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.)

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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 UC 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.

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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

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

Major adviser’s signature

2nd Major adviser’s signature (double majors only)

Check the Major or Majors You Are Declaring

☐ African American Studies  ☐ Economics
☐ American Studies  ☐ English
☐ Ancient Greek and Roman Studies  ☐ Environmental Economics & Policy
☐ Anthropology  ☐ Ethnic Studies
☐ Art  ☐ Film & Media
☐ Art, History of  ☐ French
☐ Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies  ☐ Gender & Women’s Studies
Asian Studies
 ☐ China  ☐ Geography
 ☐ Japan  ☐ German
 ☐ Asian Studies  ☐ Global Studies
☐ Astrophysics  ☐ Greek
☐ Celtic Studies  ☐ Greek and Latin
☐ Chemistry  ☐ History
☐ Chicano Studies  ☐ Integrative Biology
☐ Cognitive Science  ☐ Interdisciplinary Studies
☐ Comparative Literature  ☐ Italian Studies
☐ Computer Science  ☐ Latin
☐ Dance & Performance Studies  ☐ Latin American Studies
☐ Data Science  ☐ Legal Studies
☐ Dutch Studies  ☐ Linguistics
East Asian Languages and Cultures  ☐ Media Studies
 ☐ Chinese  ☐ Mathematics
 ☐ Japanese  ☐ Mathematics-Applied
 ☐ E. Asian Rel., Thought & Culture  ☐ Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures
Earth & Planetary Science  ☐ Languages and Literature
 ☐ Atmospheric Science  ☐ Middle Eastern Worlds
 ☐ Environ. Earth Science  ☐ Middle Eastern Studies
 ☐ Geology  ☐ Molecular & Cell Biology
 ☐ Geophysics  ☐ Biochem. & Molecular Biology
 ☐ Marine Science  ☐ Genetics, Genomics, & Development
 ☐ Planetary Science  ☐ Immunology & Pathogenesis
☐ Pacifist Studies  ☐ Cell & Developmental Biology
☐ Peace & Conflict Studies  ☐ Neurobiology
☐ Political Economy  ☐ Public Health
☐ Political Science  ☐ Rhetoric
☐ Psychology  ☐ Scandinavian
☐ Public Policy  ☐ Slavic Languages & Literatures
☐ Social Welfare  ☐ Sociology
☐ Sociology of Religion  ☐ Spanish and Portuguese
☐ Spanish & Spanish American  ☐ Luso-Brazilian
☐ Iberian  ☐ Latin American
☐ Latin American Studies  ☐ Spanish Languages & Literatures
☐ Hispanic Languages & Bilingual Issues
☐ Statistics  ☐ Theater & Performance Studies
☐ Theater Studies  ☐ Other

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