

# Mass Media (MDIA)

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**MDIA 5000. Mass Media Theory. 3 Hours.**

The study of the structure, content, and effects of mass communications. Topics include historical, philosophical, and theoretical explanations of the mass media communication process.

**MDIA 7700. Special Topics in Media. 3 Hours.**

Intensive study of an issue or problem related to media. Provides an opportunity to explore media themes, applications, trends and issues beyond the prescribed curriculum of mass media.

**MDIA 7800. Media Law and Ethics. 3 Hours.**

A comprehensive overview of First Amendment principles, communication law, and the regulatory practices of the Federal Communication Commission. The Ethics portion of the course is dedicated to the overview of the major ethical philosophers and perspectives and how these works impact ethical decisions in today's media.

**MDIA 7999. Thesis. 3 Hours.**

Research under the direction of a faculty member. In-depth analysis of a selected topic, which include historical, quantitative, or qualitative methodologies.