

COMPARATIVE MEDIA STUDIES (CMS)

Comparative Media Studies/Writing Program (<http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/comparative-media-studies-writing/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in Comparative Media Studies

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [between three and six subjects can be from the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
Introductory	
CMS.100 Introduction to Media Studies	12
Media Practice and Production	
Select one of the following:	12
CMS.335[] Short Attention Span Documentary	
CMS.362 Civic Media Collaborative Design Studio	
CMS.590[] Design and Development of Games for Learning	
CMS.609[] The Word Made Digital	
CMS.622 Applying Media Technologies in the Arts and Humanities	
CMS.633 Digital Humanities: Topics, Techniques, and Technologies	

CMS.634	Designing Interactions	
21W.752	Making Documentary: Audio, Video, and More	
Communication-intensive in the Major		
CMS.701	Current Debates in Media (CI-M)	12
Select one of the following:		
CMS.400	Media Systems and Texts (CI-M)	
CMS.405	Visual Design (CI-M)	
CMS.614[]	Network Cultures (CI-M)	
CMS.618[]	Interactive Narrative	
CMS.336[]	Social Justice and The Documentary Film (CI-M)	

Restricted Electives

Select six restricted electives. Qualified students may, with departmental approval, substitute a pre-thesis tutorial (CMS.ThT) and thesis (CMS.ThU) for one elective.

Units in Major	120
Unrestricted Electives ¹	96-132
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs	(36-72)
Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree	180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

¹ This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.