Uncovering the Media City
Public Screen Cultures and Urban China, with travel to Hong Kong and China

Screens are ubiquitous to everyday life. From hand-held cell phones to the large-scale digital and LED billboards that adorn the buildings of central urban districts — and inclusive of the video and large-scale screens that populate the public buildings of our campus, including The Media School — screens are central mediums through which we navigate our public lives.

Look beyond the media being presented on the screens to understand how screens mediate our relationships to public space — your campus, your city or community and the larger world. Taught by associate professor Stephanie DeBoer, Uncovering the Media City: Public Screen Cultures and Urban China is a four-credit, semester-long course during spring semester that enables understanding of how producers, designers, artists and users in the globe — here and in China and Hong Kong — are particularly placed in relation to these sociotechnical dynamics.

Tentative course schedule and trip details
1-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is subject to change.
Travel to Hong Kong and Shanghai during spring break, March 9-17, 2018, is a required component of this course.

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 2017 semester, or a master’s student
- have a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- have taken at least one class in The Media School at the 200 level, preferably from the “thinking” cohort linked to cinema and media studies or media technologies and cultures
- be on track to be admitted to The Media School by the end of the fall 2017 semester

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: $3,450
Course fee after scholarship: $2,250

The course fee covers round-trip transportation from Bloomington, lodging, all required activities, health insurance and some meals. We recommend students also have at least $600 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.