The Media Arts minor is designed primarily, but not exclusively, for residents of Douglass College, who wish to add an academic dimension to their residential experience. The minor in this Living Learning Center provides for a coordinated set of courses that examine media technology, theory, and practice. Students taking the Media Arts minor are provided with an overview of the range of media and explore their effect on contemporary culture.

There are two tracks that students choose in consultation with the director of the minor: Mass Media and New Media. The Mass Media track not only provides students with an understanding of the history and theory of broadcast media, but the opportunity to gain practical experience in the production and broadcast of radio and television. The New Media track is a project-based curriculum in digital media that introduces students to numerous visual, animation, and audio programs, while giving them the opportunity to explore the rapid cultural and social changes brought about by this revolutionary medium. Students select courses appropriate to the chosen track in consultation with the director of the minor.

The minor prepares students for specialized studies in any one of the media. Media skills broaden career options for students majoring in any of the natural sciences, social sciences, or humanities. The Media Arts minor is also for students who simply want to develop critical standards and practical skills in order to live intelligently in this media-saturated world.

Requirements for the Minor in Media Arts (MDA)

All courses offered for the minor must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher. At least 12 of the 21 credits must be taken at Stony Brook. Completion of the minor requires 21 credits.

A. Required Courses:

- THR 117 Media: Analysis and Culture
- THR 216 Introduction to Visual Interpretation
- THR 277 The Media Industry
- THR 403 Media: Theory and Criticism

One of the following courses:

- THR 480 Projects in Media
- THR 488 Internship (appropriate topic only)

B. Six credits, of which at least three must be numbered 300 or higher, to be chosen from among:

- AFS 463 Blacks and Mass Media
- ARS/MUS/THR 208 Technology in the Arts
- ARS/MUS/THR 318 Interactive Performance, Media, and MIDI
- EST 100 Societal Impact of Computers
- HUM 201 Film and Television: Genre
- HUM 202 Film and Television: History and Theory
- MUS 340 Introduction to Music Technology
- MUS 437 Electronic Music
- POL 367 Mass Media in American Politics
- THR 298 Student Media Leadership
- THR 325 Scriptwriting for Film and Television
- THR 356 Scene Design
- THR 372 Introduction to Television
- THR 375 Television Production
- THR 379 Radio News
- THR 480 Projects in Media (See Note 2)
- THR 487 Independent Research
- THR 488 Internship (appropriate topic only; See Note 2)

Notes:

1. No more than six credits required for the Media Arts minor may be counted toward the theatre arts major.
2. No more than a total of six credits from THR 480 and 488 may be applied to the minor.

Other minors of particular interest to students minoring in Media Arts: Dance (DAN), Interdisciplinary Arts (LIA), Journalism (JRN), Music (MUS), Political Science (POL), Theatre Arts (THR)