COMPARATIVE MEDIA STUDIES (CMS)

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

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
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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
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Introductory CMS.100 Introduction to Media Studies | 12
Media Practice and Production CMS.301 Game Design Methods | 12
CMS.335[J] Short Attention Span Documentary |
CMS.362 Civic Media Collaborative Design Studio |
CMS.590[J] Design and Development of Games for Learning |
CMS.609[J] The Word Made Digital |
CMS.627 Imagination, Computation, and Expression Studio |
CMS.628 Advanced Identity Representation |
CMS.633 Digital Humanities: Topics, Techniques, and Technologies |
CMS.636 Extending the Museum |
21W.752 Making Documentary: Audio, Video, and More |
CMS.701 Current Debates in Media (CI-M) | 12
Select one of the following: | 12
CMS.336[J] Social Justice and The Documentary Film (CI-M) |
CMS.400 Media Systems and Texts (CI-M) |
CMS.405 Visual Design (CI-M) |
CMS.407 Sound Studies (CI-M) |
CMS.614[J] Critical Internet Studies (CI-M) |
CMS.618[J] Interactive Narrative (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 | 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.