

## PRE-TCOM CORE REGISTRATION TIPS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER 2009

Students who successfully complete TCOM 101 with a final grade of C or above are permitted to continue with the next group of pre-TCOM core courses, specifically, TCOM 204, 206, 207, and 208. Students must complete all pre-TCOM core classes before registering for any 300-level or 400-level classes in TCOM. Students who have not completed the pre-TCOM core are permitted to enroll in TCOM 288 (Critical Issues, a course for News Option) and in some TCOM 299 (Special Topics) classes. Check with the individual course instructor if you have questions about a TCOM 299 class.

Remember, you must complete ALL pre-TCOM core courses with final grades of C or better, and the combined GPA for ALL pre-TCOM core courses must be 2.5 or better.

You may take TCOM 204 (Media Analysis and Criticism) and the TCOM Writing Core (TCOM 206, 207, 208) in the same semester. These classes also will be offered this summer, both on campus and at the BSU Outreach Services Site in Fishers (northeast of Indianapolis). For information on the summer schedule, please see below or contact Mike Spillman at [mspillman@bsu.edu](mailto:mspillman@bsu.edu).

The following is some information that should help when registering for the pre-TCOM core courses:

### **TCOM 204/Media Analysis and Criticism (3 cr)**

This is a class that examines how media content and the media industries influence society. Most instructors focus primarily on media content and all include writing assignments. Successful completion of TCOM 204 (a final grade of C or better) is required of all TCOM majors and minors.

Here is some information about each of the instructors currently scheduled to teach in **Spring 09**:

Sec 1, TR 800-915 AM

Sec 4, TR 200-315 PM

Sec 6, TR 330-445 PM

**Jim Needham**—Jim is former GM of WIPB 49, and also teaches the ethics class for seniors. He looks at both the critical and practical impact of media content.

Sec 5, TR 200-315 PM

**Phil Bremen**—Phil is a former NBC correspondent and is faculty advisor to NewsWatch. He teaches multiple courses in the TCOM News option.

Sec 2, TR 930-1045 AM

Sec 3, TR 1100 AM-1215 PM (open only to Honors College students)

**Betsy Pike**—Betsy is a graduate of the Ball State Master's program in Digital Storytelling and is faculty advisor to Cardinal Filmworks. She has research and teaching interests in media, technology, and visual stories.

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**TCOM 206/Writing for Telecommunications—Scriptwriting (1 cr)**  
**TCOM 207/Writing for Telecommunications—Copywriting (1 cr)**  
**TCOM 208/Writing for Telecommunications—Newsriting (1 cr)**

These three introductory courses make up the TCOM Writing Core. Each class is offered in a five-week module for one hour of credit. Successful completion of all three courses (a final grade of C or better) is required of all TCOM majors and minors.

Dates for the three five-week modules are:  
Module 1: January 12 through February 13  
Module 2: February 16 through March 27  
Module 3: March 30 through May 1

Register as noted below to **take the three courses in a row** over the 15 weeks of the semester.

**First...**choose a Group (9AM, 11AM, or 1PM); all the classes meet MWF. The instructors listed are currently scheduled to teach in Spring 09.

**Second...**choose a section number; section numbers determine in which order you will take the three classes. You can start with any of the three courses. Do NOT mix section numbers.

**Read ACROSS to make course and section choices. Do NOT read down!**

**Group 1: 900-950AM MWF**

***Jake Williams (206), Elaine Merritt (207), Jessica Oxley (208)***

206-1	207-1	208-1
207-2	208-2	206-2
208-3	206-3	207-3

**Group 2: 1100-1150AM MWF**

***Ashley Donnelly (206), Tom Chester (207), David Studinski (208)***

206-4	207-4	208-4
207-5	208-5	206-5
208-6	206-6	207-6

**Group 3: 100-150PM MWF**

***Ashley Donnelly (206), Tom Chester (207), Terry Heifetz and Jessica Kerman (208)***

206-7*	207-7*	208-7*
207-8	208-8	206-8
208-9	206-9	207-9

Section 7 is open only to Honors College students

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## **PRE-TCOM CORE CLASSES/SUMMER 2009**

The Department of Telecommunications offers courses on campus in Muncie and off campus in Fishers (metropolitan Indianapolis) for students who wish to complete the pre-TCOM core in the summer.

### **On Campus**

**Classes meet in Ball Communication Building**

**Instructors: Mike Spillman (206, 207, 208) and TBD (204)**

TCOM 207	M-F	1245-220 PM (M May 18 – R May 28)
TCOM 208	M-F	1245-220 PM (F May 29 – T June 9)
TCOM 206	M-F	1245-220 PM (W June 10 – F June 19)
TCOM 204	M-F	915-1050 AM (M May 18 – F June 19)

### **Off Campus**

**Classes meet at BSU Outreach Services Site, 10204 N. Lantern Rd., Fishers**

**Instructor: Mike Spillman (206, 207, 208, 204)**

TCOM 207	M-F	915-1050 AM (M May 18 – R May 28)
TCOM 208	M-F	915-1050 AM (F May 29 – T June 9)
TCOM 206	M-F	915-1050 AM (W June 10 – F June 19)
TCOM 204	M-F	900-1130 AM (W June 24 – F July 17)

Off campus courses are offered by the School of Extended Education, and tuition is charged at a per credit hour rate