

DIGITAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

DEPARTMENT

The Digital Media Communications program exists to prepare students to become skilled and creative developers and managers of media in a constantly changing global media climate.

Digital Media Communications provides instruction in core areas of graphic design, video production, photography, web design, and audio production through four distinct majors: Digital Media Communications, Digital Media-Graphic Design & Photography, Digital Media-Recording Arts, and Digital Media-Video Production. The department also offers a master's degree in Digital Media.

DEGREE PROGRAMS IN DIGITAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

- Digital Media Communications
- Digital Media - Graphic Design & Photography
- Digital Media - Recording Arts
- Digital Media - Video Production

MINOR

- Digital Media
- Graphic Design

MASTER'S DEGREE

- Digital Media

ASSOCIATES DEGREE

Digital Media Associates Degree

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Students will produce effective examples of creative and strategic communication in a variety of traditional and new media forms, demonstrating an understanding of communication theory and applications.
2. Students will research current and trending topics to analyze, evaluate, and interpret texts, media products, performances, and human interaction with, and use of, digital media.
3. Students will demonstrate leadership skills in production environments by participating with and leading teams of peers.
4. Students will define and articulate a personal theology of service and leadership that incorporates their faith and a Christian worldview with their commitment to digital media.
5. Students will develop and produce digital media products integrating text information through writing, audio, design, photography, video, and web design using a variety of modern technologies.
6. Students will produce and publish digital media in various formats using modern communication technologies.

EDUCATION

This program exists to prepare you with specialized skills in Digital Media that will allow you to be a creative, technologically skilled developer and manager in the digital world. You will learn to think creatively, strategically, and critically when communicating information, producing and distributing your media in both traditional and new media forms. One of the experiential components of the Digital Media Communications program is the internship.

Through the Digital Media Access Program, students are able to check out professional grade DSLR cameras, lighting kits, audio recorders, microphones, drones, and wide variety of peripherals in order to gain experience and apply what is learned in the classroom.

The Digital Media Department Handbook outlines additional requirements, policies and procedures. Digital Media students are expected to be knowledgeable of this handbook and are held accountable for the information it contains. The handbook is available through the Music/Digital Media Office.

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TECHNOLOGY

The University of Valley Forge is committed to providing training in the use of modern technologies. Digital media technologies are regularly refreshed providing students the opportunity to work with current equipment and software. We offer many facilities that are solely dedicated to Digital Media students.

- 2 Video Production Studios
- Photography Studio
- Digital Audio Lab
- 2 ProTools HDX Recording Studios
- Digital Media Production Classroom
- Film Viewing Room

Each area provides the latest technology to provide students with an innovative learning experience. The University of Valley Forge is an AVID Learning Partner, an elite designation that allows UVF students the opportunity to become certified ProTools professionals while on campus. ProTools is the industry-standard digital audio production and video production platforms that are used world-wide.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS:

Recommended:

- 2021 MacBook Pro or newer
- Minimum 16 Gb recommended

DIGITAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

PROGRAM CAPSTONE GRAPHIC DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY: 126 CREDITS

PROGRAM CAPSTONE RECORDING ARTS OR VIDEO PRODUCTION: 124 CREDITS

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

DIG 010	Digital Media Skills Comprehensive	0 cr
BUS 200	Explorations in Business	3 cr
COM 163	Introduction to Digital Media	3 cr
COM 143	Communication Theory	3 cr
COM 293	Intercultural Communication	3 cr
COM 301	Freelancing & Self-Branding	3 cr
COM 483	Digital Media Internship	3 cr
DIG/MTN Course		6 cr
DIG 102	Digital Media Information Literacy	0 cr
DIG 243	Introduction to Photography	3 cr
DIG 263	Digital Design I	3 cr
DIG 265	Digital Design II	3 cr
DIG 272	Introduction to Web Design	3 cr
DIG 273	Web Design & Implementation	3 cr
DIG 303	Fundamentals of Video Production	3 cr
DIG 310	Leadership in Digital Media	3 cr
DIG 313	Advanced Video Production & Editing	3 cr
DIG 321	Podcasting	1 cr
DIG 344	Photojournalism	3 cr
DIG 363	Motion Graphics	3 cr
Electives		6 cr
ENG 333	Writing for the Media	3 cr
MTN 263	Digital Audio	3 cr
Choose one:		3 cr
COM 373	Design & Visual Language	
COM 332	Christ, Communication & The Digital Mission	
COM 403	Social Media Management	
COM 413	Digital Marketing & Analytics	
Choose One Capstone Group:		
Graphic Design & Photography Capstone:		
DIG 441	Design/Photography Seminar	3 cr
DIG 444	Senior Design/Photography Portfolio	3 cr
Recording Arts Capstone:		
MTN 407	Senior Audio Seminar	1 cr
MTN 441	Senior Audio Project/Recital	3 cr
Video Production Capstone:		
DIG 407	Senior Video Seminar	1 cr
DIG 432	Senior Video Capstone	3 cr

