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 mediestudies_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? ______________________

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<td>History 7B equivalent (American History)**</td>
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<td>Political Science 1 equivalent (American Institutions)</td>
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<td>Introduction to Social Sciences equivalent**</td>
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<td>Introduction to Media Studies 10 equivalent</td>
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* 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.

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<td>History 7B, 124A, 124B, 131B (American History)</td>
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<td>Political Science 1 (American Institutions)</td>
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<td>Introduction to Social Sciences – Anthropology 3AC, Economics 1, Economics 2, Psychology 1</td>
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<td>Psychology 2, Sociology 1, Sociology 3AC</td>
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<td>Media Studies 10, N10 or W10: Introduction to Media Studies</td>
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Fourth prerequisite taking in Fall 2020 (if applicable) ____________________________________________

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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

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**Check the Major or Majors You Are Declaring**

- African American Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art
- Art, History of
- Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies
- Astrophysics
- Celtic Studies
- Chemistry
- Chicano Studies
- Classical Civilizations
- Classical Languages
- Cognitive Science
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science
- Dance & Performance Studies
- Data Science
- Dutch Studies

**East Asian Languages and Cultures**

- Chinese
- Japanese
- E. Asian Rel., Thought & Culture

**Earth & Planetary Science**

- Atmospheric Science
- Environ. Earth Science
- Geology
- Geophysics
- Marine Science
- Planetary Science

**Molecular & Cell Biology**

- Biochem. & Molecular Biology
- Genetics, Genomics, & Development
- Immunology & Pathogenesis
- Cell & Developmental Biology
- Neurobiology
- Music
- Native American Studies

**Economics**

- English
- Environmental Economics & Policy
- Ethnic Studies
- Film
- French
- Gender & Women’s Studies
- Geography
- German
- Global Studies
- Greek
- History
- Integrative Biology
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Italian Studies
- Latin
- Latin American Studies
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Media Studies
- Mathematics
- Mathematics-Applied
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Molecular & Cell Biology

**Near Eastern Studies**

- Near Eastern Civilizations
- Ancient Egyptian & Near Eastern Art & Archaeology
- Near Eastern Languages & Literatures
- Operations Research & Management Science
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Economy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Rhetoric
- Scandinavian
- Slavic Languages & Literatures
- Social Welfare
- Sociology
- South & Southeast Asian Studies
- Spanish and Portuguese
  - Spanish & Spanish American
  - Luso-Brazilian
  - Iberian
  - Latin American
  - Hispanic Languages & Bilingual Issues
  - Statistics
  - Theater & Performance Studies
  - Other

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