**Communication and the Internet**

**COMM 4014**

**Course Schedule**

\*All Discussion questions (DQ) will be found on the course wiki. Discussion Questions and responses are to be completed on the course wiki (Link can be found on the course page); all other assignments to be submitted via the dropbox on Ecourseware. The DQs and quizzes will be based off of the assigned readings and activities for each week.

\*The scheduled readings can be located through the hyperlink and/or downloaded from the Contents page on Ecourseware. The specific readings can be located under the corresponding module.

**Dates Readings & Activities**

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| **MODULE 1** |  |
| Week 1 (Jan. 20th to 25th)**\***Assignment to be posted by midnight on Jan. **25th** | Respond to Course Introduction post on course Wiki |
| Week 2 (Jan. 26th to Feb. 1)\* DQ due Jan **29th**; 3 responses to classmates due Feb. 1st) | **Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants**1. Palfrey and Glasser’s “Born Digital: Understanding the First Generation of Digital Natives”
2. Neil Selwyn’s “The Digital Native: Myth and Reality”
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| Week 3 (Feb. 2nd to Feb. 8th)\*DQ due Feb 5th; 3 responses to classmates due Feb 8th | **Digital Utopia**1. Watch the following video: [TED TALK WEB INNOVATION](http://www.ted.com/talks/chris_anderson_how_web_video_powers_global_innovation.html)
2. Read Larry Diamond’s “Liberation Technology”
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| Week 4 (Feb. 9th to Feb. 15th)\*DQ due Feb. **12th** ; 3 responses to classmates due Feb. **15th** | **Internet Pitfalls**1. Read the following blog article: [Web 2.0](http://www.weeklystandard.com/Content/Public/Articles/000/000/006/714fjczq.asp?page=1)
2. Read “The Net Delusion: The Dark Side of Internet Freedom” found here:

[Net Delusion](http://www.carnegiecouncil.org/studio/multimedia/20110125/index.html/%3Apf_printable)1. Read Zazik and Park’s “To Tweet, or not to Tweet: Gender Differences and Potential Positive and Negative Health Outcomes of Adolescents’ Social Internet Use”
2. TED video: [Take back the Internet](http://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca_mackinnon_let_s_take_back_the_internet.html)
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| Week 5 (Feb. 16th to Feb. 22nd)\*DQ due Feb. **19th** ; 3 responses to classmates due Feb. **22nd** \***Module 1 Quiz due Feb. 22nd by midnight** | **Nothing is ever perfect…**1. Watch the following TED talks video: [Future Crime](http://www.ted.com/talks/marc_goodman_a_vision_of_crimes_in_the_future.html)
2. Brainstorm and come up with one negative consequence of internet communication. Use the UofM library to locate a scholarly article related to this topic (I suggest using the Communication and Mass Media Complete database) and answer the questions located on the wiki. Be sure to provide a link to the article.
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| **MODULE 2** |  |
| Week 6 (Feb. 23rd to March 1st)\* DQ due Feb. **26th** ; 3 responses to classmates due Mar. 1st **\*Research Assignment 1 due Mar. 1st by midnight via dropbox (**See details on the Contents page on ecourseware entitled “Research Assignments”) | **Interpersonal Communication**1. Skim the chapter “Interpersonal Communication”
2. Read Turnbull’s “Mom Just Facebooked me and Dad knows How to Text: The Influences of Computer-Mediated Communication on Interpersonal Communication and Differences Through Generations.”
3. Read “Yahoo CEO Ends Telecommuting, Saying Internet Kills Interpersonal Communication” found at [Yahoo](http://www.benningtonvalepress.com/2013/02/yahoo-ceo-ends-telecommuting-saying.html)
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| Week 7 (Mar. 2nd to Mar. 8th)\*DQ due Mar. 5th; 3 responses to classmates due Mar. 8th  | **Gender Differences in CMC**1. Read Muscanell and Guadagno’s “Make new friends or keep the old: gender and personality differences in social networking use.”
2. Read Kapidzic and Herrig’s article found at [Kapidzic and Herrig](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1083-6101.2011.01561.x/full)
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| Week 8 (Mar. 9th to Mar. 15th **\*SPRING BREAK\*** |  |
| Week 9 (Mar. 16TH to Mar. 22nd )\*DQ due Mar. **19th** ; 3 responses to classmates due Mar. **22nd** **\*Midterm due March 22nd by midnight** | **Identity and CMC**1. Read Masters’ “Identity on the Internet: The pros and cons of anonymity” found at [Identity on the Internet](http://blogs.independent.co.uk/2011/09/19/identity-on-the-internet-the-pros-and-cons-of-anonymity/)
2. Read Berman and Bruckman’s “The Turning Game: Exploring Identity in an Online Environment.”
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| **MODULE 3** |  |
| Week 10 (Mar. 23rd to Mar. 29th )\* DQ due Mar. **26th** ; 3 responses to classmates due Mar. **29th**  | **Politics Online**1. Read Freelon’s “Analyzing online political discussion using three models of democratic communication”
2. Read “Effects of the Internet on Politics: research roundup” found at [Research Roundup](http://journalistsresource.org/studies/politics/citizen-action/research-internet-effects-politics-key-studies)
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| Week 11 (Mar. 30th to April 5th )\*DQ due by Apr. 2nd ; 3 responses to classmates due Apr. 15th  | **Online Communities**1. Read Caren, Jowers, and Gaby’s “A Social Movement Online Community: Stormfront and the White Nationalist Movement’
2. Read Siquera & Cokley’s “Online Communities: a systematic review of factors contributing to sustainability”
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| Week 12 (April 6th to April 12th)\*DQ due April **9th** ; 3 responses to classmates due April **12th****\*Module 3 Quiz due April 12th by midnight** | **Social Networking**1. Read Mendelson and Papacharissi’s “Look at us: Collective Narcissism In College Student Facebook Photo Galleries”
2. Read Marwick and Boyd’s article “I tweet honestly, I tweet passionately”
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| **MODULE 4** |  |
| Week 13 (April 13th to April 19th)\*DQ due April **16th**; 3 responses to classmates due April **19th** | **Internet Research Methods; Ethics and Internet Research**1. Creswell Chapter (ecourseware)
2. AoIR article (ecourseware
3. Browse the internet and locate an article of your choosing that was conducted on the internet. Briefly summarize the article on the wiki (provide link) and state if you think it was conducted ethically (answer why or why not).
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| Week 14 (April 20th to April 26th)\*DQ due April 23rd ; 3 responses to classmates due April **26th**  | **Legal Issues & the Internet**1. Read chapter 1 of “Introduction to Internet Governance”
2. Read the “Declaration of the Independence of Cyberspace” found at [Declaration of Independence of Cyberspace](https://projects.eff.org/~barlow/Declaration-Final.html)
3. Read the following article “Hillary Clinton and Internet Freedom” at [Hillary Clinton](http://www.salon.com/2011/12/09/hillary_clinton_and_internet_freedom/) \*Feel free to watch the video of the entire speech found at [Entire Speech](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccGzOJHE1rw)
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| Week 15 **\*Module 4 Quiz due by April 27th at midnight** |  |
| **\*Research Assignment 2 due May 2nd by Midnight via ecourseware dropbox** | See details on the Contents page on ecourseware entitled “Research Assignments”) |