Get a firsthand look at the Latin American media environment. Media in Latin America is a four-credit, semester-long course during spring semester that focuses on media issues in Latin America. The class includes a week-long trip to Santiago, Chile, in May, immediately after spring classes end.

The media environment includes historical, economic, political, legal and societal factors that have shaped and continue to shape the media today, in an age of the Internet and instant communication. The media environment also includes journalism education: how the young are prepared for careers in the media industries.

Taught by professor Shannon Martin, the course will look to the past, dwell on the present and speculate about the future. The course will broadly survey Latin America and the Caribbean and will focus on Chile.

Course schedule (TENTATIVE)
11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
This is subject to change.

Eligibility
To apply for the course, you must:

- be on track to be a sophomore by credit hours (30 hours completed) by the end of fall 2015 semester or a master’s student;
- have a 3.0 cumulative GPA;
- be on track to have completed two semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent by the end of the fall 2015 semester.

Trip details
Travel to Santiago, Chile, after the semester ends, May 8-16, 2016 (tentative dates), is a required component of this course.

Costs
The Media School provides a scholarship to all students admitted to this course to lower the course fee that’s assessed for travel.

Full program costs: $3,715
Course fee after scholarship: $2,200

The course fee covers round-trip transportation from Bloomington, lodging, all required activities, health insurance and some meals. We recommend students also have $200-$400 available during the trip to cover meals and personal expenses.

These expenses can be reduced through other scholarships and grants, such as the Hutton International Experiences grant.

Upon acceptance into the field experience course, your bursar account will be billed a $500 non-refundable deposit. The remainder of the basic program costs will be billed to your bursar account in November, due in December with spring tuition.