

WRITING (COURSE 21W)

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

Bachelor of Science in Writing

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
21W.THT Writing Pre-Thesis Tutorial	6
21W.THU Writing Program Thesis (CI-M)	12
<i>Select one of the following:</i>	12
21W.757 Fiction Workshop (CI-M)	
21W.758 Genre Fiction Workshop (CI-M)	
21W.759 Writing Science Fiction (CI-M)	
21W.762 Poetry Workshop (CI-M)	
21W.765[J] Interactive Narrative (CI-M)	
21W.770 Advanced Fiction Workshop (CI-M)	
21W.771 Advanced Poetry Workshop (CI-M)	
21W.777 Science Writing in Contemporary Society (CI-M)	
21W.786[J] Social Justice and The Documentary Film (CI-M)	

Restricted Electives

Select nine subjects, of which one is normally introductory, that form a cohesive unit 99-108

Units in Major 129-138

Unrestricted Electives¹ 78-123

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.