**APPLICABLE TO STUDENTS ADMITTED TO CCSU ON OR AFTER FALL 2008**

**MEDIA STUDIES**
This emphasis area is designed for students who wish to focus primarily upon the critical, theoretical and aesthetic foundations of media and its institutions.

**Continuation Policy**
The Department of Communication maintains a policy for continuation in the major. Communication majors must complete Comm. 240 (with a C- or better) and Comm. 140 before they reach 60 credits. Majors must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or better to stay in the major.

**Key Requirements**
A total of 39 credits must be completed. These are divided across three areas: a communication core, required emphasis courses and departmental or suggested outside electives. All students must take a total of 21 credits from 300/400-level courses, with a minimum of 9 credits from 400-level courses.

**Communication Core (12 credits)**
- Comm. 140 Public Speaking (to be taken before first semester of junior year)
- Comm. 230 Introduction to Mass Media
- Comm. 240 Survey of the Field of Communication (to be taken before first semester of junior year)
- Comm. 301 Critical Thinking OR Comm. 302 Problem-Solving and Decision-Making

**Required Emphasis Courses (9 credits)**
- Comm. 227 Intro to TV Production OR Comm. 228 Intro to Digital Film Production OR Comm 330 Digital Film/TV Prod
- Comm. 336 Media Literacy OR Comm. 338 Analysis of News
- Comm. 405 Principles and Processes of Mass Communication

**Directed Electives (18 credits)** Note: At least 9 credits must be 400 level (which includes Comm. 405) and at least 6 credits must be from Communication department courses listed below.

**Offered by the Department**
- Comm. 220 Introduction to History of Film
- Comm. 255 Visual Communication
- Comm. 319 Filmic Narrative
- Comm. 329 Screenwriting
- Comm. 380 Women and Film
- Comm. 382 American Cinema
- Comm. 431 Mass Media and Society
- Comm. 433 Images of Gender in the Media
- Comm. 445 Advertising and Society
- Comm. 455 Global Visual Communication
- Comm. 490 Internship (no more than 6 credits)
- Comm. 491 Independent Study (no more than 6 credits)
- Comm. 485 or 486 or 495 Selected Special Topic courses (no more than 6 credits)

Communication courses in other emphases: up to 12 credits
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(We encourage students to take Media Production and Performance courses)

**Suggested Outside Courses**
- Jnr. 200 Introduction to Journalism
- Jnr. 235 News Writing and Reporting I
- Jnr. 336 News Writing and Reporting II
- Eng. 376 Creative Writing: Essay
- Eng. 377 Creative Writing: Playwriting
- Eng. 378 Creative Writing: Special Topics
- Jnr. 380 Feature Writing
- Jnr. 381 Opinion Writing
- Cine. 201 The Language of Film
- Eng. 403 Technical Writing
- Jnr. 412 Editing

**Advising Procedures**
A maximum of 6 credits in related courses from outside the department may be counted toward the major.

The completion of a minor in a related field of study in another department at the University is required. Students should complete an Undergraduate Change of Major, Degree or Advisor form to declare their minor. Note: Some courses offered by the Department are open to majors only. See course descriptions for information.
GENERAL EDUCATION 44-46 cr.*

Study Area I - Arts and Humanities (9 cr.)
☐ Eng. Lit. (3) ☐ (3)
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Study Area II - Social Sciences (9 cr.)
☐ History (3) ☐ (3)
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Study Area III - Behavioral Sciences (6 cr.)
☐ Comm. 230 *(3) ☐ (3)

Study Area IV - Natural Sciences (6-7 cr.)
☐ lab credit (1) ☐ (3)
☐ (3)

Skill Area I - Comm. Skills (6 cr.)
☐ Eng. 110 (3) ☐ Comm. 140 *(3)

Skill Area II - Mathematics (6 cr.)
☐ Math or Stat. (3) ☐ (3)

Skill Area III - Foreign Language Proficiency
☐ 3 sequential years of one foreign language at the high school level
☐ passed the foreign language exam
☐ completed 112, 114 or higher foreign lang course
☐ demonstration of native proficiency in a language other than English

Skill Area IV - University Requirement (2-3 cr.)
☐ (2 or 3 cr.)

* Two Communication courses can count toward your Communication major as well as in the
General Education areas. These two courses will count only as a total of six (6) credits.

MINOR IS REQUIRED. (18-24 credit hours)
SEE YOUR ADVISOR.

Minor: ______________________ s.h.
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GENERAL ELECTIVES (to meet 122 total credits)
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*+ Only two courses from outside the (Communication) department may count toward the major in Communication. But if these courses are used toward Minor, they will not count toward the Major.