

COMPARATIVE MEDIA STUDIES (CMS)

Comparative Media Studies/Writing Program (<https://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
CMS.100 Introduction to Media Studies	12
Select one of the following Media Practice and Production subjects:	12
CMS.301 Game Design Methods	
CMS.303 DJ History, Technique, and Technology	
CMS.335[<i>J</i>] Short Attention Span Documentary	
CMS.362 Civic Media Collaborative Design Studio	
CMS.590[<i>J</i>] Design and Development of Games for Learning	
CMS.594 Education Technology Studio	
CMS.609[<i>J</i>] 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	
Select one of the following CI-M subjects:		12
CMS.336[<i>J</i>]	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[<i>J</i>]	Critical Internet Studies (CI-M)	
CMS.618[<i>J</i>]	Interactive Narrative (CI-M)	
CMS.621	Fans and Fan Cultures (CI-M)	
Capstone		
CMS.701	Current Debates in Media (CI-M)	12
Restricted Electives		
Select six subjects offered by CMS. Qualified students may, with departmental approval, substitute a pre-thesis tutorial (CMS.THT) and thesis (CMS.THU) for one elective. ¹		72
Units in Major		120
Unrestricted Electives²		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 Consult the list of CMS subjects (<https://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/cms>) offered by Comparative Media Studies/Writing.

² 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.