

## **Media offerings:**

### **COM 120 Computer Competences**

3 hours, 3 credits

This course provides students with an introduction to the use of digital media in the service of research and information sharing in an academic setting. Students will deepen their capacity to interpret, analyze and synthesize information from primary and secondary online digital platforms. They will employ various computer, tablet, or smartphone based software applications as research tools, explore the credibility of digital sources for academic research, and deepen their ability to communicate and share research in a digital environment.

### **COM 213 The Impact of the Mass Media on the Administration of Justice** (Same course as LAW 213)

3 hours, 3 credits

Examination of the role of the media — TV, radio, newspapers, and magazines — on the administration of justice. The influence of the media on the jury and the judge. The dangers of trial by newspaper and of TV in the courtroom. Is impartial justice possible? The British approach. Problems of free speech and press; "contempt by publication" rule; constitutional protections. Suggested guidelines for the media. The psychological basis of audience response. Prerequisites: ENG 101