MEDIA STUDIES

Dual-Titles

DUAL-TITLE M.A. IN MEDIA STUDIES AND WOMEN’S,
GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed
in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (https://
gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/
gcac-208-dual-titles/).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in Media
Studies and The Graduate School before they can apply for admission
to the dual-title degree program. Applicants interested in the dual-title
degree program may make their interest known on their applications to
Media Studies. After admission to their primary program, students must
apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies dual-title program. Refer to the
Admission Requirements section of the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality
Studies Bulletin page (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/
majors/womens-gender-sexuality-studies/).

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree
requirements of the Media Studies program (thesis option), in which
they are primarily enrolled, and of the WGSS dual-title program, listed on
the WGSS Bulletin page (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/
majors/womens-gender-sexuality-studies/). Within this framework, final
course selection is determined by the student and the Media Studies
and WGSS advisers. The candidate must complete a thesis and follow
the requirements for the thesis option in Media Studies; this includes
passing a final oral defense of that thesis on a topic that reflects original
research in both Media Studies and WGSS to earn the dual-title M.A.
degree. Candidates for the dual-title M.A. degree in Women’s, Gender, and
Sexuality Studies must have at least one member of the WGSS Graduate
Faculty on their master’s advising committee.