



Media and Information Literacies Learning Pathway FY21—**NEW**

Today’s deluge of information from multiple sources requires new skills. Learn to navigate a complex digital world and multiple devices. At different times you might be a user, a content provider, a learner, teacher, consumer, citizen, advocate, lurker, target, data-point, profile or product. Classes provide guidance for choices and decisions.

Pathway classes describe crucial issues in our changing social and virtual environments: How do I research what I need to know? How do I test for validity, credibility, accuracy or falsehoods? What is influencing me? How can I influence others? How do I protect privacy, data, systems, for family and work? How is MC bridging the “digital divide”? Where is peace and quiet in a 24/7 world?

Learning Pathway classes required to earn a certificate:

Patterns and Practices

- Analyzing Your Media Diet
- A Brief History of Everything Media
- Understanding Generational Differences ¹

Privacy, Security and Engagement

- MC’s Policies and Practices
- Dialogues about Boundaries: Work/Home
- Mindfulness: Reflection, Peace and Quiet

We Love Libraries!

- MC/Inter-Library Research Options
- Honing Questions, Cultivating Curiosity
- Vetting Information

Influencing

- Data Analysis and Infographics
- Polarization is the Point
- Digital Equity and Inclusion

¹ Also in the Equity and Inclusion LP

Learning pathway classes are available to all employees through MC Learns as individual classes as well as series. If you are interested in achieving the certificate, the table below will help you plan your schedule. Not all classes are offered every year; it is at minimum a two-year plan.

Classes Scheduled for FY21:

Class name	Class Length	Class Date(s)
Understanding Generational Differences	Online	e-course catalogue
Honing Questions, Cultivating Curiosity	1 day	February 19—Zoom
Analyze Your Media Diet	Two- 1/2 days	March 22 & 29—Zoom
Polarization is the Point	1 day	April 28—Zoom
Mindfulness: Reflection, Peace and Quiet	½ day	May 7—Zoom
Dialogues about Boundaries: Work/Home	½ day	June 9—Zoom

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Media and Information Literacies -- Class Overview:

Class Titles / Facilitators	Brief Class Descriptions*
A Brief History of Everything Media <i>Facilitator: TBD</i>	Review history of art, print, radio/TV and digital media for distribution and consumption. Understand how innovations disrupt systems and social relations.
Analyzing Your Media Diet <i>Facilitator: Professor Dianne Cherry</i>	Session 1--Track and discuss your daily and weekly media intake, and time spent. Session 2—Report and discuss the experience of diversifying your intake.
Data Analysis and Infographics <i>Facilitator: TBD</i>	Practice evaluating data in diverse formats, including infographics. Deconstruct the messages of numbers and visuals to assist in interpretation and decision-making.
Digital Equity and Inclusion <i>Facilitator: TBD</i>	Learn how MCPS and MC try to bridge the “digital divide.” How do barriers for accessing media impact learning, productivity, civic participation and life outcomes?
Dialogues about Boundaries: Work/Home <i>Facilitators: HGVenture</i>	Practice holding constructive conversations to develop guidelines for the appropriate use of communication devices—at home, in the workplace and classroom.
Honing Questions, Cultivating Curiosity <i>Facilitator: Christine Tracey</i>	Adults generate self-study projects all the time, using diverse media. Learn to frame your interest and need, with room for intuition and imagination.
MC/Inter-Library Research Options <i>Facilitators: Libraries</i>	Clarify your intent and organize your inquiry with guidance about library resources, databases and inter-college loans.
Mindfulness: Reflection, Peace and Quiet <i>Facilitators: Carol Moore</i>	Living in a 24/7 digital media environment takes attention—and breaks. Set aside time for your inner life. Weigh the need for privacy with the desire for sharing.
MC’s Policies and Practices <i>Facilitator: MC’s Communications unit</i>	Review the rationale of MC’s policies, procedures and practices to promote the College as well as safeguard the institution and all users, requiring frequent updates.
Polarization is the Point <i>Facilitator: Rashawn Ray, Ph.D.</i>	Address how social media algorithms are shaped by broader trends in political and mass media polarization, such as sorting by similar and dissimilar social attitudes. Learn best practices for media participation on behalf of your ideals.
Understanding Generational Differences <i>e-course catalogue</i>	Each era imprints events, challenges and achievements that influence one’s worldview, requiring conscious collaboration to work across generations.
Vetting Information <i>Facilitators: Libraries</i>	Learn to investigate, interrogate and evaluate information resources to satisfy needs for accuracy, understanding and personal/professional credibility.

* Complete class descriptions and outcomes are located in MC Learns.

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If you are completing a learning pathway, register to attend the Learning Pathway Certificate Reception on June 29, 2021, in MC Learns. Certificates of completion will be presented to honor your commitment to your professional development.

