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Introduction to Digital Media

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

From the printing press to citizen journalism, from the telegraph to online gaming; how has digital media evolved to its present-day state? This unit introduces students to contemporary digital media including web and computer technologies, interactive media and games, image and video, and sound, providing a contextual look at their existence. Students will think critically about how technologies are shaped, and how they shape us, as well as considering the histories and uses of various platforms. Teaching is geared towards forming a foundational knowledge of media theory, as well as developing crucial analytical skills. Additionally, students will undertake self-directed and collaborative projects involving hands-on digital media production. The unit is interdisciplinary in scope, with an emphasis on innovative digital media forms and practices today.

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:

Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between technology, media practices, and cultures.

Apply media studies theory to analyse and critique digital media.

Assess the historical and technological development of present-day media forms.

Formulate arguments and creative works based on appropriate research and academic sources.

Develop academic communication skills through the use of online learning systems.

General Assessment Information

Special Consideration

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Expectations of students

- Actively engage with assessment tasks, including carefully reading the guidance provided, understanding criteria, spending sufficient time on the task and submitting work on time.
- Ensure that their work is their own in accordance with the University's Academic Honesty Policy.
- Incorporate theories and topics from the unit.
- Read, reflect and act on feedback provided.

Reference Style

- All sources for submitted work should be correctly cited in-text and in a bibliography using APA formatting.
- An APA style guide is available here: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
- Failure to correctly cite a source may lead to the student being reported for plagiarism: [ht](#)

[tp://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html)

Feedback in this unit

Feedback (on assessments and learning) is provided in several ways throughout this unit. The usefulness of feedback depends on what you do with it. Feedback can be provided in the form of:

- Results for quizzes
- General comment, rubric and in-text comments attached to assignments marked in GradeMark
- Comments from your tutor in discussions and unit activities
- Announcements in iLearn if there are points of relevance to the whole class
- Personal reflections during the course on learning
- Email communication with individual students where comments are made by the tutor or convenor in response to questions related to course activities
- Personal consultations by phone or face to face as requested by appointment

Provision of examples:

Examples of past students' work will be shown in tutorials and there will be an opportunity for students to discuss them in class.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>iLearn Quizzes</u>	20%	No	Week 5 and Week 11
<u>Annotated Bibliography</u>	30%	No	Week 7
<u>Major Assignment</u>	40%	No	Week 12
<u>Active Contribution</u>	10%	No	Ongoing

iLearn Quizzes

Due: **Week 5 and Week 11**

Weighting: **20%**

Due: Sunday at 5pm on Week 5 and Week 11

Weighting: 20% (10% each)

Length: 15 questions (20 minutes to complete)

Submission: Link in iLearn

Students will undertake two, timed, multiple-choice quizzes administered via iLearn. Each quiz is

worth 10% of the unit grade. The content of the quiz will relate to readings, lectures, and tutorial discussions undertaken in the unit. The quizzes must be taken individually and require students to complete all MAS110 material, including lectures and readings. Quiz 1 covers content from weeks 1 through 5. Quiz 2 covers content from weeks 6 through 11.

The quizzes are available via links in iLearn. Students have 20 minutes to complete and submit each quiz once they have clicked the link and the quiz will close automatically at the stated deadline. Late attempts will only be allowed if a Special Consideration application has been approved.

Assessment criteria:

- Number of multiple-choice questions answered correctly

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Annotated Bibliography

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **30%**

Due: 5:00pm Sunday, Week 7

Weighting: 30%

Length: 1000 words +/- 10%, not including references

Submission: via the Turnitin link on iLearn as a PDF or Word document.

Students will complete an Annotated Bibliography to demonstrate familiarity with academic research and referencing practices. You will pick a specific topic to research, which relates explicitly to one or more of the areas covered in MAS110. Then, complete an annotated bibliography for your topic/case study, including the following:

- An introduction to your topic
- Discussions ('annotations') of 4 academic sources
- A conclusion evaluating the literature
- In-text references and bibliography in APA style

The annotated bibliography should be 1000 words in length (+/- 10%) and fully referenced in APA style. End-text references are not included in this limit. The annotated bibliography should include 2 academic sources from MAS110 (set readings, suggested readings, or texts mentioned in lectures) and 2 academic sources that you have found through your own independent research. It should include 4 academic sources in total. You may cite further sources if required. More detailed instructions are available in iLearn and examples will be discussed in tutorials.

Assessment Criteria:

- Suitability of topic/case study and texts
- Engagement with literature (2 from MAS110, 2 independently sourced)
- Writing style and presentation
- Accuracy of APA referencing

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Major Assignment

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **40%**

Due: 5:00pm Sunday, Week 12

Weighting: 40%

Length: 3-4 minutes for video, there is no word limit for the transcript

Submission: the video will be submitted via a video hosting platform of your choice. The transcript with video URL will be submitted via the Turnitin link on iLearn as a PDF or Word document.

Students will undertake a research project relating academic theory or theories of their choice to a topic/case study of their choice. This assignment includes two parts: 1) a video, and 2) a fully referenced transcript/script of the video, which includes a hyperlink to the video. Workshops concerning the Major Assignment will be held during tutorials in the second half of the session, and should be used to ask your tutor specific questions regarding your own project.

This assignment should:

- critically analyse the selected topic/case study
- demonstrate the student's ability to apply the chosen academic theory or theories
- show an understanding of key concepts discussed in MAS110 and demonstrate explicit evidence of self-directed academic research
- demonstrate academic referencing practices as well as correct attribution for any third-party audiovisual materials

- include a minimum of 5 suitable academic sources, including at least 2 from MAS110 and at least 3 independently researched sources.

More detailed instructions are available in iLearn and examples will be discussed in class.

Assessment Criteria:

- Suitability of topic/case study
- Engagement with suitable academic theory/content, including MAS110 resources and original sources
- Effectiveness of video presentation
- Writing style, presentation, and referencing in transcript

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Active Contribution

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **10%**

Weighting: 10%

Attendance and contribution in tutorials based on effective preparation, including reading and watching lectures online is essential to successfully meet the learning outcomes. Tutors will keep records of your attendance at tutorials and evaluate your active participation, preparedness, and contributions to tutorial exercises and discussion.

Assessment criteria:

- Evidence of preparation for tutorials (reading and watching lectures)
- Informed contributions to tutorial discussions
- Participation in informal tutorial exercises
- Evidence of reflection on your own understandings and perspectives
- Regular attendance at tutorials

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Delivery and Resources

Lectures:

MAS110 lectures are online only. The weekly lecture should be viewed before the week's tutorial. Students are expected to engage with lectures, take notes, and to actively relate lecture content to tutorial discussions and assessments.

Tutorials:

Tutorials begin in week 1. Participation in tutorial activities is a compulsory part of MAS110. Students are expected to arrive punctually and actively participate in class. Tutorials are used to work through concepts and content from lectures and readings, and will convey important information relating to unit assessments, including workshopping upcoming assessments, explaining rubrics, and discussing returned work. Arranging access to the content of missed tutorials is the responsibility of the student.

Required and recommended texts and/or materials:

The schedule of required readings is provided on the MAS110 iLearn. All required readings for MAS110 are accessible online via iLearn/Macquarie University Library. Any further recommended readings or material for each week will be listed on iLearn. If a reading is unavailable or a web link is broken, please contact the convenor. Also contact the convenor if you have special requirements for accessing readings (for instance, visual impairment).

Applying for Special Consideration:

Information on the Special Consideration Policy, and how to apply, is available here:

<https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration>

Re-Marks:

The Re-mark Application form is available at <http://www.mq.edu.au/pubstatic/public/download/?id=167914>

Technologies used:

The iLearn site for MAS110 is accessible at: <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>. A computer and Internet access are required to complete assessments in MAS110. Basic computer and word processing skills are also a requirement.

Assessment Submission:

All assignments for MAS110 will be completed/submitted online, via iLearn or other sites as necessary. Further details on submission will be explained in tutorials.

Return of marked work:

During semester, marked work will be returned to students online via iLearn.

Examinations:

There is no exam for MAS110.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). 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](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

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

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/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 ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

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

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between technology, media practices, and cultures.
- Develop academic communication skills through the use of online learning systems.

Assessment task

- Major Assignment

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Formulate arguments and creative works based on appropriate research and academic sources.

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Formulate arguments and creative works based on appropriate research and academic sources.
- Develop academic communication skills through the use of online learning systems.

Assessment task

- Active Contribution

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Apply media studies theory to analyse and critique digital media.

Assessment tasks

- iLearn Quizzes
- Annotated Bibliography

Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks

- Major Assignment
- Active Contribution

Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Assess the historical and technological development of present-day media forms.
- Formulate arguments and creative works based on appropriate research and academic sources.

Assessment tasks

- Annotated Bibliography
- Major Assignment

Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Develop academic communication skills through the use of online learning systems.

Assessment tasks

- Annotated Bibliography
- Major Assignment
- Active Contribution

Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Apply media studies theory to analyse and critique digital media.

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Apply media studies theory to analyse and critique digital media.