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Media Technologies

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School of Communication, Society and Culture

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

At work and in our personal lives we navigate complex, ever-changing digital technologies, each with their own affordances, cultural norms, and potential hazards. This unit introduces students to key ideas and contemporary debates in digital media studies. We pose questions about the history of technological change, how we create and consume digital media, what happens to our online information, and the promises and risks related to new technologies. Through class discussions, key texts, multimedia, and lecture content, students have the opportunity to engage with topics such as online identity, artificial intelligence, digital labour, participatory culture, activism, digital games, and surveillance. Through these prisms, students will develop capacities to critically assess how technologies are shaped and how they shape us. Additionally, students will undertake self-directed research involving hands-on digital media production. The unit explores innovative digital media forms and practices.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: evaluate relationships between technology, media practices, and cultures.

ULO2: evaluate critical debates and apply media studies theories.

ULO3: assess the historical and technological development of present-day media forms.

ULO4: formulate arguments and creative works based on appropriate research and academic sources.

ULO5: demonstrate academic communication and disciplinary knowledge skills in different media and genres.

General Assessment Information

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue. This late penalty will apply to non-time sensitive assessment (incl. essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special Consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
Poster and Visual Communication Assignment	30%	No	11/09/2026	Individual	Yes	Open
Multiple choice online exam	20%	No	Week 10 (12 Oct 9am - 16 Oct 5pm)	Individual	No	Open
Media Presentation	50%	No	26/10/2026	Individual	Yes	Open

Poster and Visual Communication Assignment

Assessment Type ¹: Creative task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **11/09/2026**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

Students will create a poster that can illustrate and communicate a key concept relevant to the class. Refer to iLearn for further information

On successful completion you will be able to:

- evaluate critical debates and apply media studies theories.
- demonstrate academic communication and disciplinary knowledge skills in different media and genres.

Multiple choice online exam

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **Week 10 (12 Oct 9am - 16 Oct 5pm)**

Weighting: **20%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Open

Students will complete a multiple choice online exam.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- evaluate relationships between technology, media practices, and cultures.
- evaluate critical debates and apply media studies theories.
- assess the historical and technological development of present-day media forms.

Media Presentation

Assessment Type ¹: Presentation task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 35 hours

Due: **26/10/2026**

Weighting: **50%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

Students will undertake a research project relating academic theory to a case study. They will, then, record a presentation involving audio and/or visual material. Refer to iLearn for further information.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- evaluate relationships between technology, media practices, and cultures.
- assess the historical and technological development of present-day media forms.
- formulate arguments and creative works based on appropriate research and academic sources.
- demonstrate academic communication and disciplinary knowledge skills in different

media and genres.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- [Academic Success](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

This unit combines weekly lectures and weekly tutorials.

The tutorials put the lecture content into practice. Learning activities and reading materials are geared toward strategic communication and they aim to heighten your awareness of digital technology. In this unit, you are able to develop your own case studies and examples which allows you to tailor the unit to your interests and career priorities.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)

- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

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