studies II
ATCM 4384 Ethics in New Media, Technology, and Communication

**Free Electives: 15 semester credit hours**

Both upper-and lower-division courses may be used as electives, but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

3. Students who are ATEC/CS double degree or who plan to minor in CS must enroll in CS 1336 and CS 1136 and/or CS 1337 (if placed out of CS 1336 and CS 1136).

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