Course information:
Copy and paste current course information from Class Search/Course Catalog.

Academic Unit: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Department: English

Subject: FMS  Number: 351  Title: Emerging Digital Media  Units: 3

Is this a cross-listed course? (Choose one)
If yes, please identify course(s)

Is this a shared course? (choose one) If so, list all academic units offering this course

Course description:
Analyzes modern cultural and digital technologies.

Requested designation: Literacy and Critical Inquiry–L

Note- a separate proposal is required for each designation requested

Eligibility:
Permanent numbered courses must have completed the university's review and approval process.
For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact Phyllis.Lucie@asu.edu or Lauren.Leo@asu.edu.

Submission deadlines dates are as follow:
For Fall 2015 Effective Date: October 9, 2014
For Spring 2016 Effective Date: March 19, 2015

Area(s) proposed course will serve:
A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study.

Checklists for general studies designations:
Complete and attach the appropriate checklist
- Literacy and Critical Inquiry core courses (L)
- Mathematics core courses (MA)
- Computer/statistics/quantitative applications core courses (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design core courses (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences core courses (SB)
- Natural Sciences core courses (SQ/SG)
- Cultural Diversity in the United States courses (C)
- Global Awareness courses (G)
- Historical Awareness courses (H)

A complete proposal should include:
- Signed General Studies Program Course Proposal Cover Form
- Criteria Checklist for the area
- Course Catalog description
- Course Syllabus
- Copy of Table of Contents from the textbook and list of required readings/books

Respectfully request that proposals are submitted electronically with all files compiled into one PDF. If necessary, a hard copy of the proposal will be accepted.

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Department Chair/Director approval: (Required)
Chair/Director name (Typed): Aaron Baker  Date:
Chair/Director (Signature):
Rationale and Objectives

Literacy is here defined broadly as communicative competence—that is, competence in written and oral discourse. Critical inquiry involves the gathering, interpretation, and evaluation of evidence. Any field of university study may require unique critical skills that have little to do with language in the usual sense (words), but the analysis of written and spoken evidence pervades university study and everyday life. Thus, the General Studies requirements assume that all undergraduates should develop the ability to reason critically and communicate using the medium of language.

The requirement in Literacy and Critical Inquiry presumes, first, that training in literacy and critical inquiry must be sustained beyond traditional First Year English in order to create a habitual skill in every student; and, second, that the skill levels become more advanced, as well as more secure, as the student learns challenging subject matter. Thus, two courses beyond First Year English are required in order for students to meet the Literacy and Critical Inquiry requirement.

Most lower-level [L] courses are devoted primarily to the further development of critical skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, or analysis of discourse. Upper-division [L] courses generally are courses in a particular discipline into which writing and critical thinking have been fully integrated as means of learning the content and, in most cases, demonstrating that it has been learned.

Notes:

1. ENG 101, 107 or ENG 105 must be prerequisites
2. Honors theses, XXX 493 meet [L] requirements
3. The list of criteria that must be satisfied for designation as a Literacy and Critical Inquiry [L] course is presented on the following page. This list will help you determine whether the current version of your course meets all of these requirements. If you decide to apply, please attach a current syllabus, or handouts, or other documentation that will provide sufficient information for the General Studies Council to make an informed decision regarding the status of your proposal.

Revised April 2014
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

### ASU - [L] CRITERIA

**TO QUALIFY FOR [L] DESIGNATION, THE COURSE DESIGN MUST PLACE A MAJOR EMPHASIS ON COMPLETING CRITICAL DISCOURSE -- AS EVIDENCED BY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

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**CRITERION 1:** At least 50 percent of the grade in the course should depend upon writing assignments (see Criterion 3). Group projects are acceptable only if each student gathers, interprets, and evaluates evidence, and prepares a summary report. *In-class essay exams may not be used for [L] designation.*

1. Please describe the assignments that are considered in the computation of course grades--and indicate the proportion of the final grade that is determined by each assignment.

2. **Also:**

   Please circle, underline, or otherwise mark the information presented in the most recent course syllabus (or other material you have submitted) that verifies this description of the grading process--and label this information "C-1".

### CRITERION 2:

The writing assignments should involve gathering, interpreting, and evaluating evidence. They should reflect critical inquiry, extending beyond opinion and/or reflection.

1. Please describe the way(s) in which this criterion is addressed in the course design.

2. **Also:**

   Please circle, underline, or otherwise mark the information presented in the most recent course syllabus (or other material you have submitted) that verifies this description of the grading process--and label this information "C-2".

