

Media Studies Major Application – Fall 2017

Fall Application Dates – Applications are due by 2:00 p.m. on final date in each period.

August 14 – 31, 2017 October 2 – 6, 2017 October 30 - November 3, 2017

Please read the instructions below carefully and submit the documentation requested. Students will be notified by email when a decision has been made regarding their applications. All decisions are final.

Eligibility

You must:

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| EITHER | * have completed all four prerequisites for a letter grade |
| OR | * have completed three prerequisites—including Media Studies 10—for a letter grade and be enrolled in the final prerequisite for a letter grade |
| AND | * have completed no more than 70 semester units of college course work at the time of application. You can subtract AP, college units earned before High School graduation and excess P.E. activity units (over four) taken at UC Berkeley. |
| AND | * have a minimum GPA of 3.2 in all courses applicable to the major. This includes lower-division prerequisite and research methods courses, upper-division electives and the equivalency of transferred course work. |

If you have more than 70 units and/or less than a 3.2 GPA in major courses then you must submit supplementary materials in the form of an appeal. (See details below.)

Application procedures

Please submit the following documents to Laura Demir's mailbox in 258 Evans Hall during the application periods noted above:

Media Studies Application Form – The application form is included in this packet.

Transcripts from other schools and assist.org printout if relevant –

If you transferred to UC Berkeley or took courses to satisfy prerequisite requirements at another school, you will need to submit copies of your transcripts from each school attended and circle each course that satisfies a prerequisite requirement. Transcripts can be unofficial and must include the institution's name and your name.

If you attended a California community college, you will also need to include an assist.org printout for your school, UC Berkeley and Media Studies and circle each course that satisfies a prerequisite requirement.

If you took a course at a four-year school, out-of-state school or California community college and it does not appear on assist.org, you will need to submit a catalog description and/or syllabus for the course to Josh Jackson or Jean Retzinger for faculty review. See People on Media Studies website for contact information.

L&S Declaration of Major Form – signed by student – This form is included in this packet.

For Students Submitting Appeals

If you have more than 70 units, or less than a 3.2 GPA in Media Studies courses you will need to submit these additional materials:

- A cover letter of no more than two (double-spaced) pages explaining why you wish to study media studies and explaining the problems that made the appeal necessary;
- A graded paper (at least 4-5 pages in length) written for an approved prerequisite course.

Media Studies Application Checklist – Fall 2017

Please assemble your application in the following order. Attach forms with a paperclip or binder clip. Do NOT staple packet together or put in a folder. Submit application materials to Laura Demir's mailbox in 258 Evans Hall.

_____ **Media Studies Application Form**

If you have taken more than one course in the social science prerequisite category, choose the one with the best grade. Do not list two unless two courses are the equivalent to one Berkeley course.

_____ **Transcripts from other schools attended**

Transcripts may be unofficial and must show the name of the institution and your name. Circle relevant courses.

_____ **Assist.org printout if attended California community college**

The assist.org printout must be for the school you attended. Circle relevant courses.

_____ **L&S Declaration of Major Form**

You must sign and date the form. No adviser signature is needed.

And, if submitting an Appeal Application due to units or grades, you will need to submit the following additional documents:

_____ Cover letter of no more than two (double-spaced) pages explaining why you wish to declare media studies and explaining the problems that made the appeal necessary

_____ Graded paper (at least 4-5 pages in length) written for an approved prerequisite course and showing the instructor's feedback

SPECIAL NOTE regarding enrolling in MEDIA STUDIES 102 in fall 2017:

Media Studies 102 is only offered in the fall. If you want to take this course in fall 2017, add your name to the wait list and complete the online enrollment form. The link to the online enrollment form will be available in mid-August via the Media Studies home page: **mediastudies.ugis.berkeley.edu**. Attendance is necessary to be considered for course enrollment. When you are on a wait list for any course, it is important to have an alternate course in mind.

Media Studies Applicant Information Form – Fall 2017

Name

SID#

@berkeley.edu email address

Phone

Intended Graduation Term and Year

Continuing Berkeley Student _____ New Junior Transfer in Summer or Fall 2017 _____

Appeal application? Yes _____ No _____

If you are currently declared in another major, do you want to: switch majors _____ or double major _____?

Prerequisites completed at a community college or other 4-year school

	Course and School	Term	Semester Units	Grade
American History	_____	_____	_____	_____
American Institutions	_____	_____	_____	_____
Intro. Social Sciences	_____	_____	_____	_____
Media Studies	_____	_____	_____	_____

Prerequisites completed at Berkeley (Circle relevant courses in categories below.)

American History	History 7B, 124A, 124B, 131B	_____	_____	_____
American Institutions	Political Science 1	_____	_____	_____
Intro. Social Science	Anthro 3AC, Econ 1, Econ 2 Psych 1, Psych 2, Sociol 1, Sociol 3AC	_____	_____	_____
Media Studies	MS 10 or MS N10	_____	_____	_____

Fourth prerequisite taking in Fall 2017 (if applicable) _____

Other major non-prerequisite courses completed (not in progress)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

CalCentral will be used to verify University of California, Berkeley courses.

Please note: ALL major coursework must be taken for a letter grade. Absolutely no exceptions made for courses taken after declaring the major.

