A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts, Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

This course presents a multidisciplinary exploration of how students can exercise responsible and productive citizenship, participate in the exchange of ideas, advocate for social justice and articulate issues for the common good through communication, writing and the arts. It also presents theoretical and ethical dimensions of communication, writing and the arts. Each week a faculty member from the Communication, Writing and the Arts Department presents a lecture/workshop on his or her area of expertise and how it may be employed to create social and cultural change. Assignments include response papers, reflective papers, film analyses, group projects, and creative projects that require critical thinking, investigation and imagining new solutions to problems.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/02/2018 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Appreciate how public discourse and art shape and reflect a pluralistic society.
2. Articulate and apply understanding of contemporary communication principles and strategies to civic and ethical concerns.
3. Exercise critical thinking in examining the ways communication and art can build, maintain, or undermine social and cultural structures.
4. Expand options for exercising voice and taking action.
5. Understand how artistic and communication tools may empower an individual in constructing arguments and advocating for a cause.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts
1. Articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.
2. Understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within an historical and social context.
3. Engage in the creative process or interpretive performance.
4. Demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
5. Respond critically to works in the arts and humanities.

Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp
1. Understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.
2. Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.
3. Examine, articulate, and apply their own ethical views.
4. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.
5. Identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

G. Special Information