### CRITERION 3:

The syllabus should include a minimum of two writing and/or speaking assignments that are substantial in depth, quality, and quantity. Substantial writing assignments entail sustained in-depth engagement with the material. Examples include research papers, reports, articles, essays, or speeches that reflect critical inquiry and evaluation. Assignments such as brief reaction papers, opinion pieces, reflections, discussion posts, and impromptu presentations are not considered substantial writing/speaking assignments.

1. Please provide relatively detailed descriptions of two or more substantial writing or speaking tasks that are included in the course requirements.

2. **Also:**

   Please circle, underline, or otherwise mark the information presented in the most recent course syllabus (or other material you have submitted) that verifies this description of the grading process--and label this information "C-3".
CRITERION 4: These substantial writing or speaking assignments should be arranged so that the students will get timely feedback from the instructor on each assignment in time to help them do better on subsequent assignments. *Intervention at earlier stages in the writing process is especially welcomed.*

1. Please describe the sequence of course assignments--and the nature of the feedback the current (or most recent) course instructor provides to help students do better on subsequent assignments.

2. Also:

   Please *circle, underline, or otherwise mark* the information presented in the most recent course syllabus (or other material you have submitted) that verifies *this description* of the grading process--and label this information "C-4".
Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

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C-2-3: Each of the Critical Review Essay assignments require a thorough understanding and application of key course concepts, as obtained specifically from the course readings and lectures. The essays require students to take principles stated in course texts and to provide their own analysis of these ideas. They will also then be required to provide original examples of these media theories and illustrate their application. The Final Paper requires students to analyze a media work in any form and apply the concepts learned from class to that point. They are required to cite course texts as part of this assignment, as well as to incorporate studies relating to their specific chosen media. Citations from texts and lectures, as well as external sources applicable to the specific media form chosen, will be required. Students will need to be able to approach media works and apply the appropriate concepts and to analyze said work through their own critical interpretation.

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FMS 351
EMERGING DIGITAL MEDIA

Professor: Jeremy Carr
Email: Jeremy.Carr@asu.edu

Thursday, Aug. 20 - Friday, Dec. 4

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will attempt to define, study, and explore a moving target – emerging digital media. First we will attempt to answer some basic questions and to approach the subject conceptually. What does the term “digital media” mean, and what makes it “emergent?” What needs and desires have driven media change in the past? How might our history with media use inform our current and future relationships with media? Having covered these topics on media functions, we will next consider digital media forms. Specifically, we will engage four characteristics that are commonly associated with digital media – automation, interactivity, modularity, and layering – and analyze how they affect our experiences and shape our evolving sense of “high-tech” style. Finally, we will discuss the social dimensions of digital media, especially in terms of how it changes the modes of identification and power dynamics among individuals and groups.

At the end of this course, you will be able to: 1) describe the utilitarian and imaginative drives that current media technologies embody; 2) reflect on some of the methods and frameworks that scholars have used to study digital media; 3) analyze the characteristic forms of digital media and their implications; and 4) recognize yourself as a mediated subject whose identity and social relationships are informed by the technologies that you and your communities use.

Readings: All readings will be provided on the course site or via external links online. Readings must be completed by the date assigned. Readings are subject to change.

Screenings: Most lessons include a film to watch. Students are responsible for viewing these movies. All assigned films are available through rental outlets such as Netflix, Amazon.com or at ASU and public libraries. Some are additionally available online at www.youtube.com and other streaming outlets. The respective films should be watched before the corresponding lesson.

Academic Dishonesty: In the Academic Integrity Policy manual, ASU defines plagiarism as using another's words, ideas, materials or work without properly acknowledging and documenting the source. Students are responsible for knowing the rules governing the use of another's work or materials and for acknowledging and documenting the source appropriately. You can find this definition at: http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity. Academic dishonesty, including inappropriate collaboration, will not be tolerated. There are severe sanctions for cheating, plagiarizing, and any other form of dishonesty.
**Disability Accommodations:** Qualified students with disabilities who will require disability accommodations in this class are encouraged to make their requests to me at the beginning of the semester. Note: Prior to receiving disability accommodations, verification of eligibility from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) is required. Disability information is confidential.

**Establishing Eligibility for Disability Accommodations:** Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact DRC immediately. Their office is located on the first floor of the Matthews Center Building. DRC staff can also be reached at: 480-965-1234 (V), 480-965-9000 (TTY). For additional information, visit: www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/drc. Their hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

**GRADED WORK**

**Participation (100 Points):** You are responsible for participating in the threaded discussions that take place on the Blackboard discussion board.

