

**Credits: 2**

**Purpose:** The overarching question we try to answer in this course is “How can Christians understand and participate in our television technology and in popular culture?” We try to answer this question through discussion, analysis, through production and written response to television and other media.

**Outline:**

- Why study media as Christians?
- Television demographics and techniques
- Sitcom social commentary and value messages
- Manipulation in news
- How the news uses fear tactics
- Sitcom and news productions
- Becoming a discerning viewer

**Skills Developed:** Students will be writing, developing projects related to different units, analyzing television programming, writing for production, and developing critical thinking skills as they work to discern a Christian response to media.

**Assignments:** 5-7 small papers, 5+ group projects, response logs, several written and illustrated storyboards, possible production using video cameras.

**Materials Required:** binder

**Note:** Given the nature of this course, there may be material studied which some people might find objectionable.