PURPOSE

The major in Digital Media Communications is designed for students who seek a program that respects and develops their Christian faith while providing training in technology, communication skills, and creative abilities. The program will provide the opportunity to develop into highly versatile professionals who are able to think critically and creatively with a biblical worldview in order to serve in technical communications positions in businesses, churches, and nonprofit organizations. This program integrates new digital media technologies with foundation in traditional communications field coursework. The sophistication and complexity of these new media technologies will require graduates to possess a comprehensive understanding of electronic media, digital broadcasting, internet and social media as well as the ability to relate this knowledge in an ever-changing technological landscape. Preparation also includes hands-on experiences in a variety of real world studio, location, and live environments.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

BIB 103	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3 cr
COM 123	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COM 136	Mass Media & Society	3 cr
ENG 123	College Writing & Research	3 cr
FNA 113	Fine Arts Appreciation	3 cr
Choose one:		3 cr
HIS 213	Ancient & Medieval World History	
HIS 223	Modern & Contemporary World History	
HIS 233	U.S. History – Colonization to Reconstruction	
HIS 243	U.S. History – Reconstruction to the Present	
LIT	Literature Course	3 cr
MTH 123	Quantitative Reasoning*	3 cr
NWT 113	New Testament Survey	3 cr
OLT 123	Old Testament Survey	3 cr
PHE	Activity Course	1 cr
PHE 281	Health & Nutrition	1 cr
PHL 113	Worldviews	3 cr
PHL 343	Ethics	3 cr
PSY 223	Introduction to Psychology	3 cr
SCI	Science Course	3 cr
SOC 103	Life Formation	3 cr
Theology Course - Choose one:		3 cr
THE 115	Thinking Theologically	
THE 233	An Introduction to the History & Theology of the AG	

TOTAL GRAPHIC DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY: 76 CREDITS

RECORDING ARTS OR VIDEO PRODUCTION: 74 CREDITS

TOTAL

50 CREDITS

CMS/DIG/MTN fulfilled in the major

DIGITAL MEDIA - GRAPHIC DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
PROGRAM (126 CREDITS)

PURPOSE

The major in Digital Media - Graphic Design & Photography is designed for students who seek a program that respects and develops their Christian faith while providing training in technology, communication skills, and creative abilities. The program will provide students the opportunity to develop into highly versatile professionals who are able to think critically and creatively with a biblical worldview in order to serve in technical communications positions in businesses, churches, and nonprofit organizations. This program integrates new digital media technologies with elements of traditional communications coursework. Graduates will possess a comprehensive understanding of theory and aesthetic development in design and photography. Preparation also includes hands-on experience with camera technologies, electronic media, social media, logo and brand development, typography and portfolio development.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

DIG 010	Digital Media Skills Comprehensive	0 cr
BUS 200	Explorations in Business	3 cr
COM 143	Communication Theory	3 cr
COM 163	Introduction to Digital Media	3 cr
COM 293	Intercultural Communication	3 cr
Choose one:		3 cr
COM 373	Design & Visual Language	
COM 332	Christ, Communication & The Digital Mission	
COM 403	Social Media Management	
COM 413	Digital Marketing & Analytics	
COM 301	Freelancing & Self-Branding	3 cr
COM 483	Digital Media Internship	3 cr
DIG/MTN Course		3 cr
DIG 102	Digital Media Information Literacy	0 cr
DIG 243	Introduction to Photography	3 cr
DIG 263	Digital Design I	3 cr
DIG 265	Digital Design II	3 cr
DIG 272	Introduction to Web Design	3 cr
DIG 303	Fundamentals of Video Production	3 cr
DIG 310	Media Leadership	3 cr
DIG 321	Podcasting	1 cr
DIG 363	Motion Graphics	3 cr
Choose five:		15 cr
DIG 231	Principles of Photoshop	
DIG 344	Photojournalism	
DIG 345	Studio Photography	
DIG 362	Creative Photography	
DIG 264	Typography & Layout	
DIG 412	Corporate Branding	
DIG 463	Advanced Motion Graphics	
DIG 366	Vector Art & Industry	
DIG 365	Digital Publishing	
Electives		cr
ENG 333	Writing for the Media	3 cr
MTN 263	Digital Audio	3 cr
Capstone		
DIG 441	Design/Photography Seminar	3 cr
DIG 444	Senior Design/Photography Portfolio	3 cr

