



Syllabus

Course Name: Introduction to Electronic Media (Independent Study)

Course Number: COMM 1335

Semester & Year: Fall 2020

Instructor Information:

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Emailing the Instructor: Email the instructor from **your TC email address** with any questions or concerns. Please list your name and course in the "Subject" line. Response to emails typically occurs within 24 hours.

Textbook Information: *An Introduction Electronic Media*, 11th edition, Lynne Schafer Gross

Materials needed:

- *Computer and wifi; access to Internet is required for online classes*
- *Black or blue pen; pencil, highlighters; notebook paper* (for personal planning and organization of materials)

Course Description: An overview of the development, regulation, economics, social impact, and industry practices in electronic media. Includes non-broadcast television, new technologies, and other communication systems.

Student Learning Outcomes for the Course:

1. Identify electronic media terms and concepts.
2. Demonstrate familiarity with historical development of electronic media industries and technologies.
3. Understand management structure and decision-making processes in electronic media outlets.
4. Identify governmental policy in electronic media industries.
5. Analyze how media outlets obtain and use ratings data.
6. Explain significance and effects of electronic media.

Student Requirements for Completion of the Course: Student must complete all required assignments listed on the assessment chart and schedule below.

Student Assessment:

1. Chapter Projects; Presentations: 60 percent.
2. Discussion Forums; Chapter Reading Responses: 30 percent.
3. Midterm, Final Exam: 10 percent.

Assignments and Assessments	Percentage of overall grade
3 Chapter Projects 3 Presentations	60%
Discussion Forums Reading Responses	30%
Midterm Final Exam	10%

Grading Scale:

Grade	
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59-below

Course Evaluation:**1. Online discussion Forums**

Discussion Forums will be posted in Moodle. **Students must reply to discussion forums by the due dates.** Submissions must be a paragraph. **A paragraph is considered at least 10 sentences that include a topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding sentence.** Each online discussion forum is worth 10 points.

2. Chapter Reading Responses

At the completion of some chapters, students will be required to submit reading responses. This assignment requires students to give their reaction to the reading material. When providing a reaction, include any evidence from the textbook as support. **Responses must be two paragraphs, where the first paragraph summarizes the main points of the reading material and the second paragraph states the reaction.** **Students must upload the responses in Moodle by the due dates.**

3. Chapter Projects/Presentations

Students will be assigned three projects. Each project will be graded based on the project criteria and is worth 100 points. Presentations will be graded based on the oral presentation criteria and are worth 100 points each.

COMM 1335 Schedule

Date	Assignments	Assignments: Due every Sunday no later than 11:59 p.m.
Week 1	Course overview	
Week 2	Chapter 1 “An Overview of Electronic Media”	View YouTube video: “Introduction to Electronic Media.”
Week 3	Chapter 2 “The Internet, Portable Platforms, and Video Games”	Watch Chp 2 video Online Discussion Forum Due
Week 4	Chapter 3 “Cable, Satellite, and Telco TV” (Watch video on myTC for lecture) Project/Presentation No. 1 – Net Neutrality	Watch Chp 3 video Reading Response Due
Week 5	Chapter 4 “Broadcast and Television”	Watch Chp 4 video Reading Response Due
Week 6	Chapter 5 “Radio and Audio”	Online Discussion Forum Due
Week 7	Chapter 6 “Movies and Home Video”	Watch Chp 6 video Online Discussion Forum Due
Week 8 <i>Midterm</i>	Project/Presentation No. 2 (Midterm Exam)	
Week 9 - Thanksgiving Break		
Week 10	Chapter 7 “Careers in Electronic Media”	Watch Chp 7 video Reading Response Due Online Discussion Forum Due 5-year-plan Due
Week 11	Chapter 8 “Programming”	Reading Response Due
Week 12	Chapter 9 “Sales and Advertising”	Online Discussion Forum Due
Week 13 (Last Day to drop is 10/2)	Chapter 10 “Promotion and Audience Feedback” (Watch video for lecture)	Reading Response Due
Week 14	Chapter 11 “Laws and Regulations”	Online Discussion Forum Due

Week 14	Chapter 12 “Ethics and Effects”	Reading Response Due
Week 15	Work on Final Exam	
Week 16	Project/Presentation No. 3 (Final Exam)	

Disability Act Statement:

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. **Please contact Tonja Blasé, Director of Retention and Disabilities Services, at 903.823.3349**, or go by the office located in the Palmer Memorial Library on the first floor for personal assistance.

If a student has an accommodation letter from the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department indicating that he or she has a disability that requires academic accommodations, the student should present the letter to the instructor so accommodations can be made. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

Needs Statement: Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing enough food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect their performance in this course or ability to remain in school, is urged to contact **Tonja Blasé, Director of Student Retention, at 903.823.3349**, for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources that they may possess.

