COURSE DESCRIPTION

From the Catalogue:

ENGL 293 -- LEC 0.50 -- Course ID: 013353 -- Introduction to Digital Media Studies

A study of theories of digital media, including critical, rhetorical, and semiotic approaches, and of the interpretation and creation of digital media artifacts.

Course Texts:

Most readings are provided as .pdf files via the UW-LEARN course site.

Additional texts are provided online via the Schedule page. Additional supplementary readings may be added throughout the term. Check the schedule before each course for updates.

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About the CML:

The Critical Media Lab is a research/creation unit that uses new media to examine the imacts of technology on society and the human condition. To this end, the CML supports funded research projects, organizes digital art exhibitions, collaborates with local arts and technology groups, and sponsors an annual Visiting Artist/Researcher Program. The CML is located at 158 King Street West in downtown Kitchener. The CML director is Marcel O'Gorman.

Welcome Message:

You one of the first groups of students to take this course, which is part of the new concentration in Digital Media Studies offered by the Department of English. The course focuses specifically on a very tight integration of theory and practice, reading and creating, writing and building. You will be expected to collaborate very closely with others, and you will fail the course if you do not pull your share of the
load. Students will benefit from computing resources in East Campus Hall (Mac workstations) as well as equipment (video cameras, laptops, physical computing tools, etc.) from the Critical Media Lab (CML). In fact, final projects might be showcased at the Critical Media Lab in a term-end event, based on student willingness and enthusiasm.

A Required Message on Academic Integrity:

Academic Integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4, http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm

Appeals: A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals, http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm

Academic Integrity website (Arts): http://arts.uwaterloo.ca/arts/ugrad/academic_responsibility.html

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:

Note for students with disabilities: The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD), located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the OPD at the beginning of each academic term.