



# Department of Media & Information MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## M.A. Plan of Study Form (updated fall 2025)

Directions: Complete the form and send it to your Faculty Advisor ready for their review and signature. A completed and fully approved form must be emailed to the M&I APC or Director during the first semester in the graduate program.  
You are responsible for retaining a copy for your own records.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Admitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Status:     Regular     Provisional     Shared     Track:     Plan A     Plan B     Poster

### Required Courses

The following Core Course (1 credit)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Sem.	Grade
MI 810	Media and Information Seminar	1		

At least one of the following theories classes (3 credits)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Sem.	Grade
MI 820	Theories of Media & Information - Fall semester	3		
MI 831	Theories of Games & Interactive Design - Fall semester	3		

At least one of the following methods classes (3 credits)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Sem.	Grade
MI 803	Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods - Fall, spring semester	3		
MI 841	Advanced Methods of Understanding Users - Fall semester	3		

At least three of the following specialization classes (9 credits)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Sem.	Grade
MI 830	Foundations of serious games - Spring semester	3		
MI 839	Game and Project Design Studio I - Fall semester	3		
MI 844	Interaction Design - Spring semester	3		
MI 845	Interactive Usability and Accessibility: Design and Evaluation Spring semester	3		
MI 846	Game and Project Design Studio II - Spring semester	3		
MI 847	Special Topics in Games - Spring semester	3		
MI 850	Media and Information Policy - Spring semester	3		
MI 851	Analytical Research Methods for User Generated Content Spring semester	3		
MI 862	Media and Information Project Management - Spring semester	3		
MI 891	Special Topics in Media and Information (any section) - Fall and Spring semester	3		

Page 1 Credit Subtotal:



Plan A & Plan B Required Credits (Plan A thesis & plan B project must have 4-6 credits. Plan B Poster students do not take MI 898 or MI 899, they may use internship credits).

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Sem.	Grade
MI 899	Plan A Thesis Credits			
MI 899	Plan A Thesis Credits			
MI 898	Plan B Project Credits			
MI 898	Plan B Project Credits			

Additional elective course work at the 400-level or above to meet the 30 credits required for the degree. Students may take up to three different sections of MI 891. The course work must be approved by the student’s academic advisor. Not more than 6 elective credits may be taken from outside the college. Not more than 6 credits in media and information independent study or internship courses combined may be counted toward the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Media and Information. English classes taken for provisional status do not count towards degree.

Electives: (These can be any MI 800 level classes. See your advisor for guidance. Electives can be MI 400 level classes with approval, independent studies, internship credits, or from other departments with permission).

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Sem.	Grade

Page 2 Credit Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

Must equal at least 30

MI 800 Level Courses

(Must have at least 16 MI 800 level credits.  
Thesis, project, and internship credits only count as 1 towards the 16).

Course Code	Credits

MI 800 level courses total: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date

Director of MA Studies Signature

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date

Keep a copy for your records. Once approved, enter classes into student Grad Plan.