ALL POSTS FOR EACH LESSON ARE DUE BY 11 P.M. (AZ TIME) THE DATE ASSIGNED.

Each student must answer the given question and post one substantive comment to another student's response per lesson.

A "substantive" post is one that is thoughtful, developed and connected to the Lesson topic; it is precisely, concisely, and grammatically composed. Typically, substantive posts are more than three sentences long. Posts must keep up with the progress of the course. You cannot, for example, go back and post to a lesson after it has been completed and expect the posts to be counted toward your participation grade.

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READINGS, CLIPS, AND LECTURES ARE FOUND AT

http://www.asu.edu/courses/fms351vm/

Grading Scale: 0 to 400 Points

- A+ ..... 399-400 Points
- A ..... 380-398 Points
- A- ..... 360-379 Points
- B+ ..... 347-359 Points
- B ..... 333-346 Points
- B- ..... 320-332 Points
- C+ ..... 307-319 Points
- C ..... 280-306 Points
- D ..... 240-279 Points
- E ..... 000-239 Points

LEARNING TASKS
This course is comprised of 15 lessons. Each lesson includes all or some of these tasks:

1. Readings:
2. Screenings:
3. Website/Montage:
4. Lecture:
5. Film Clips:
6. Discussion Board:

Lesson 1: Defining Digital Media (DUE ON Friday, Aug. 28)

- Reading: “What’s New About ‘New Media’?” (Flew, 2005)
  “New Media as Cultural Technologies” (Flew, 2005)
- Website: “Histories of the Internet” <http://www.isoc.org/internet/history/>
- Lecture: Course Introduction: What is this class about? How can we study a moving target?
- Film Clip: Did You Know? 2.0 (Fisch and McLeod, 2007) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcfrLYDm2U>

Lesson 2: “Old” and “New” Media (DUE ON Friday, Sept. 4)

- Reading: “Introduction” and “Lord Burleigh’s Kiss” (Murray, 1999)
  “The Medium is the Message” (McLuhan, 1964)
- Screening: “I Robot…You, Jane” Buffy the Vampire Slayer (Season 1, disc 2, Whedon, 1997)
- Website: “New Media and Old Storytelling” (Bordwell, 2007) <http://www.davidbordwell.net/blog/?p=827>
Lecture: Post-Book: Does media form affect experience?
Film Clips: Medieval Help Desk with English Subtitles (Nærum, NRK, 2001)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQHX-SigQvQ>

Lesson 3: Imag(in)ing New Media (DUE ON Friday, Sept. 11)
Reading: “The Technology and the Society” (Williams, 1974)
“There Will Come Soft Rains” (Bradbury, 1950)
Screening: Blade Runner (Scott, 1982)
Websites: “Tweeting the Dialectic of Technological Determinism” (Friedman, 2009)  
<http://flowtv.org/?p=4052>
Lecture: Utopia/Dystopia: Does technology determine culture?

Lesson 4: Media as Tools (DUE ON Friday, Sept. 18)
Reading: “The Screen and the User” (Manovich, 2001)
“Adam and Galileo” (Ihde, 1990)
Screening: “A Grand Day Out” and “Cracking Contraptions” in Wallace & Gromit in Three Amazing Adventures (Park, 2001)
Website: Google maps  
<http://maps.google.com/>
Lecture: Extended Abilities: Where is the body/world boundary?

Lesson 5: Media and (Self-)Perception (DUE ON Friday, Sept. 25)
Reading: “The Scene of the Screen” (Sobchack, 2004)
Screenings: A Scanner Darkly (Linklater, 2006) and “Final Flight of the Osiris,” “Beyond,” and “Matriculated” from The Animatrix (Chung et al., 2003)
Website: 83 Optical Illusions & Visual Phenomena  
<http://www.michaelbach.de/ot/>
Lecture: Our Media, Our Selves: How do the media affect who we are?

Lesson 6: Automation and “Creative Media” (DUE ON Friday, Oct. 2)
Reading: “What is New Media?” (Manovich, 2001)
“Computing Machinery and Intelligence” (Turing, 1950)
Screening: WALL-E (Stanton, 2008)
Website: Pi10K  
<http://www.avoision.com/experiments/pi10k/index.php>
Lecture: Miracle Workers: What tasks can/should media machines do?
Film Clip: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Burton, 2005)

Critical Review 1: Due by NOON (AZ TIME) FRIDAY, OCT. 2
Lesson 7: Interactivity/Immersion (DUE ON Friday, Oct. 9)

Reading: “A Critical History of Virtual Reality” (Hillis, 1999)
“Transforming Mirrors” (Rokeby, 1995)

Screening: Tron (Lisberger, 1982)

Website: animation <http://www.addictinggames.com/animation.html>
Neave Games <http://www.neave.com/games/>

Lecture: Remote Communications: What is the nature of media interactivity?

