Every Media & Communication major must complete a Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE). Students will select one course among the five course options listed below (though please note the restricted enrollment for COM 470: Media & Communication Honors Seminar). Each of these CUE options is a credit-bearing class that counts toward the nine-course Media & Communication major requirements.

The CUE must be taken in the senior year.

1. **COM 401: SEMINAR IN MEDIA & COMMUNICATION**

   Each seminar has its own focal topic and includes an inquiry-driven project requiring students to generate an integrative research or grant proposal, and oral presentation about their proposal. The grant proposal is designed to build on the core scholarly-knowledge assignments in the department’s required-course sequence. Focal topics may include children and communication, media reform, race and representation, media and the home, or media and social theory.

   **NOTES:** Offered at least once a semester by different members of the department on a rotating basis.

2. **COM 467: ADVANCED VIDEO PRODUCTION**

   Students explore the convergence of video and digital media while studying the problems of constructing narrative and documentary texts within emerging experimental formats. Through their research-production projects, students learn to work with more advanced visual and organizational concepts and tools. Legal and ethical issues involved in media production are considered. Students present ongoing work and final projects in either an online or broadcast venue.

   **NOTES:** Normally offered once a year. Pre-requisites: COM 351: Video Production

3. **COM 490: DIGITAL MEDIA DESIGN LAB**

   Students pursuing this option will write a narrative about their project and its integration with department program goals. Students design and develop a website, blog or e-portfolio using WordPress to present themselves as graduates prepared for positions in media related fields, or students prepared for advanced graduate study in the discipline. They build their websites/e-portfolios to include representative work - writing, research, media artifacts - as well as representations of learning in the context of co-curricular activities (community service), internship profiles, study abroad reflections, etc., and a digital resume.

   **NOTES:** Normally offered twice a year.
4. **COM 965: COMMUNICATION PRACTICUM**

The Practicum, unlike the Internship, is graded and assigned a letter grade, A through F. Like the other CUE options, the Practicum **counts** toward the Media & Communication major requirements. Academic assignments for the practicum vary from those of internships based on more substantial and rigorous written work requiring a greater degree of reflection and integration than is expected in the internship. Course requirements include assigned readings and periodic class meetings (approximately three times throughout the semester). Students may enroll in the Practicum only once.

**NOTES:** Offered every semester. For details on the department's Practicum policies and registration procedures, please visit the Media & Communication Internships site, at [http://mediacom.internshipblogs.muhlenberg.edu](http://mediacom.internshipblogs.muhlenberg.edu)

5. **COM 470: MEDIA & COMMUNICATION HONORS SEMINAR**

Each year this course will have a different thematic focus, which will allow Honors seniors to engage with faculty and visiting lecturers in challenging dialogues and research experiences, culminating in the production and presentation of an original research project or creative work based on the seminar theme. Provides students with extensive opportunities to work closely with faculty mentors in developing their research project and creative work.

**NOTES:** Offered every year. Eligible students are invited to apply to the department’s Honors Program in the spring of junior year. Students will be notified of acceptance before senior fall registration. The Senior Seminar is a two-course sequence (fall and spring).

*Each year, one eligible student will receive the department's James D. Schneider Memorial Award for Social Justice. This award was established in memory of the department’s revered former colleague.*