

Media Studies Major APPEAL Application Packet Fall 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.

Fall 2021 Application Periods
Wednesday, August 18 – Friday, September 3
Monday, September 27 – Friday, October 1

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/W10 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 as well as fall 2020, spring 2021, and summer 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

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

- a GPA of 3.2 in the prerequisites and any course you have taken that satisfies a major course requirement;
- a grade of B- or better in Media Studies 10/W10 or an approved equivalent taken before fall 2020;
- 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 – Fall 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 have taken prerequisite and major-related courses at other schools and have not yet submitted your official transcripts to UC Berkeley. Additional documentation may be requested if needed to make a decision regarding your application.

You will need to list your chosen Media Studies Area of Concentration—Digital Studies, Global Cultural Studies, or Media Law & Policy—on your application; see Requirements on the Media Studies website for information regarding each.

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. See the “Intended Majors Course Substitution Form” on the Media Studies homepage under Announcements.

Media Studies Appeal Applicant Information Form – Fall 2021

Name _____

SID# _____

@berkeley.edu email address _____

Expected Graduation Term (EGT) in CalCentral _____

Phone _____

Continuing Berkeley Student (Fall 2021 is not your first semester.): Major Application GPA*: _____ Units Completed*: _____

New Transfer Student (You were admitted for fall 2021.): Major Application GPA*: _____

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

Media Studies Area of Concentration: ___ Digital Studies ___ Global Cultural Studies ___ Media Law & Policy

If you are already declared in another major, do you plan to double, simultaneous degree, 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 and Humanities 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, underline or highlight 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 and Humanities – ANTHRO 3AC; ECON 1; PSYCH 1 or 2; SOCIO 1 or 3AC; COMLIT 20, 20A; 20B or 20C; RHETOR 10 or 20; THEATER 26	_____	_____	_____
Media Studies 10 or W10: Introduction to Media Studies	_____	_____	_____

Fourth prerequisite currently enrolled in Fall 2021 (if applicable) _____

All other major non-prerequisite courses completed (not in progress) – Add more courses to this or separate page if 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 as well as fall 2020, spring 2021 and summer 2021 P grades from UC Berkeley only.
 Absolutely no exceptions will be 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ancient Greek and Roman Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Economics & Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Operations Research & Management Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace & Conflict Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Film & Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art, History of | <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender & Women's Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Economy |
| Asian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Geography | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> China | <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japan | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhetoric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astrophysics | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek and Latin | <input type="checkbox"/> Scandinavian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celtic Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Slavic Languages & Literatures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrative Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Welfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Interdisciplinary Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Italian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> South & Southeast Asian Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin | Spanish and Portuguese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish & Spanish American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance & Performance Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Luso-Brazilian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Linguistics | <input type="checkbox"/> Iberian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American |
| East Asian Languages and Cultures | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Languages & Bilingual Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics-Applied | <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater & Performance Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Asian Rel., Thought & Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Languages and Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| Earth & Planetary Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern Worlds | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atmospheric Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern Studies | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environ. Earth Science | Molecular & Cell Biology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Biochem. & Molecular Biology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geophysics | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetics, Genomics, & Development | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Immunology & Pathogenesis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planetary Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell & Developmental Biology | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurobiology | |