

CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE
Independent Study (Communication)
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SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA AND COURSE NUMBER: Communication Media: COM*
299

COURSE TITLE: Independent Study

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is an opportunity for students majoring in Communication Media to specialize in advanced projects where they may pursue a career interest or specific educational objective. Projects are designed and implemented through continual consultation between the student and a faculty advisor.

LECTURE HOURS PER WEEK: N/A
HOURS: 3

CREDIT

PREREQUISITE: Permission of instructor.

The student shall:

1. be program-enrolled;
2. have achieved sophomore status (having earned 30 or more credit hours);
3. have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in Communication Media courses;
4. consult the college Catalog for specific policies and procedures regarding independent study (see below for excerpt).

CATALOG POLICIES ON INDEPENDENT STUDY (excerpt from 2005-06 edition)

A written study outline (a contract) must be submitted by the student, and approved in writing by the faculty member involved, the department/division head, and the Academic Dean, with a copy filed in the Counseling Center prior to registration. Registration for an independent study project must be completed within one week of the scheduled beginning of classes in any given semester. The project must normally be completed within a year of registration.

SECTION II

A. SCOPE: Students will engage in supervised independent study experience using advanced skills in communication and technology. It is expected that students conducting independent study will meet with a faculty advisor several times during the semester, but most of the work is self-directed and scheduled.

**B. REQUIRED WORK:
COURSE CONTENT AND WORK GUIDELINES**

1. MEETINGS WITH FACULTY ADVISOR: At the middle and end of the semester, the student will schedule and attend an evaluation session with a faculty advisor. At the final meeting, the student will be required to give a brief oral report and/or demonstration of their semester project.
2. WRITING ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS: Students will keep a journal of the independent study experience and write a final report.
3. DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES: The work performed during independent study must demonstrate progress toward three or more of the general learning objectives for the Communication Media degree program. These objectives include: Technology Skills, Oral Communication, Written Communication, Media Literacy, and Visual Design & Aesthetics.

C. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: In order to complete work equivalent to a 3-credit lecture course, students will commit to a minimum of 135 hours during the course of the semester in order to complete an independent study (typically, 9 hours per week for 15 weeks).

D. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Students will engage in independent, problem-based, practical skill application in order to meet learning objectives while honing specific media-related skills as indicated by faculty advisor. Students are supervised by a faculty advisor as they apply knowledge and skills in the creation and use of project-based media.

1. SUGGESTED WEEKLY SEQUENCE:
 Prior to Course: Meeting(s) with Faculty to assess independent study options
 Week 1: Required Orientation Meeting
 Weeks 2-14: Independent Study on location
 Week 7: Second required Meeting
 Week 15: Third required Meeting and Portfolio Review

E. COURSE OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES, AND ASSESSMENT

To demonstrate an understanding of:	Students will:	As measured by:
Media technology skills	a) Independently develop and produce a media-based project using appropriate communication technology.	Portfolio review by faculty advisor.
Oral communication	a) Prepare and deliver oral presentations (as part of the project and/or as project status updates to the faculty advisor) b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various communication media and technology options.	Oral presentations to faculty advisor and/or collaborators.
Written communication	a) Prepare an initial independent study proposal. b) Maintain a journal recording their experience in the independent study in	a) Approval of faculty advisor, department chair, and Academic Dean

F. TEXTS AND MATERIALS: Materials may include portable media storage devices, mass media publications, professional journals, online news resources, and research databases.

G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Technology may vary according to facilities, and may include text-based and audio-visual recording, designing, editing, publishing, and presentation equipment.