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On Apr 10, 2016, at 10:50 PM, Michelle Holling < mholling@csusm.edu > wrote:



HI Lucy.

The MASS faculty see no content overlap between the syllabus you sent for AMD 356 and particular courses in our program. Thank you for sending that syllabus. Moreover, based on the concerns I voiced on behalf of my department (the attachment is what I sent w/my first reply), we support the AMD proposed program and courses provided to us for review (i.e., AMD 307, 355, 356, and 452).

Well wishes. As of late last Friday, I signed all remaining curriculum paperwork.

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Course Number AMD 356

Course Title Media & Counterculture

| Draft Syllabus

## I. Course Description

Focuses on video art and production practices that have been linked historically to the American counterculture, beginning with the uses of video as a "street" media or "guerilla television." Analyzes early video collectives formed in the 60's in response to the globalization of media culture and the student, feminist and civil rights movements at the time. Spans the history of alternative systems of distribution and exhibition, art movements in the 60's and 70's as well as theoretical frameworks for understanding power, knowledge and media.

## II. Student Learning Objectives for General Educational Area

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Communicate effectively in writing to various audiences
  This outcome is measured by assessment of students' media analyses.
- Think critically and analytically about an issue, idea or problem
   This outcome is measured by assessment of students' media journal, in which
   they demonstrate critical thinking in their investigations into countercultural
   media.
- Find, evaluate and use information appropriate to the course and discipline This outcome is measured by assessment of a media reading assignment.

### Student Learning Objectives for the course

Upon successful completion of the course, students will:

- Examine the history and theory of media art and mass media linked to countercultural movements through reading, research and lectures This outcome is measured by assessment of students' media analyses.
- Analyze media forms with regards to race, gender and class
   This outcome is measured by assessment of students' media journal, in which
   they examine media from multiple angles, taking into account the work's various
   contexts.
- Examines the ways in which artists and independent filmmakers have traditionally bypassed media power structures through alternate forms of distribution

This outcome is measured by assessment of students' article assessment, in which they examine the critical writing detailing a countercultural artist's work.

## III. Topics / Subjects Covered in the Course

In this course, students will seek answers to the overarching question, what is countercultural media and when did it begin? This course provides an introduction to media art that runs counter to political, societal, and cultural norms within their specific social and cultural contexts. Through close examination of artworks from many cultures and perspectives, students will reflect on how the artists and filmmakers impact social movements and at times alter public opinion and public policy.

Topics over the course of the semester include explorations of media relates to access; media art forms as a strategy among political artists; global media culture and individual cultural nuances within various media forms; gender and media; and *hacktivism* and open source creations.

# IV. Registration Restrictions.

This is an upper division theory elective and there are no registration restrictions.

## V. Writing Requirement

The writing requirement will be fulfilled by the following writing assignments: media journal (entries on on-line viewing and creations), article assessment, media analysis, and creative media project.

# VI. Course Schedule and Readings

#### **Texts**

Theodore Roszak, *The Making of the Counterculture: Reflections on the Technocratic Society and Its* Youthful Opposition, (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1969).

Alec Gordon, "Thoughts Out of Season on Counter Culture," in *Contemporary Culture Studies*, ed. David Punter (London: Longman, 1986).

Patricia Mellencamp, "Video and Counterculture", Global Television.

Walter Benjamin, "The work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction", in *Illuminations*, ed.Hannah Arendt (New York: Schocken Books, 1969).

Jean Baudrillard, "Simulations", trans. Paul Foss (New York: Semiotext(e), 1983).

Dee Dee Halleck, Hand Held Visions, (Fordham University Press, New York, 2002).

#### **Tentative Course Schedule**

Weeks 1-3

Counterculture: Understanding the 60's

This will include an introduction to the student, feminist and civil rights movements in the United States and the role and development of popular electronic media and an examination of countercultural media movements across the globe.

#### Weeks 4-8

## Video Art: A Technology and a Discourse

This will include an introduction to the technological and theoretical aspects of video art and production in the sixties and early seventies. It will include how the Portapak (first portable video equipment) provided alternative readings of events. After understanding the historical and social context of early video art, as well as video's technical and theoretical characteristics, this section will present the various theories around which video as counterculture were formed and continue to this day. An examination of multiple cultural and societal contexts for early video art will begin with Nam June Paik. Texts include Barthes, Benjamin, Baudrillard, DeBord, Mellencamp and others.

### Weeks 9-12

## Contemporary Media Practices

This section will present the work that media artists are producing today in alternative media and art production, and how this is linked to the earlier historic practices. This will include new media artwork. Examples of installation and performance include Doug Hall, Paul Chan, Paper Tiger TV, Antonio Muntadas and others.

## Weeks 13-15

## Making Media

Students will be instructed in basic construction of media by multiple means, with an end result as a video-based project, an installation art project, or a project for the web. Teamwork, conceptualization, and the relation to early guerilla TV to newer forms of communication across mobile media will be stressed.

# VII. Grading Components and Assignment Weight

Students will be evaluated based on participation as well as on assignments and written analyses and journal entries, as well as a media creation and final.

#### Graded items include:

Media Assignments		15%
Article Discussion		15%
Media Analysis		15%
Media Journal		25%
Media Creation		15%
Final		15%
	Total	100%