Media Studies Major
2024 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.

The Appeal Application periods for 2024 are below:

Spring: January 9 to January 26 (Recommended)  February 19 to February 23  March 18 to March 22

Summer: There are no appeal application periods during the summer.

Fall: August 21 to September 6 (Recommended)  September 23 to September 27  October 14 to October 18

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, summer 2021 and fall 2022 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 and L&S COVID or L&S Fall 2022 Strike P grades policies as noted above, substitute your overall GPA as your major application GPA.

An appeal application includes 1) a Media Studies 2024 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 website.

* This application is not for students admitted to UC Berkeley as freshmen beginning fall 2023 and later.
Media Studies 2024 Appeal Applicant Information Form*

Name

SID#

@berkeley.edu email address

Expected Graduation Term (EGT) in CalCentral

**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>Introduction to Social Sciences and Humanities – ANTHRO 3AC; ECON 1 or 2; PSYCH 1 or 2; SOCIOL 1 or 3AC; COMLIT 20, 20A; 20B or 20C; RHETOR 10 or 20; THEATER 26</td>
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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, summer 2021 and fall 2022 P grades from UC Berkeley only. Absolutely no exceptions will be made for courses taken after declaring the major.

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MAJOR DECLARATION

Term: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring Year: __________

________________________________________________________ ________________________________________
Student name  Student ID
________________________________________________________ ________________________________________
Email address  Phone number
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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
☐ American Studies
☐ Ancient Greek and Roman Studies
☐ Anthropology
☐ Art
☐ Art, History of
☐ Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies
Asian Studies
☐ China
☐ Japan
☐ Asian Studies
☐ Astrophysics
☐ Celtic Studies
☐ Chemistry
☐ Chicano Studies
☐ 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
☐ Economics
☐ English
☐ Environmental Economics & Policy
☐ Ethnic Studies
☐ Film & Media
☐ French
☐ Gender & Women’s Studies
☐ Geography
☐ German
☐ Global Studies
☐ Greek
☐ Greek and Latin
☐ History
☐ Integrative Biology
☐ Interdisciplinary Studies
☐ Italian Studies
☐ Latin
☐ Latin American Studies
☐ Legal Studies
☐ Linguistics
☐ Media Studies
☐ Mathematics
☐ Mathematics-Applied Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures
☐ Languages and Literature
☐ Middle Eastern Worlds
☐ Middle Eastern Studies
Molecular & Cell Biology
☐ Biochem. & Molecular Biology
☐ Genetics, Genomics, & Development
☐ Immunology & Pathogenesis
☐ Cell & Developmental Biology
☐ Neurobiology
☐ Music
☐ Native American Studies
☐ 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_____________________

See instructions on the reverse for additional forms and procedures.

Do not request major advisor's signature before submitting application.