

October 2026

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: MEDA 395		Number of Credits: 4 Course credit policy (105)								
Course Full Title: Special Topics in Media A	rts									
Course Short Title:					,,					
(Transcripts only display 30 characters. Depa	artments may	recommend a	short title	If one is needed. If left bla	nk, one will be assigned.)					
Faculty: Faculty of Humanities		Department (o	or program if no department): Media Arts							
Calendar Description:										
Provides students with an opportunity to expl	ore a topic or	r specific area o	f media a	rts and will vary with the ir	nstructor.					
Note: This course will be offered under different letter designations (e.g. C-Z) representing different topics, and may be repeated for credit provided the letter designation differs.										
Prerequisites (or NONE):	45 university-level credits, including			MEDA 100.						
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):										
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):										
Antirequisite Courses (Cannot be taken for additional credit.)			Specia	Special Topics (Double-click on boxes to select.)						
Former course code/number:			This course is offered with different topics:							
Cross-listed with:				\Box No \boxtimes Yes (If yes, topic will be recorded when offered.)						
Dual-listed with:				Independent Study						
Equivalent course(s):				If offered as an Independent Study course, this course may be repeated for further credit: (<i>If yes, topic will be recorded.</i>)						
(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit										
for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this		No Yes, repeat(s) Yes, no limit								
		Transfer Credit								
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours				Transfer credit already exists: (See <u>bctransferguide.ca</u> .)						
Lecture/seminar hours	35	🖾 No	🛛 No 🔲 Yes							
Tutorials/workshops	25		Submit outline for (re)articulation: No Yes (If yes, fill in transfer credit form.) Grading System Letter Grades Credit/No Credit Maximum enrolment (for information only): 25							
Supervised laboratory hours		∐ No								
Experiential (field experience, practicum, int)	Gradin								
Supervised online activities		🛛 Lette								
Other contact hours:		Maxim								
	Total hours	s 60		ed Frequency of Course						
Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture	hours: 🛛 N	Every other year. (Every semester, Fall only, annually, etc.)								
Department / Program Head or Director: H	1	Date approved:	May 2020							
Faculty Council approval			Date approved:	May 19, 2020						
Dean/Associate VP: Jacqueline Nolte				Date approved:	May 19, 2020					
Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)				Date of posting:	June 26, 2020					
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval				Date of meeting:	October 2, 2020					

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Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Apply methods, theories or practices relevant to the chosen topic.
- Analyze course themes or concepts in group discussions, studio or lab work, and/or writing.
- Demonstrate self-reflexivity and intellectual curiosity in relation to course material.
- Produce a research project, following a process that includes identifying a research question, locating and evaluating source material, and synthesizing multiple sources effectively.
- Apply research methods as relevant to the chosen topic and field, demonstrating knowledge of intellectual property use.
- Communicate persuasively, clearly and professionally, in methods appropriate to context of the course.
- Situate the topic in historical and theoretical contexts.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Week 11 Game Engine Integration Week 12-13 Final Presentations

Yes No, PLAR cannot be awarded for this course because

Typical Instructional Methods (*Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.; may vary at department's discretion.*) Lecture, discussion, student presentations, lab/studio workshops.

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Text(s) and Res	ource N	laterials (If more spa	ace is require	ed, download Supplem	ental Texts a	and Resource Mater	ials form.)
Author (surname, ir	nitials)	Title (article, book	k, journal, et	c.)	Current e	ed. Publisher	Year
1. Williams, R.		The Animator's Su	rvival Kit				2001
2. Zwerman, S. (ed.)		The VES Handboo Standard VFX Prac		,			2010
3. Block, B.		The Visual Story: C Film, TV, and Digita		/isual Structure of			2007
4.							
5.							
Typical Evaluation Meth	ods an	d Weighting					
Final exam:	%	Assignments:	40%	Field experience:	%	Portfolio:	%
Midterm exam:	%	Project:	50%	Practicum:	%	Participation:	10%
Quizzes/tests:	%	Lab work:	%	Shop work:	%	Total:	100%
Details (if necessary):				·			
Typical Course Content	and To	pics					
Digital Performance							
Week 1 Introduction							
Week 2 Production Plann	ing						
Week 3-6 Motion Builder							
Week 7 Field Trip							
Week 8-9 Maya							
Week 10 Virtual Reality							