

Media Studies

Major Application – Fall 2020

Fall Application Dates – Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on the final date in each period.

August 19 – September 4

September 28 – October 9

Scan and submit application forms and supporting documentation to
mediastudies_advising@berkeley.edu.

If you are eligible to apply to Media Studies in fall 2020, we encourage you to apply during the first application period since decisions for the second application period will be available after enrollment begins for the spring 2021 semester. Applications will be reviewed after the deadlines and take a few weeks to process. Decisions will be emailed. All decisions are final.

Eligibility

You may apply to Media Studies when you have completed all four prerequisites or have completed three prerequisites, including Media Studies 10, and are enrolled in the fourth prerequisite during the term in which you apply. All prerequisites must be taken for letter grades with the special exception of spring 2020 P grades. You must take approved courses to satisfy prerequisite requirements. Media Studies does not accept high school exam scores.

Applications

These application instructions, modified due to spring 2020 P grades, apply to fall 2020 only. See Media Studies website for application instructions that apply to other terms.

Standard Application – You may submit a standard application if you have 1) a GPA of 3.0 in the prerequisites and any course you have taken that satisfies a major course requirement AND 2) have completed no more than 70 units.

The major application GPA will be based on the letter grades for courses relevant to the major as noted above. If you have only P grades from spring 2020 and it is not possible to calculate an application GPA based on courses relevant to the major, substitute your overall GPA as your major application GPA on the application.

The 70-unit maximum limit noted above excludes high school exam scores, community college courses taken while in high school and excess P.E. units.

If you are a new transfer student beginning in fall 2020, you may submit a standard application if you have met the major application GPA requirement. Since fall 2020 is your first semester at UC Berkeley, you will meet the 70-unit maximum limit requirement for the purposes of this application.

A standard application includes 1) a Media Studies Applicant Information Form – Fall 2020; 2) a Major Declaration Form, which needs to be signed by only you before submission; and 3) copies of unofficial transcripts if you took courses to satisfy major requirements at other schools. See Transferred Coursework below.

Appeal Application – If you have a major application GPA below 3.0 and/or more than 70 units, as described above under Standard Application, you may submit an appeal application, which is subject to Media Studies Faculty review. An appeal application includes 1) a Media Studies Applicant Information Form – Fall 2020; 2) a Major Declaration Form, which needs to be signed by only you before submission; 3) a cover letter of no more than two pages explaining why you wish to study media studies and the problems that made the appeal necessary; and 4) copies of unofficial transcripts if you took courses to satisfy major requirements at other schools. See Transferred Coursework below. Additional documentation may be requested if needed to make a decision regarding your application.

Transferred Coursework

If you satisfied a prerequisite for the major at a California community college, verify that you took the correct prerequisite(s) on assist.org using the academic year 2016-17 before recording course(s) on the application. All other transferred course(s) taken to satisfy Media Studies course requirement(s) must be approved by Media Studies Faculty prior to applying to the major.

Media Studies Applicant Information Form – Fall 2020

Name	SID#
@berkeley.edu email address	Phone
Expected Graduation Term (EGT) in CalCentral	

Continuing Berkeley Student _____ New Junior Transfer in Fall 2020 _____

Major Application GPA*: _____ Units Completed*: _____ Appeal application*? Yes _____ No _____

* See first page of application packet to help you answer these questions.

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

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

	Course and School	Term	Semester Units*	Grade
History 7B equivalent (American History)**	_____	_____	_____	_____
Political Science 1 equivalent (American Institutions)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Introduction to Social Sciences equivalent**	_____	_____	_____	_____
Introduction to Media Studies 10 equivalent	_____	_____	_____	_____

* If you attended a school on the quarter system, you will need to convert your units to semester units.

** If your community college required you to take two courses to equal one, such as for History or Economics, list both courses above.

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

	Term	Semester Units	Grade
History 7B, 124A, 124B, 131B (American History)	_____	_____	_____
Political Science 1 (American Institutions)	_____	_____	_____
Introduction to Social Sciences – Anthropology 3AC, Economics 1, Economics 2, Psychology 1 Psychology 2, Sociology 1, Sociology 3AC	_____	_____	_____
Media Studies 10, N10 or W10: Introduction to Media Studies	_____	_____	_____

Fourth prerequisite taking in Fall 2020 (if applicable) _____

All other major non-prerequisite courses completed (not in progress)

	Term	Semester Units	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CalCentral will be used to verify University of California, Berkeley courses.
 ALL major coursework must be taken for a letter grade with the exception of
 Spring 2020 P grades. Absolutely no exceptions made for courses taken after declaring the major.

MAJOR DECLARATION

Term: Fall Spring Year: _____

Student name

Student ID

Email address

Phone number

See instructions on the reverse for additional forms and procedures.

Student's signature

Date

Major adviser's signature

Date

2nd Major adviser's signature (double majors only)

Date

Check the Major or Majors You Are Declaring

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | Near Eastern Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Near Eastern Civilizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Economics & Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Ancient Egyptian & Near Eastern Art & Archaeology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Near Eastern Languages & Literatures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art, History of | <input type="checkbox"/> Film | <input type="checkbox"/> Operations Research & Management Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace & Conflict Studies |
| Asian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender & Women's Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> China | <input type="checkbox"/> Geography | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japan | <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astrophysics | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celtic Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrative Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhetoric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Interdisciplinary Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Scandinavian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classical Civilizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Italian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Slavic Languages & Literatures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classical Languages | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Welfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> South & Southeast Asian Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Linguistics | Spanish and Portuguese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance & Performance Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish & Spanish American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> Luso-Brazilian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics-Applied | <input type="checkbox"/> Iberian |
| East Asian Languages and Cultures | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | Molecular & Cell Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Languages & Bilingual Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Biochem. & Molecular Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Asian Rel., Thought & Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetics, Genomics, & Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater & Performance Studies |
| Earth & Planetary Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Immunology & Pathogenesis | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atmospheric Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell & Developmental Biology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environ. Earth Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurobiology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geophysics | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Studies | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planetary Science | | |