Attendance Policy:

Texarkana College’s absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. Attendance is determined based on the online student’s participation in the weekly assignments and writings. Failure to log-in and access weekly material and/or meet due dates and deadlines constitutes ABSENCES.

In some workforce/vocational areas, such as nursing and cosmetology, certification requirements necessitate an absentee policy that is more stringent than the institutional policy. In these instances, the matter of certification takes precedence over local policies, since certification policies are established by the State of Texas.

Faculty members are not obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student’s absence(s).

Experience demonstrates that regular participation in coursework enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to meet the requirements of their registered courses.

A student should not stop performing in an online class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops performing in the class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student **may** receive a grade of “F” in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of activity for students receiving a grade of “F” or “W”.

Withdrawal from a course(s) **may** affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

Excused Absences:

A student's absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student's allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook. These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College.

If a student is excused for a Texarkana College extracurricular activity, religious holiday, or military service, the student must receive prior approval from the Dean of Students and the instructor. Assignments must be completed prior to the excused absence.

Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to an excused absence when students follow the correct notification procedures. **Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons.**

Maximum Allowable Absences:

After official registration, **4 unexcused absences or failure to log-in and access online material for two weeks will be the maximum allowable** before a student **may** be dropped from the class. Mandated program certification requirements detailed for certain programs regarding the maximum allowable unexcused absences takes precedence over the following information.

Make-up Policy:

If the student misses assigned work, it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements to complete the assignments within one week. **However, forums and activity grades cannot be made up unless arrangements are made with the instructor via email.**

Academic Dishonesty Policy/Academic Integrity Statement:

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F".

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

Financial Aid:

Attention! Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way. You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

Drop Date:

The official drop date for the course is **Friday, October 2, 2020**. This is the last date for the student to drop this course with a **W**.

Viewing Grades:

Grades are available for viewing throughout the semester under the student's MyTC portal.

TC Email:

Students should check their TC Email account on a regular basis to check for general information sent from campus or instructors.

Student Support, Computer Access, Tutoring:

- **Library Hours**

M-Th 7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. F 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday 2-9 p.m.

- **Student Support Services (Tutoring) in library second floor**

M-Th 8 a.m.-7 p.m. F 8 a.m. -4 p.m. Sunday 2-9 p.m.

- **Testing Center (Library first floor)**

M-Th 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. F 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sunday 2-6 p.m.

- **Help Desk – TC Login Problems**

903-823-3030 M-Th 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

TC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Human Resources Director, 2500 N. Robison Rd., Texarkana, TX, 75599, (903) 823-3017, human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu

Class Policies:

- Go online frequently and read the week's posts and assignments for the course.
- If you have ANY TECHNOLOGY issues, contact Texarkana College IT as soon as possible. The instructor cannot help you with any issues related to your ability to access wifi, your email, or this course.
- Submit assignments before the submission portal closes.
- Post in all FORUMS as they are used to check your attendance and participation.
- Follow online etiquette guidelines.
- Check your TC email at least twice weekly for instructions and clarifications.
- Communicate! If you have any questions, concerns, problems, etc., email me through my TC email: Laronda.bailey@texarkanacollege.edu. I cannot help you if I do not know about your issues.
- Students in this course are held accountable to all policies and procedures outlined in the Texarkana College Student Catalog/Handbook.

Please add the number for Campus Police to your cell phone: 903-798-3330.

When on campus, all emergency calls should go to TC Campus Police, then 911 if needed.

Final note~

Everything we do in this course is designed to help you have a successful college career. If something is going on in your personal life that interferes with your success in this class, I cannot help you if you do not communicate with me. I am looking forward to working with each one of you this semester!

NOTE: *The above guidelines are subject to amendment by the instructor at any point during the semester. Students will be notified if any changes occur.*

Thanksgiving Break

Following Thanksgiving break, all classes at the college will be taught through virtual and/or online course delivery (including final exams) for the remainder of the fall semester, November 30-December 14. No face to face classes will be held on campus during this time.

Alternate Operations during Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, Texarkana College may need to move to altered operations and course delivery methods. During this time, Texarkana College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (Jenzabar or Moodle), online conferencing through TEAMS, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Texarkana College's website (www.texarkanacollege.edu) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, instructor email notifications on the method of delivery and course-specific communication, and Texarkana College email notifications for important general information.

COVID-19 Online/Virtual Environment Instructional Commitment

The ongoing Covid-19 situation will require that some course materials and instruction are provided through an online and/or virtual format. Even if all or a portion of a class was originally scheduled to meet face to face, social distancing guidelines associated with Covid-19 will limit the number of students who are able to attend face to face classes in person simultaneously. Further, circumstances associated with Covid-19 could cause the college to be forced to shift completely to an online and/or virtual delivery at any time during the semester. While TC faculty members are committed to providing students the option of face to face instruction if possible, students should be prepared to continue their classes in an online and/or virtual environment if necessary. Texarkana College is committed to maintaining engaging, high quality instruction regardless of the delivery format.

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