Fall 2019 Enrollment Tips for Media Studies Courses

For Declared Media Studies Majors:

• Declared Media Studies majors will have priority in all upper-division Media Studies courses in Phase I. Smaller courses (generally 50 seats) are likely to fill up entirely in Phase I. Courses with 100 seats are likely to fill up in Phase I or early in Phase II. Therefore, we strongly recommend declared majors enroll in those courses during Phase I. If you are in your final semester and need a Media Studies course to graduate, you need to prioritize the course and enroll in it during Phase I.

• NOTE: If you are following the original curriculum (declared Spring 2018 or earlier) and still need to take Media Studies 101: Visual Culture, please note that it will be offered ONLY in the fall semester. Prioritize this class in Phase I.

• Waitlists for Media Studies core courses will not be available until Phase II. All students on the waitlist for Media Studies 111 and Media Studies 112 will receive a link to an online form they need to complete to gain entry to the course. We process these waitlists manually based on the information collected from the online forms. If you are on a waitlist, always have a back-up course plan.

• Waitlisted students in all other Media Studies courses will be added at the instructor’s discretion. If you are on a waitlist, always have a back-up course plan.

• We recommend taking Media Studies 111 in your junior year (our plan is to offer this course in both the fall and spring semesters), and Media Studies 112 in fall of your senior year, if possible.

• If there is a discussion section, getting added to the course from the waitlist greatly depends on selecting an open section. Waitlisted students in Media Studies 112 should identify as many discussion sections they could attend as possible on the online form to improve their chances of getting added to the course. Once you are enrolled in a Media Studies 112 section and the lecture, DO NOT attempt to switch into a different section. You risk losing your seat in the class altogether.

• Attendance at all class meetings, including discussion sections, is required during the first two weeks in all Media Studies courses. Instructors usually drop students for nonattendance.
• All students should check their class schedule frequently on CalCentral, especially during the opening weeks of the semester and by the add/drop deadline in the middle of the fourth week. Students are responsible for ensuring their schedule is accurate. Changes due to instructor drops or adds off waitlists can occur without notification through the fifth week of the semester.

• Enrollment in Media Studies 199: Supervised Independent Study (for internship credit) is open to declared Media Studies majors. To enroll, complete the Information and Assessment Form found on the Media Studies website: Enrichment > Internships.

For Students Eligible to Apply to Media Studies in Fall 2019:

• Waitlists for Media Studies core courses will not be available until Phase II. Students who will be eligible to apply to Media Studies in Fall 2019 should add themselves to the waitlist for Media Studies 111 in Phase II. All students on the waitlist will receive a link to an online form they need to complete to gain entry to the course. We process our waitlists manually (NOT in numerical order) based on the information collected from these forms.

• We recommend taking Media Studies 111 in your junior year (our plan is to offer this course in both the fall and spring semesters), and Media Studies 112 in fall of your senior year, if possible.

• If Fall 2019 will be your final fall semester on the UC Berkeley campus, place yourself on the waitlist for Media Studies 112 in Phase II. All students on the waitlist will receive a link to an online form they must complete to gain entry to the course. We process our waitlists manually (NOT in numerical order) based on the information collected from these forms. Getting added to the course from the waitlist greatly depends on selecting an open section. Waitlisted students in Media Studies 112 should identify as many discussion sections they could attend as possible on the online form to improve their chances of being added to the course.

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For Students Planning to Take Media Studies 10:

• Media Studies 10 has blocks of seats reserved for sophomores, first semester juniors, and first-semester transfer students who need this course to declare the major. Waitlisted students will receive a link to an online form they must complete to gain entry to the course. We process our waitlists manually (NOT in numerical order) based on the information collected from these forms. An instructor cannot add a student to the course in any other way. We do not issue permission numbers for Media Studies courses.

• Once you are enrolled in a Media Studies 10 section and the lecture, DO NOT attempt to switch into a different section. You risk losing your seat in the class altogether.

• When enrolled in Media Studies 10, you may not enroll in upper-division courses offered by Media Studies during the same semester.

• Students who are not admitted to Media Studies 10 in fall 2018 may consider taking it in Spring 2019.

• Attendance at all class meetings, including discussion sections, is required during the first two weeks in all Media Studies courses. Instructors usually drop students for nonattendance.

• All students should check their class schedule frequently on CalCentral, especially during the opening weeks of the semester and by the add/drop deadline in the middle of the fourth week. Students are responsible for ensuring their schedule is accurate. Changes due to instructor drops or adds off waitlists can occur without notification through the fifth week of the semester.

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