

York University – Division of Humanities – AS HUMANITIES 2920 9.0A - 2004-2005
COURSE SCHEDULE – FALL TERM (WINTER TBA)

September 10: Course introduction and logistical information

September 17: Holiday – No Class

MODULE 1: DEFINING THE TERMS

September 24: Critical Thought, Discourse and Humanities

1- What Is Humanities?

<http://fp.uni.edu/robinsoj/Humanities/WHAT%20IS%20HUMANITIES.htm>

2- Wikipedia entry for Humanities (also explore the links)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humanities>

3- Wikipedia entry for Discourse (also explore the links)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discourse>

4- Wikipedia entry for Critical Thinking (also read the links in the “See Also” section)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Critical_thinking

October 1: On Technology

1- Winner, Langdon. “Techne & Politeia: The Technical Constitution of Society”

<http://www.umsl.edu/~rkeel/280/class/winner.html>

2- Chandler, Daniel. “Technological or Media Determinism” (read all the sections)

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/media/Documents/tecdet/>

*** Inventory Essay due in lecture ***

October 8: What Is Culture?

1- Hebdige, Dick. “From Culture to Hegemony”

<http://forerunner.finearts.yorku.ca/~gita/huma2920/readings/hebdige.pdf>

2- Anderson, Benedict. Excerpt from “The Nation as Imagined Community” (also explore the site)

<http://www.nationalismproject.org/what/anderson.htm>

October 15: Knowledge and Power

1- Chandler, Daniel. “Marxist Media Theory” (read all of the sections)

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/media/Documents/marxism/marxism10.html>

2- Foucault, Michel. “What Is Enlightenment?”

<http://foucault.info/documents/whatIsEnlightenment/foucault.whatIsEnlightenment.en.html>

MODULE 2: A SURVEY OF 5000 YEARS IN 3 WEEKS, OR HOW WE GOT WHERE WE ARE

October 22: Orality and Literacy

1- Plato. Selection from “Pheadrus” (in course kit)

2- Ong, Walter. Selections from “Orality and Literacy” (in course kit)

October 29: Wiring the World: Electric and Electronic Networks

- 1- Carrey, James. "Technology and Ideology: The Case of the Telegraph" (in course kit)
 - 2- Spiegle, Lynn. "Television in the Family Circle" (in course kit)
- * Precis Essay due at the beginning of lecture ***

November 5: The Age of Mass Media

- 1- McChesney, Robert and Dan Schiller. "The Political Economy of International Communications: Foundations for the Emerging Global Debate over Media Ownership and Regulation" (read these sections only: Introduction, the Mythology of Freedom of Communications in the United States, the Move to Neo-Liberalism, and the Conclusion)
http://www.unrisd.org/80256B3C005BCCF9/httpNetITFrame?ReadForm&parentunid=C9DCBA6C7DB78C2AC1256BDF0049A774&parentdoctype=paper&netitpath=http://www.unrisd.org/unpublished_/tbs_/chesney/content.htm
- 2- Grossman, Lawrence K. "The Real World"
<http://www.bostonreview.net/BR23.3/grossman.html>

MODULE 3: MEDIA POLITICS AND POETICS**November 12: Media and Propaganda**

- 1- Staniszewski, Mary Anne. "Exhibition as National Covenant" (in course kit)
 - 2- Chomsky, Noam. "What Makes Mainstream Media Mainstream"
<http://www.chomsky.info/articles/199710--.htm>
- * Module Response 1 due at the beginning of lecture ***

November 19: Tactical Media, Counter-Propaganda and the Arts

- 1- Staniszewski, Mary Anne. "Activism in the Artworld and the Art Workers Coalition" (in course kit)
- 2- Gomez-Pena, Guillermo. "Naftaztec: Pirate Cyber-TV for A.D. 2000 (in course kit)
- 3- Hallack, DeeDee. "Paper Tiger Television: Smashing the Myths of the Information Industry Every Week on Public Access Cable" (in course kit)

November 26: The Stories We Tell

- 1- Ball, Jared A. "North America's 21st Century Hip-Hop Colony and the Politics of Cultural Co-optation and Appropriation"
http://www.voxunion.com/coup/21st_Century_HipHop_Colony.pdf
 - 2- Kun, Josh. "Reading, Writing, & Rap: Literacy as Rap Sound System"
<http://eserver.org/bs/12/Kun.html>
 - 3- Explore website: "bbc.co.uk Reggae"
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/music/features/reggae/>
- * Research Proposal due at the beginning of lecture ***

December 3: Mid-term Exam in Scheduled Lecture Time and Place

--- TERM BREAK --- CHECK COURSE WEBSITE FOR TERM 2 SYLLABUS --- ENJOY THE HOLIDAZE! --- HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR! --- CLASSES START AGAIN ON JANUARY 3, 2005 ---