

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DIGITAL MEDIA



Program Description

The Master of Science in Digital Media is a 37 credit program that prepares U.S. and international students having an undergraduate background in communications for successful careers in the field of digital media (video, audio, desktop publishing, and web technologies). The program has as its goals the development of professionals who will be able to:

- Explain and apply appropriate information technologies and employ methodologies to help individuals or organizations achieve their goals and objectives through use of digital media;
- Manage digital media resources of individuals or organizations;
- Anticipate the changing direction of digital media;
- Evaluate and communicate the likely utility of new technologies;
- Live and work as a contributing, well-rounded member of society through ethical application of digital media resources.

In accomplishing these goals the program will:

- Familiarize students with the technology/skills required to be successful in the field of digital media;
- Provide hands-on experience that culminates in a practical project;
- Enable students to integrate management skills and ethical perspectives into their study;
- Prepare students for employment in the field of Digital Media.

Admission:

Applicants must meet the [admission requirements](#) of the Graduate School. In addition, applicants should have at least an undergraduate minor in Communication

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 or one of its components. Students are strongly encouraged to begin the program in the summer.

Curriculum:

The Master of Science in Digital Media may be completed in 12 to 18 months. The program requires Core Competencies, Additional Competencies, Experiential, and Elective coursework in the Department of Communication and selected other units.

Two major projects utilizing multiple digital media components, with presentation to the faculty and students of the Department of Communication, are required.

COMM 500 Graduate Digital Media	3 credit
Core Competency Requirements	13 credits
COMM 596 Video Editing	3 credits
COMM 597 Audio Editing	3 credits
COMM 598 Desktop Publishing	3 credits
COMM 599 Communication Through Web Design	3 credits
COMM 600 Communication Technology Forum (taken twice)	1 credit
Additional Competencies	(minimum 3 cr. from each)
<i>Social, Ethical and Legal Dimensions:</i>	
COMM 601 Social Networking	3 credits
COMM 602 Ethical Issues in Digital Media	3 credits
COMM 603 Legal Environment of Digital Media	3 credits
<i>Management:</i>	
ICP 620 Cross Cultural Management	3 credits
ICP 621 Organizational Leadership and Team Development	3 credits
IT 640 Information Management	3 credits
<i>Communication:</i>	
3 credits in COMM as approved by program director	
Experiential Training	6 credits
COMM 700 Graduate Project I in Digital Media	3 credits
COMM 701 Graduate Project II in Digital Media	3 credits

Electives (as approved by adviser)	6 credits
From courses above or as approved by Program Director	

Financial Considerations Students may be surprised to discover the affordable tuition rate at Valparaiso University. Tuition for the 2010-2011 academic year is \$530 per credit hour; highly competitive for a private institution of recognized national quality. Full-time graduate students pay a \$146 general fee each fall and spring semester. Part-time graduate students pay a \$95 general fee each fall and spring semester. [Financial aid](#) is available through direct and indirect student loans for students taking 6 credits or more during fall and spring semesters. Because most course offerings are scheduled for the evening, many students hold part- or full-time employment during their study.

For more information about the Master of Science in Digital Media program Interested students should [request an information packet](#) from the Graduate School through our website or by e-mailing Graduate.School@valpo.edu.

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