

MEDIA STUDIES, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

Media Effects Option: Media Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 100N (US Cultures)*	3 COMM 118*	3
COMM 160	1 IL Cultures	3
ENGL 15 (GWS)†	3 World Language Level 2	4
PSU 9	1 General Education Course (GQ)‡	3
PSYCH 100 (GS)†	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
World Language Level 1	4	
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 205*	3 COMM 305*	3
COMM 270*	3 BA World Cultures	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS)‡	3 COMM 325, 326, 327, or 328*	3
COMM 304*	3 COMM 405*	3
COMM 325, 326, 327, or 328*	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 413W*	3 COMM 418*	3

ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS)‡	3 BA Fields	3
Cinema or Media Course* ¹	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
BA Fields	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	1
	15	13

Total Credits 120

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¹ Cinema or Media Courses: COMM 110, COMM 150N, COMM 180, COMM 205, COMM 320, COMM 403, or COMM 412.

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General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

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Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/>).

Film and Television Studies Option: Media Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 150N*	3 COMM 100N (US Cultures)*	3
COMM 160	1 IL Cultures	3
ENGL 15 (GWS)‡	3 World Language Level 2	4
PSU 9	1 General Education Course (GQ)†	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3	
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 205*	3 COMM 250*	3
COMM 270*	3 BA World Cultures	3
General Education Course (GQ)‡	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS)‡	3 COMM 405*	3
COMM 304*	3 COMM 400-level Film or TV* ¹	3
COMM 400-level Film or TV* ¹	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 242*	3 COMM 413W*	3
COMM 305*	3 COMM 400-level Film or TV* ¹	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS)‡	3 BA Fields	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3

Elective	3 Elective	1
	15	13

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¹ COMM 400-level Film or TV: COMM 451, COMM 452, COMM 453, COMM 454, COMM 455, COMM 495, or COMM 496.

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Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

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International Communications Option (No Study Abroad): Media Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
World Language Level 1	4 World Language Level 2	4
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [‡]	3 COMM 100N ^{*1}	3
ECON 102 (GS)	3 General Education Course (GS) (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GH) (Inter-Domain)	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
COMM 160	1 General Education Course (GN)	3
PSU 9	1	
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
World Language Level 3	4 STAT 200 (GQ) [‡]	4
COMM 110 ^{*1}	3 COMM 118, 150N, 205, 320, or 452 ^{*1}	3
COMM 270 [*]	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 BA World Cultures	3
Bachelor of Arts Knowledge Domain	3 Bachelor of Arts Knowledge Domain/Minor	3
	16	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 304 [*]	3 COMM 410 (International Cultures, IL) [*]	3
COMM 405 [*]	3 Bachelor of Arts Knowledge Domain/Minor	3
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [‡]	3 Supporting Courses and Related Areas	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 Non-COMM Elective	3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas	3 Elective/Minor	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 305 [*]	3 COMM 413W [*]	3
COMM 419 (US Cultures, US) [*]	3 Supporting Courses and Related Areas	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3 Elective/Minor	3

Non-COMM Elective	3 Elective/Minor	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	13.5	13.5

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¹ Students studying at any of the commonwealth campuses that do not offer COMM 100N, COMM 110 and 3 credits of COMM 118, COMM 150N, COMM 205, COMM 320 or COMM 452 will take these courses at University Park. COMM 100N will be taken 5th semester in place of the B.A. Knowledge domain which will be taken 2nd semester at the commonwealth campus. 3 Credits of COMM 118, COMM 150N, COMM 205, COMM 320 or COMM 452 will be taken 5th semester in place of ENGL 202A/ENGL 202B/ENGL 202C/ENGL 202D which will be taken 4th semester at the commonwealth campus. COMM 110 will be taken 6th semester in place of the B.A. Knowledge Domain which will be taken 3rd semester at the commonwealth campus.

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Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

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Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures.

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International Communications Option (Semester Abroad): Media Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
World Language Level 1	4	World Language Level 2	4
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [‡]	3	COMM 100N ^{*1}	3
ECON 102 (GS)	3	General Education Course (GS) (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GH) (Inter-Domain)	3	General Education Course (GH)	3
COMM 160	1	General Education Course (GN)	3
PSU 9	1		
	15		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
World Language Level 3	4	STAT 200 (GQ) [‡]	4
COMM 110 ^{*1}	3	COMM 118, 150N, 205, 320, 381, or 452 ^{*1}	3
COMM 270 [*]	3	General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3	BA World Cultures	3
Bachelor of Arts Knowledge Domain	3	Bachelor of Arts Knowledge Domain	3
	16		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
COMM 304 [*]	3	Semester Abroad (No COMM Courses, All Electives) [*]	15
COMM 405 [*]	3		
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [‡]	3		
General Education Course (GA)	3		
General Education Course (GN)	3		
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
COMM 410 (International Cultures, IL) [*]	3	COMM 419 (US Cultures, US) [*]	3
COMM 305 [*]	3	COMM 413W [*]	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3	Bachelor of Arts Knowledge Domain	3

General Education Course (GA)	3	Elective	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
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Society and Culture Option: Media Studies, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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COMM 100N (US Cultures)*	3 Cinema or Media Course* ¹	3
COMM 160	1 IL Cultures	3
ENGL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 World Language Level 2	4
PSU 9	1 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3	
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 205*	3 COMM 305*	3
COMM 270*	3 BA World Cultures	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course (GA)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (Inter-Domain)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [‡]	3 COMM 405*	3
COMM 304*	3 COMM 400-level Communication Theory*	3
COMM 400-level Communication Theory*	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
BA Fields	3 General Education Course (Exploration)	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 413W*	3 COMM 411*	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3 BA Fields	3
COMM 400-level Communication Theory*	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
BA Fields	3 Elective	3

Elective	3 Elective	1
	15	13

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