

MEDIA STUDIES: Q2 UNIT AND CALENDAR 2.0

**November—December (≈16)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4* Introductory Qs Class discussion	5	6* Compendia check Introductory Qs cont.
9	10* Group work: intro Qs and television habits	11	12   Q1 ENDS	13* TV chapter: reading, review Qs, and key terms
16	17* Group work: review Qs and key terms	18 Textbook HW →	19* Choosing sitcom, dram, and reality TV programs Critical process overview	20
23* Sitcom episode #1 Group work: critical process discussion	24	25* NO CLASS EARLY DISMISSAL	26	27
30	1* Sitcom episode #2 Group work: critical process discussion	2	3* Sitcom episode #3 Group work: critical process discussion	4
7	8* Group-based analysis of sitcom; possible quiz using stereotyping article	9	10* Group-based analysis of sitcom; possible quiz (continued)	11
14* Dramatic formulae and pacing: <i>House</i> episode	15	16* Group-based analysis of <i>House</i> episode with <i>House</i> formula article	17	18* Group-based analysis of <i>House</i> episode with <i>House</i> formula article (continued)
21	22* Solo research (PC Lab or laptop cart)	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	1

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**January (≈7)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4*</b> Group-based analysis of student-selected programs (roundtable)	<b>5</b>	<b>6*</b> Group-based analysis of student-selected programs (roundtable)	<b>7</b>	<b>8*</b> Group-based analysis of student-selected programs (roundtable)
<b>11</b>	<b>12*</b> Solo work: final project Conferencing, drafting, and typing final product	<b>13</b>	<b>14*</b> Solo work: final project Conferencing, drafting, and typing final product	<b>15</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19*</b> Solo work: final project Conferencing, drafting, and typing final product	<b>20</b>	<b>21*</b> Midterm exam Group work: essay overview and discussion	<b>22</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29   END Q2</b>

**Calendar Notes**

- Days marked with an asterisk (\*) are scheduled as meeting days.
- Meeting days will shift with cancellations for weather and/or early dismissals for weather.
- Changes to due dates or assignments will be announced in class and online.
- Off days, including weekends and holidays, that require homework are marked in red. (A color version of this calendar is available online.)
- Information about homework is also noted on the date(s) before it is due.
- Holidays (including the week of midterms) are grayed out.

**The Midterm**

You will take a midterm during the week of January 25, 2010. The format and expectations have been altered from the original syllabus as follows:

1. The entire midterm will be written during the testing session.
2. There will be no multiple-choice questions based on content. **#3 requires you to be familiar with all content, however.**
3. Instead, you will write a series of short essay responses to prompts built around our study of TV, the Internet, and an overview of mass media.
4. You will be assigned the prompt you answer from a list on the exam date; that list will be given to you, however, on 1/21/10.