

# Academic Planning Guide - Media Studies

North Park University

effective with 2016-2017 Catalog

## Major Requirements

**Required Semester Hours for B.A. : 36 semester hours**

**Required Core Courses : 36 semester hours**

- COMM 2150: Introduction to Media Theory (4) Grade of "C" or better is required for admission to major
- COMM 2250: Film Studies (4) - *meets Arts & Aesthetic Interpretation Requirement*
- COMM 2810: Critical Reading, Writing and Analysis (4) - *meets Writing Intensive designation*
- COMM 3100: Foundations of Media Industries (2) - *partially meets Writing Research Designation*
- COMM 3450: Media and Society (4)
- COMM 3480: Media Ethics (2)
- COMM 4010: Professional Seminar (0), repeated two times, preferably during the fourth year.

*one of the following performance studies options:*

- COMM 1910: Public Speaking (4)
- COMM 2140: Introduction to Theatre (4) - *meets Arts & Aesthetic Interpretation Requirement*
- COMM 2240: Introduction to Performance Studies (4) - *meets Arts & Aesthetic Interpretation Requirement*

**A minimum of 16 sh in writing and production courses, including a minimum of 4 sh in writing and a minimum of 2 sh in production. Choose from:**

- COMM 2155: Audio Production I (2) (prerequisite for COMM 2175, 2355 & 3355)
- COMM 2175: Audio Production II (2)
- COMM 2355: Video Production I (4)
- COMM 3310: Media Writing (4)
- COMM 3320: Dramatic Writing I (4) - *meets Writing Intensive Designation*
- COMM 3321: Dramatic Writing II (4) - *meets Writing Intensive Designation*
- COMM 3330: Journalism I (4)
- COMM 3331: Multi-Media Journalism(4)
- COMM 3355: Video Production II (4)

### Notes:

- The Communication Arts Department urges students in this major to consider an internship (COMM 4970)

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### Core Curriculum

Starting with the framework of North Park's identity as a Christian, liberal arts institution, our Core Curriculum is intentionally multi-disciplinary and multi-year. It is set up as a progress through three areas: Foundation Courses, Explorations Courses, and Capstone Courses.

<http://www.northpark.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/Core-Curriculum>

#### Foundations

Preparing for more in-depth work in both the Core Curriculum and your major

Cornerstone Seminar (4sh)

Biblical Studies (4sh)

Health and Well-Being (2sh)

Analytical & Quantitative Reasoning (4sh)

Global Histories (4sh)

Modern Languages (8sh)

#### Explorations

Knowledge in specific disciplines, with strong emphasis on how you can use them in the context of your own life

Art and Aesthetics (2sh)
<i>met by COMM 2140 or 2240</i>

Christian Life & Thought (4sh)

Life Science (2sh/lab)

Physical Science (2sh/lab)

Culture and Society (4sh)

Ethical Reasoning (2sh)

#### Intermediate Level Writing

Two courses in the context of your major that specifically address writing clearly and doing effective research

Writing Intensive Course (4sh)
<i>met by COMM 3320, 3321, 3330, or 3331</i>

Research Writing Course (4sh)
<i>partially met by COMM 3100</i>

#### Keystone

Interdisciplinary integration of skills and knowledge applied to contemporary social issues

Keystone Seminar (4sh)

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