TOTAL

76 CREDITS

CORE REQUIREMENTS

BIB 103	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3 cr
COM 123	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COM 136	Mass Media & Society	3 cr
ENG 123	College Writing & Research	3 cr
FNA 113	Fine Arts Appreciation	3 cr
Choose one:		3 cr
HIS 213	Ancient & Medieval World History	
HIS 223	Modern & Contemporary World History	
HIS 233	U.S. History – Colonization to Reconstruction	
HIS 243	U.S. History – Reconstruction to the Present	
LIT	Literature Course	3 cr
MTH 123	Quantitative Reasoning*	3 cr
NWT 113	New Testament Survey	3 cr
OLT 123	Old Testament Survey	3 cr
PHE	Activity Course	1 cr
PHE 281	Health & Nutrition	1 cr
PHL 113	Worldviews	3 cr
PHL 343	Ethics	3 cr
PSY 223	Introduction to Psychology	3 cr
SCI	Science Course	3 cr
SOC 103	Life Formation	3 cr
Theology Course - Choose one:		3 cr
THE 115	Thinking Theologically	
THE 233	An Introduction to the History & Theology of the AG	

TOTAL

50 CREDITS

CMS/DIG/MTN fulfilled in the major

DIGITAL MEDIA - RECORDING ARTS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
PROGRAM (127 CREDITS)

PURPOSE

The major in Digital Media - Recording Arts is designed for students who seek a program that respects and develops their Christian faith while providing training in technology, communication skills, and creative abilities. The program will provide students the opportunity to develop into highly versatile professionals who are able to think critically and creatively with a biblical worldview in order to serve in technical communications positions in businesses, churches, and nonprofit organizations. This program integrates new digital media technologies with fundamentals of audio recording and engineering along with more traditional communications field coursework. The sophistication and complexity of these new media technologies will require graduates to possess a comprehensive understanding of audio recording, music production, live sound reinforcement, electronic media, digital broadcasting, internet and social media as well as the ability to relate this knowledge in an ever-changing technological landscape. Preparation also includes hands-on experiences in a variety of real-world studio, location, and live environments.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

DIG 010	Digital Media Skills Comprehensive	0 cr
BUS 200	Explorations in Business	3 cr
COM 143	Communication Theory	3 cr
COM 163	Introduction to Digital Media	3 cr
COM 293	Intercultural Communication	3 cr
Choose one:		3 cr
COM 332	Christ, Communication & The Digital Mission	
COM 373	Design & Visual Language	
COM 403	Social Media Management	
COM 413	Digital Marketing & Analytics	
COM 301	Freelancing & Self-Branding	3 cr
COM 483	Digital Media Internship	3 cr
DIG/MTN/MUS Courses		3 cr
DIG 102	Digital Media Information Literacy	0 cr
DIG 243	Introduction to Photography	3 cr
DIG 263	Digital Design I	3 cr
DIG 265	Digital Design II	3 cr
DIG 272	Introduction to Web Design	3 cr
DIG 303	Fundamentals of Video Production	3 cr
DIG 310	Media Leadership	3 cr
Electives		3 cr
ENG 333	Writing for the Media	3 cr
MTN 111	Basic Audio Reinforcement	1 cr
MTN 233	Principles of Audio Technology	3 cr
MTN 253	Modern Music Production Techniques	3 cr
MTN 263	Digital Audio	3 cr
MTN 313	Sound Reinforcement Systems	3 cr
MTN 415	Audio for Film/Video	3 cr
MTN 423	Multi-Track Recording	3 cr
MTN 463	Mixing/Post Production	3 cr
MTN 451	Advanced Pro Tools	3 cr
Capstone		
MTN 407	Senior Audio Seminar	1cr
MTN 441	Senior Audio Project/Recital	3 cr

CORE REQUIREMENTS

BIB 103	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3 cr
COM 123	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COM 136	Mass Media & Society	3 cr
ENG 123	College Writing & Research	3 cr
FNA 113	Fine Arts Appreciation	3 cr
Choose one:		3 cr
HIS 213	Ancient & Medieval World History	
HIS 223	Modern & Contemporary World History	
HIS 233	U.S. History – Colonization to Reconstruction	
HIS 243	U.S. History – Reconstruction to the Present	
LIT	Literature Course	3 cr
MTH 123	Quantitative Reasoning*	3 cr
NWT 113	New Testament Survey	3 cr
OLT 123	Old Testament Survey	3 cr
PHE	Activity Course	1 cr
PHE 281	Health & Nutrition	1 cr
PHL 113	Worldviews	3 cr
PHL 343	Ethics	3 cr
PSY 223	Introduction to Psychology	3 cr
SCI	Science Course	3 cr
SOC 103	Life Formation	3 cr
Theology Course - Choose one:		3 cr
THE 115	Thinking Theologically	
THE 233	An Introduction to the History & Theology of the AG	

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50 CREDITS

CMS/DIG/MTN fulfilled in the major

TOTAL

77 CREDITS

DIGITAL MEDIA - VIDEO PRODUCTION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
PROGRAM (126 CREDITS)

PURPOSE

The major in Digital Media - Video Production is designed for students who seek a program that respects and develops their Christian faith while providing training in technology, communication skills, and creative abilities. The program will provide students the opportunity to develop into highly versatile professionals who are able to think critically and creatively with a biblical worldview in order to serve in technical communications positions in businesses, churches, and nonprofit organizations. This program integrates new digital media technologies with fundamentals of digital storytelling, live production, post-production, and technical skills along with more traditional communications field coursework. The sophistication and complexity of these new media technologies will require graduates to possess a comprehensive understanding of video technologies, electronic media, digital broadcasting, internet and social media as well as the ability to relate this knowledge in an ever-changing technological landscape. Preparation also includes hands-on experiences in a variety of real-world studio, location, and live environments.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

DIG 010	Digital Media Skills Comprehensive	0 cr
BUS 200	Explorations in Business	3 cr
COM 143	Communication Theory	3 cr
COM 163	Introduction to Digital Media	3 cr
COM 293	Intercultural Communication	3 cr
Choose one:		3 cr
COM 332	Christ, Communication & The Digital Mission	
COM 373	Design & Visual Language	
COM 403	Social Media Management	
COM 413	Digital Marketing & Analytics	
COM 301	Freelancing & Self-Branding	3 cr
COM 483	Digital Media Internship	3 cr
DIG/MTN Courses		3 cr
DIG 102	Digital Media Information Literacy	0 cr
DIG 243	Introduction to Photography	3 cr
DIG 263	Digital Design I	3 cr
DIG 265	Digital Design II	3 cr
DIG 272	Introduction to Web Design	3 cr
DIG 303	Fundamentals of Video Production	3 cr
DIG 310	Leadership in Digital Media	3 cr
DIG 313	Advanced Video & Editing Techniques	3 cr
DIG 363	Motion Graphics	3 cr
DIG 385	Video Systems & Engineering	3 cr
DIG 413	Non-Linear Editing Certification	3 cr
DIG 426	Experimental Media	3 cr
DIG 431	Directing & Broadcasting for Live Broadcast	3 cr
Electives		3 cr
ENG 333	Writing for the Media	3 cr
MTN 263	Digital Audio	3 cr
MTN 415	Audio for Film/Video	3 cr
Capstone		
DIG 407	Senior Video Seminar	1 cr
DIG 432	Senior Video Capstone	3 cr

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BIB 103	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3 cr
COM 123	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COM 136	Mass Media & Society	3 cr
ENG 123	College Writing & Research	3 cr
FNA 113	Fine Arts Appreciation	3 cr
U.S./World History Course - Choose one:		3 cr
HIS 213	Ancient & Medieval World History	
HIS 223	Modern & Contemporary World History	
HIS 233	U.S. History – Colonization to Reconstruction	
HIS 243	U.S. History – Reconstruction to the Present	
LIT	Literature Course	3 cr
MTH 123	Quantitative Reasoning*	3 cr
NWT 113	New Testament Survey	3 cr
OLT 123	Old Testament Survey	3 cr
PHE	Activity Course	1 cr
PHE 281	Health & Nutrition	1 cr
PHL 113	Worldviews	3 cr
PHL 343	Ethics	3 cr
PSY 223	Introduction to Psychology	3 cr
SCI	Science Course	3 cr
SOC 103	Life Formation	3 cr
Theology Course - Choose one:		3 cr
THE 115	Thinking Theologically	
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