



Course Syllabus

IMED 1401 – Introduction to Digital Media

Catalog Description: Theories, elements, and hardware/software components of digital media. Emphasis on conceptualizing and producing digital media presentations.

Prerequisites: none

Semester Credit Hours: 4

Lecture Hours per Week: 3

Lab Hours per Week: 3

Extended hours: none

Contact Hours per Semester: 96

State Approval Code: 11.0801

Class section meeting time: Online—students are expected to spend at least 4 hours per week reading, reviewing, and participating in assigned activities for successful completion of this course.

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Instructional Goals and Purposes:

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the elements involved in digital media. A variety of software products will be used to introduce the fundamentals of creating and modifying digital audio, video, graphics, and images.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Produce a digital media presentation
2. Select optimal digital media strategies for various delivery systems
3. Examine digital media industry career opportunities

Specific Course Objectives (includes SCANS):

After studying all materials and resources presented in the course, the student will be able to:

1. **Define and Identify Digital Literacy** (1ai, 1aai, 1aiv, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1cv, 2ci, 2cii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ)
 - a. Demonstrate knowledge of proper digital literacy
 - b. Identify yellow journalism and fake news
 - c. Examine the influence and persuasion of digital media in our daily lives
2. **Understand Copyright and Creative Commons Rules** (1ai, 1aai, 1aiv, 1cv, 2ci, 2cii, 2cii, 2civ)

- a. Explain the difference between copyright and creative commons
- b. Demonstrate knowledge of their importance
- c. Demonstrate how they are properly used in digital media
3. **Identify Design Elements When Preparing Digital Media** (1ai, 1aai, 1aiv, 1b, 1c, 2ai, 2aiii, 2biii, 2biv, 2bv, 2bvi, 2c, 2di)
 - a. Demonstrate knowledge of image resolution, image size, and image file format for web, video, and print.
 - b. Demonstrate knowledge of design principles, elements, and image composition.
 - c. Demonstrate knowledge of typography.
 - d. Demonstrate knowledge of digital media related software.
 - e. Demonstrate knowledge of digital media related devices, their resulting image types, and how to access the results
4. **Research Software Available for Producing digital audio, video, graphics, and images** (1ai, 1aai, 1aiv, 1b, 1c, 2ai, 2aiii, 2biii, 2biv, 2bv, 2bvi, 2c, 2di)
 - a. Understand key terminology of digital media. software research.
 - b. Use search engines to locate open source/free digital media related software.
5. **Create and Modify Digital Media** (1ai, 1aai, 1aiv, 1b, 1c, 2ai, 2aiii, 2biii, 2biv, 2bv, 2bvi, 2c, 2di)
 - a. Identify elements of digital media software user interfaces and demonstrate knowledge of their functions.
 - b. Demonstrate knowledge of manipulating digital images, audio, video, and graphics.
 - c. Demonstrate knowledge of working with selections.
 - d. Adjust or correct the tonal range, color, or distortions of an image.
 - e. Demonstrate knowledge of retouching and blending images.
 - f. Demonstrate knowledge of drawing and painting.

Course Content:

A general description of lecture/discussion topics included in this course are listed in the Learning Outcomes / Specific Course Objectives sections of this syllabus.

Students in all sections of this course will be required to do the following:

1. Become media literate by learning to access, analyze, evaluate and create all forms of digital media
2. Be introduced to and practice good design elements and principles.
3. Create and modify digital images, web pages, videos, and multimedia presentations.

Methods of Instruction/Course Format/Delivery:

This course is offered totally online. The students are required to complete all readings, discussions, quizzes, assigned projects posted in Canvas. They are also expected to view all videos and tutorials found within the Canvas course. The students will submit a weekly Learning Journal which includes their digital creations.

Major Assignments / Assessments:

The following items will be assigned and assessed during the semester and used to calculate the student's final grade.

Assignments

1. Portfolio – weekly Learning Journal
2. Daily Assignments – discussions, quizzes, digital media creations, concept assignments

Assessment(s):

1. Mid-Term Exam (modules 1-6)
2. Final Exam (modules 7-13)

Course Grade:

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

- Major Exams 30%
- Portfolio 40%
- Daily Assessments 30%

Texts, Materials, and Supplies:

- Computer with Internet access
- Webcam and microphone or smartphone with camera

Required Readings:

- Handouts, web pages, and presentations will be posted in Canvas. Videos will also be posted as required viewing material.

