

Media Studies Major APPEAL Application Packet Spring 2021

Students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are eligible. They have one opportunity to apply as a Standard or Appeal applicant. Standard applicants have satisfied all the application requirements. Appeal applicants have not satisfied all the application requirements and must provide additional documentation with their application. All decisions are final.

There are four appeal application periods, two at the beginning of each semester. Students are encouraged to apply the first application period since decisions for the second application period will be available after enrollment begins for the next semester. Media Studies does not accept appeal applications during the summer.

Appeal Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on the final date in each period.

Spring 2021 Application Periods
Tuesday, January 12 – Friday, January 29
Monday, February 22 – Friday, February 26

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

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 from any school and fall 2020/spring 2021 P grades from UC Berkeley only. You must take approved courses to satisfy prerequisite requirements. Media Studies does not accept high school exam scores.

Appeal Application

The spring 2021 Media Studies application policy has been modified due to the fall 2020 and spring 2021 P grade policy that applies to UC Berkeley courses only. It differs from the fall 2021 major application policy; see separate fall 2021 major application.

You may submit an appeal application if you have not met one or both of the following standard application requirements:

- a GPA of 3.0 in the prerequisites and any course you have taken that satisfies a major course requirement;
- have completed no more than 70 units (excluding high school exam scores, community college courses taken while in high school and excess P.E. units) if you began UC Berkeley as a freshman OR are applying during your first two semesters at UC Berkeley if you are a transfer student.

The major application GPA will be based on the letter grades for courses relevant to the major as noted above. If you have only approved P grades per P grade policies noted on the Media Studies website 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.

An appeal application includes 1) a Media Studies Appeal Applicant Information Form – Spring 2021; 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 that do not appear on your Transfer Center Report in CalCentral at the time you are applying. 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. All other transferred course(s) taken to satisfy Media Studies course requirement(s) must be approved by Dr. Josh Jackson, Assistant Director of Media Studies, prior to applying to the major. Dr. Jackson's email address is joshjackson@berkeley.edu.

Media Studies Appeal Applicant Information Form – Spring 2021

Name _____ SID# _____

@berkeley.edu email address _____ Phone _____

Expected Graduation Term (EGT) in CalCentral _____

Continuing Berkeley Student _____ New Junior Transfer (First Semester) _____

Major Application GPA*: _____ Units Completed*: _____

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

If you are 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.

*** Beginning fall 2020, students must take Media Studies 10 at UC Berkeley. Only courses taken summer 2020 or before may be listed here.

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 Spring 2021 (if applicable) _____

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

- Add more courses to this page or a separate page if more lines are needed.

	Semester Term	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 from any school and Fall 2020/Spring 2021 P grades from UC Berkeley only.
 Absolutely no exceptions will be made for courses taken after declaring the major.

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