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 <u>not met</u> 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 <u>no more</u> 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 <u>signed by only you</u>, 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.)

	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 or 2; PSYCH 1 or 2; SOCIOL 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 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.

	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, 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

See instructions on the reverse for additional forms and procedures.

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