Media Studies Major
2022 APPEAL Application Packet

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 during 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.

The Appeal Application periods for 2022 are below:

**Spring 2022:** January 11 – January 28 February 21 – February 26

**Fall 2022:** August 17 – September 2 September 19 – September 23

Appeal Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on the final date in each period. 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 more of the following standard application requirements:

- a major application 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);
- if you started UC Berkeley as a freshman or transferred before your junior year: 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);
  OR
  if you started UC Berkeley as a junior transfer: are applying during your first two semesters at UC Berkeley.

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 due to UC Berkeley or L&S COVID P grade policies as noted above, substitute your overall GPA as your major application GPA.

An appeal application includes 1) a Media Studies 2022 Appeal Applicant Information Form; 2) a Major Declaration Form, which needs to be signed by only you, not a major advisor, before submission; 3) a cover letter of no more than two pages explaining why you wish to study media studies and the issue 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 2022 Appeal Applicant Information Form

Name ____________________________ SID# ____________________________

@berkeley.edu email address Expected Graduation Term (EGT) in CalCentral

Phone

Started Cal as Freshman or Transfer Student before Junior Year: Major Application GPA*: _______ Units Completed*: _______

Started Cal as Junior Transfer Student: Major Application GPA*: _______ First Semester (Fall or Spring and Year): __________

* Major application GPA and units completed are explained on the first page of the application packet.

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 (List courses not taken at UC Berkeley in this section.)

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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.
*** 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.)

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<td>Media Studies 10 or W10: Introduction to Media Studies</td>
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Fourth prerequisite currently taking to be eligible to apply to the major (if applicable) ____________________________

All other major non-prerequisite courses completed (not in progress) – Add more courses to this or separate page if needed.

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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 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  

________________________________________________________ 

________________________________________________________ 

Email  

________________________________________________________ 

Phone number  

____________________________________________________________________________ 

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

☐ African American Studies  ☐ Economics  ☐ Music  
☐ American Studies  ☐ English  ☐ Native American Studies  
☐ Ancient Greek and Roman Studies  ☐ Environmental Economics & Policy  ☐ Operations Research & Management Science  
☐ Anthropology  ☐ Ethnic Studies  ☐ Peace & Conflict Studies  
☐ Art  ☐ Film & Media  ☐ Philosophy  
☐ Art, History of  ☐ French  ☐ Physics  
☐ Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies  ☐ Gender & Women’s Studies  ☐ Political Economy  
☐ Astrophysics  ☐ Geography  ☐ Political Science  
☐ Celtic Studies  ☐ German  ☐ Psychology  
☐ Chemistry  ☐ Global Studies  ☐ Public Health  
☐ Chicano Studies  ☐ Greek  ☐ Rhetoric  
☐ Cognitive Science  ☐ Greek and Latin  ☐ Scandinavian  
☐ Comparative Literature  ☐ History  ☐ Slavic Languages & Literatures  
☐ Computer Science  ☐ Integrative Biology  ☐ Social Welfare  
☐ Dance & Performance Studies  ☐ Interdisciplinary Studies  ☐ Sociology  
☐ Data Science  ☐ Italian Studies  ☐ South & Southeast Asian Studies  
☐ Dutch Studies  ☐ Latin  ☐ Spanish and Portuguese  
☐ East Asian Languages and Cultures  ☐ Latin American Studies  ☐ Spanish & Spanish American  
☐ Chinese  ☐ Legal Studies  ☐ Luso-Brazilian  
☐ Japanese  ☐ Linguistics  ☐ Iberian  
☐ E. Asian Rel., Thought & Culture  ☐ Media Studies  ☐ Latin American  
☐ East Asian Languages and Cultures  ☐ Mathematics  ☐ Hispanic Languages & Bilingual Issues  
☐ Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures  ☐ Mathematics-Applied  ☐ Statistics  
☐ Languages and Literature  ☐ Middle Eastern Worlds  ☐ Theater & Performance Studies  
☐ Middle Eastern Studies  ☐ Molecular & Cell Biology  ☐ Other______________

See instructions on the reverse for additional forms and procedures.