Recommended Readings:

- none

Other:

- Courses conducted via video conferencing may be recorded and shared for instructional purposes by the instructor.
- For current texts and materials, use the following link to access bookstore listings: <https://www.panolacollegestore.com>
- For testing services, use the following link: <https://www.panola.edu/student-services/student-support/academic-testing-center>
- If any student in this class has special classroom or testing needs because of a physical learning or emotional condition, please contact the ADA Student Coordinator in Support Services located in the Charles C. Matthews Student Center or go to <https://www.panola.edu/student-services/student-support/disability-support-services> for more information.
- Withdrawing from a course is the student's responsibility. Students who do not attend class and who do not withdraw will receive the grade earned for the course.
- Student Handbook, *The Pathfinder*: <https://www.panola.edu/> (located at the bottom under students)

SCANS CRITERIA

- 1) **Foundation skills are defined in three areas: basic skills, thinking skills, and personal qualities.**
 - a) **Basic Skills:** A worker must read, write, perform arithmetic and mathematical operations, listen, and speak effectively. These skills include:
 - i) Reading: locate, understand, and interpret written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.
 - ii) Writing: communicate thoughts, ideas, information, and messages in writing, and create documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.
 - iii) Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations: perform basic computations and approach practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.
 - iv) Listening: receive, attend to, interpret, and respond to verbal messages and other cues.
 - v) Speaking: Organize ideas and communicate orally.
 - b) **Thinking Skills:** A worker must think creatively, make decisions, solve problems, visualize, know how to learn, and reason effectively. These skills include:
 - i) Creative Thinking: generate new ideas.
 - ii) Decision Making: specify goals and constraints, generate alternatives, consider risks, and evaluate and choose the best alternative.
 - iii) Problem Solving: recognize problems and devise and implement plan of action.
 - iv) Visualize ("Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye"): organize and process symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.
 - v) Knowing How to Learn: use efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.
 - vi) Reasoning: discover a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and apply it when solving a problem.
 - c) **Personal Qualities:** A worker must display responsibility, self-esteem, sociability, self-management, integrity, and honesty.
 - i) Responsibility: exert a high level of effort and persevere toward goal attainment.
 - ii) Self-Esteem: believe in one's own self-worth and maintain a positive view of oneself.
 - iii) Sociability: demonstrate understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy, and politeness in group settings.
 - iv) Self-Management: assess oneself accurately, set personal goals, monitor progress, and exhibit self-control.
 - v) Integrity and Honesty: choose ethical courses of action.
- 2) **Workplace competencies are defined in five areas: resources, interpersonal skills, information, systems, and technology.**
 - a) **Resources:** A worker must identify, organize, plan, and allocate resources effectively.
 - i) Time: select goal-relevant activities, rank them, allocate time, and prepare and follow schedules.
 - ii) Money: Use or prepare budgets, make forecasts, keep records, and make adjustments to meet objectives.
 - iii) Material and Facilities: Acquire, store, allocate, and use materials or space efficiently. Examples: construct a decision time line chart; use computer software to plan a project; prepare a budget; conduct a cost/benefits analysis; design an RFP process; write a job description; develop a staffing plan.
 - b) **Interpersonal Skills:** A worker must work with others effectively.
 - i) Participate as a Member of a Team: contribute to group effort.
 - ii) Teach Others New Skills.
 - iii) Serve Clients/Customers: work to satisfy customer's expectations.

- iv) **Exercise Leadership:** communicate ideas to justify position, persuade and convince others, responsibly challenge existing procedures and policies.
- v) **Negotiate:** work toward agreements involving exchange of resources, resolve divergent interests.
- vi) **Work with Diversity:** work well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

Examples: collaborate with a group member to solve a problem; work through a group conflict situation, train a colleague; deal with a dissatisfied customer in person; select and use appropriate leadership styles; use effective delegation techniques; conduct an individual or team negotiation; demonstrate an understanding of how people from different cultural backgrounds might behave in various situations.

- c) **Information:** A worker must be able to acquire and use information.

- i) **Acquire and Evaluate Information.**
- ii) **Organize and Maintain Information.**
- iii) **Interpret and Communicate Information.**
- iv) **Use Computers to Process Information.**

Examples: research and collect data from various sources; develop a form to collect data; develop an inventory record-keeping system; produce a report using graphics; make an oral presentation using various media; use on-line computer data bases to research a report; use a computer spreadsheet to develop a budget.

- d) **Systems:** A worker must understand complex interrelationships.

- i) **Understand Systems:** know how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operate effectively with them.
- ii) **Monitor and Correct Performance:** distinguish trends, predict impacts on system operations, diagnose deviations in systems' performance and correct malfunctions.
- iii) **Improve or Design Systems:** suggest modifications to existing systems and develop new or alternative systems to improve performance.

Examples: draw and interpret an organizational chart; develop a monitoring process; choose a situation needing improvement, break it down, examine it, propose an improvement, and implement it.

- e) **Technology:** A worker must be able to work with a variety of technologies.

- i) **Select Technology:** choose procedures, tools or equipment including computers and related technologies.
- ii) **Apply Technologies to Task:** understand overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.
- iii) **Maintain and Troubleshoot Equipment:** Prevent, identify, or solve problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.

Examples: read equipment descriptions and technical specifications to select equipment to meet needs; set up and assemble appropriate equipment from instructions; read and follow directions for troubleshooting and repairing equipment.