Lesson 8: Modularity/Multiplicity (DUE ON Friday, Oct. 16)

Reading: “The Multiple” (Friedberg, 2006)
“The Database” (Manovich, 2001)

Screening: Timecode (Figgis, 2000)

Website: YouTube <http://youtube.com>
You Are I Am <http://avoision.com/experiments/youare/>
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Lesson 9: Layers, Composites, and Simulations (DUE ON Friday, Oct. 23)

“Simulacra and Simulations” (Baudrillard, 1988)

Screening: Forrest Gump (Zemeckis, 1994)

Website: Morph Thing <http://www.morphthing.com/>
xtranormal <http://www.xtranormal.com>/

Lecture: Relative Reality: How do digital media affect our expectations for verisimilitude?

Film Clip: The Polar Express (Zemeckis, 2004)

Lesson 10: Edge and Polish (DUE ON Friday, Oct. 30)

Reading: “The Eye of the Frog” (Tudor, 2008)
“I’m Sorry Dave, I’m Afraid I Can’t Do That” (McClean, 2007)

Screening: 2001: A Space Odyssey (Kubrick, 1968)

Lecture: High-tech, Low-tech: What do “emerging digital media” look and sound like?

Film Clips: How to Kill a Mockingbird (Scodary and Benitez, 2004)
<http://www.albinoblocksheep.com/flash/mockingbird>
Veronica Mars opening credits, seasons 1 and 3 (2004, 2006)

Critical Review 2: Due by NOON (AZ TIME) FRIDAY, OCT. 30
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| Reading: | “Photoshop for Democracy” (Jenkins, 2006)  
“The Promise and the Peril of Social Action in Cyberspace” (Gurak, 1999) |
| Screening: | An Inconvenient Truth (Guggenheim, 2006) |
| Website: | MoveOn.org Interactive Timeline [http://pol.moveon.org/10years/] |
| Lecture: | David’s Slingshot: Do digital media help the underdog? |

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| Reading: | “Access Denied” (Lax, 2007)  
“Just Do It” (Lury, 2007) |
| Screening: | You’ve Got Mail (Ephron, 1998) |
| Websites: | Amazon.com [http://www.amazon.com/]  
Phoenix Craigslist [http://phoenix.craigslist.org/] |
| Lecture: | “Spending” Time: Is there balance between mass production and customization? |
| Film Clip: | EPIC 2015 (Sloan and Thompson, 2005)  
[http://www.albinoblacksheep.com/flash/epic] |

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<th><strong>Intellectual Property &amp; Our Global Neighbors</strong> (DUE ON Friday, Nov. 20)</th>
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| Reading: | “Internet Law and Policy” (Flew, 2005)  
“Hollywood’s Global Rights” (Miller, 2005) |
| Screenings: | The Hunt for Gollum [http://www.thehuntforgollum.com/]  
Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog [http://www.dhr horrible.com/] |
| Websites: | Creative Commons [http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/3.0/]  
Engrish Two Towers Subtitles [http://www.angelfire.com/rings/ ttt-subtitles/] |
| Lecture: | Makers, Keepers: Does information want to be free? |
| Film Clips: | A Fair(y) Use Tale (Faden, 2007)  
[http://cyberlaw.stanford.edu/documentary-film-program/film/a-fair-y-use-tale] |
| Website: | Indian Thriller with English Lyrics!  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtJRNyPK-ic] |

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| Reading: | “Slashing the Romance Narrative” (Kustritz, 2003)  
“The Video Game as a Medium” (Wolf, 2001) |
| Screening: | The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters (Gordon, 2007) |
| Websites: | FanFiction.net [http://www.fanfiction.net/]  
Television Without Pity [http://www.televisionwithoutpity.com/] |
| Lecture: | Super-Participation: Why should we care about fans and gamers? |
Lesson 15: **Identity and Community** (DUE ON Friday, Dec. 4)

**Reading:**
- “Crisis and Internet Networks” (Kivikuru, 2007)
- “Virtual Cultures” (Flew, 2005)

**Screening:**
- *South Park*, season 14, episode 4, “You Have 0 Friends” (Parker and Stone, 4/7/2010)

**Website:**
- Post Secret <http://postsecret.blogspot.com/>
- Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/>

**Lecture:**
I and We: How do digital media situate us in space and time?

**Final Paper:** Due by NOON (AZ TIME) FRIDAY, DEC. 4