Spring 2020 Enrollment Tips for Media Studies Courses

- **Media Studies students in their final academic year needing a core course to graduate must prioritize the course and enroll in it during Phase I.**

- **Phase I and II:** All upper division Media Studies courses are open to officially declared Media Studies majors only. If you are waitlisted, admission to a course is through the waitlist process. An instructor cannot add a student to the course in any other way. We do not issue permission numbers for our prerequisite, research, core or elective courses.

- If you are a **declared Media Studies** major, you will have priority in all Media Studies courses during Phase I. Please note **some courses may fill up entirely with declared Media Studies majors in Phase I or the early part of Phase II**, particularly smaller courses (100 seats or less). Therefore, you should enroll in those courses during Phase I and have a back-up course plan if you are added to a waitlist. **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.**

- **Non-majors and undeclared students:** You should add yourself to the waitlists for upper-division courses in Phase II.

- **Phase II:** MEDIAST 111—Students who will be eligible to apply to Media Studies in spring 2020 can add themselves to the waitlist for MEDIAST 111, but make sure you have a back-up course plan. **For current intended majors, this course is likely to be difficult to get into as there are only 100 seats.** Enrollment from the waitlist will be by department consent based on an online survey that will be sent during Phase 2 to waitlisted students.

  MEDIAST 113—Students who will be eligible to apply to Media Studies in spring 2020 can add themselves to the waitlist for MEDIAST 113, but make sure you have a back-up course plan. **For current intended majors, there is a chance you will be able to enroll in this course as it will seat 292 students.** Enrollment from the waitlist will be by department consent based on an online survey that will be sent during Phase 2 to waitlisted students.

- **Special Enrollment Procedures for MEDIAST 10, 111 and 113:** Wait-listed students will be asked to complete an online survey. **Waitlisted students will be sent an Online Survey during Phase II form to determine eligibility based on departmental criteria.** Waitlisted students in MEDIAST 10 and 113 should identify every discussion section they could attend to improve their enrollment chances.

- **For courses with discussion sections (MEDIAST 10 & MEDIAST 113) please choose a section with seats available.**

- **Waitlisted students in all other courses will be added at the instructor’s discretion.**

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• **Adjustment Period and waitlists:** We process most of our waitlists manually during the first and second week of instruction. Students are added selectively by instructors, rather than in numerical order, based on pre-established priorities (i.e. priority majors and/or class level) once the semester begins. **If you are on a waitlist, always have a back-up course plan.**

• **MEDIAST 10 has blocks of seats reserved for sophomores and juniors who need this course to declare. MEDIAST 10 is not for freshmen.** When these blocks fill, students can add to the waitlist. All other students are automatically waitlisted. Priority is given to students who can demonstrate they meet the minimum eligibility criteria to apply to the major with the completion of Media Studies 10. Students on the waitlist may want to consider taking Media Studies 10 during summer 2020. **When enrolled in MEDIAST 10, you may not enroll in upper-division courses offered by Media Studies during the same semester.**

• **When classes start,** it is important to attend both enrolled and waitlisted classes until your schedule is finalized. Faculty can drop both enrolled and waitlisted students for non-attendance (UC Berkeley policy).

• **All students should check their class schedule frequently in CalCentral to make sure it is correct.** It is extremely important that they do this prior to the 4th week add/drop deadline and again at the beginning of the 5th 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 end of the fourth week.