

Media Studies Major

2024 STANDARD 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 Standard Application periods for 2024 are below:

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

Summer: June 3 to June 14

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

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

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

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.

Standard Application You may submit a standard application if you have met 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. Junior transfer students may also submit standard applications during their first summer following their UC Berkeley admissions semester; see summer application period above if relevant.

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

A standard application includes 1) a Media Studies 2024 Standard Applicant Information Form and 2) a Major Declaration Form, which needs to be signed by only you, not a major advisor, before submission; and 3) 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.

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 Standard 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 (F or Sp 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 UC 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

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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 | |