

Media and Screen Studies and Media Arts, BA (Boston)

The Communication Studies and Art + Design departments offer a combined major in Media and Screen Studies and Media Arts. Students pursuing the combined major are able to integrate the theory and practice of contemporary media studies with the deep appreciation of the narrative arts that is required for professional work in documentary film, game art and promotion, visualization, motion graphics, interactive art, illustration, and short animated films.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

NUpath requirements Creative Expression/Innovation (EI), Interpreting Culture (IC), and Societies and Institutions (SI) are met through the major course requirements.

NUpath requirements Analyzing and Using Data (AD), Differences and Diversity (DD), and Ethical Reasoning (ER) may be met through electives in the major.

NUpath requirements Natural and Designed World (ND) and Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ) must be met through general electives.

Media and Screen Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Media and Screen Studies Common Requirements		
MSCR 1220	Media, Culture, and Society	4
MSCR 1320	Media and Social Change	4
or MSCR 1420	Media History	
Foundation Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
MSCR 1230	Introduction to Film Production	
MSCR 2220	Understanding Media	
Diversity or Globalization Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
MSCR 2325	Global Media	
MSCR 2505	Digital Feminisms	
MSCR 3392	Gender and Film	
MSCR 3437	Media and Identity	
Writing-Intensive		
Complete two of the following:		8
MSCR 2600	Cloud, Closet, (Drop)Box	
MSCR 3330	Documentary Film Ethics	
MSCR 3420	Digital Media Culture	
MSCR 3422	Media Audiences	
MSCR 3600	Film Theory	

MSCR 3700	Queer Media
MSCR 4208	TV History

Media and Screen Studies Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 courses that have not been used to satisfy other requirements:		12
Media and Screen Studies courses, from the range MSCR 1200 - MSCR 4999.		
ARTD 2380 and ARTD 2381	Video Basics and Video Tools	
ARTD 3480	Video: Sound and Image	
ARTD 3485	Experimental Video	
COMM 1450	Sound Production for Digital Media	
COMM 2550	Television Field Production	
COMM 2655	Television Studio Production	
COMM 3655	Digital Editing for TV	
COMM 3750	Special Effects and Postproduction for Television	

Media Arts Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ARTD 1001 and ARTD 1002	Media Art, Culture, and Social Justice and Seminar for ARTD 1001	4
ARTF 1000	Art and Design at Northeastern	1
Art + Design Fundamentals Required		
ARTF 1240 and ARTF 1241	Making with Video, Sound, and Animation and Making with Video, Sound, and Animation Tools	2
Art + Design Fundamentals Elective		
Complete 6 semester hours of the following:		6
ARTF 1200	Representational Drawing	
ARTF 1210	Abstract Drawing	
ARTF 1220	Elements of Visual Composition (with optional ARTF 1221)	
ARTF 1230 and ARTF 1231	Making with Form and Materials and Making with Form and Materials Tools	
ARTF 1250 and ARTF 1251	Designing Interactive Experiences and Designing Interactive Experiences Tools	
Art + Design History		
ARTH 1001 and ARTH 1002	Visual Intelligence and Seminar in Visual Intelligence	4
ARTH 2212	Survey of the Still and Moving Image	4
Media Arts Basics Electives		
Complete 10 semester hours of the following sets:		10
ARTD 2360 and ARTD 2361	Introduction to Photography and Photo Tools	
ARTD 2370 and ARTD 2371	Animation Basics and Animation Tools	
ARTD 2380 and ARTD 2381	Video Basics and Video Tools	
Media Arts Capstone		
ARTD 4530	Media Arts Degree Project	4
Art + Design Electives		
Complete any 8-9 semester hours of courses not previously completed in ARTG, ARTE, ARTD, ARTH, or ARTS courses as long as prerequisites or corequisites have been met.		8-9
If ARTD 3000 Topics in Media Arts (or any other topics course in the subjects listed above) is completed more than once, the additional completions may be allowed toward the electives.		

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
MSCR 3600	Film Theory	4

Media and Screen Studies Grade Requirement

No more than two grades below a C in media and screen studies courses may be used to fulfill degree requirements.

Program Requirement

130 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ARTF 1000 or MSCR 1000		1 MSCR 1320 or 1420		4 Art + Design Fundamentals Elective		2 Elective	4
MSCR 1220		4 Elective		4 Art + Design Fundamentals Elective		2 Elective	4
ARTD 1001 and ARTD 1002		4 ARTF 1240 and ARTF 1241		2 Elective		4	
ARTH 1001 and ARTH 1002		4 Art + Design Fundamentals Elective		2			
ENGW 1111		4 Elective		4			
		EEAM 2000		1			
	17		17			8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
MSCR foundation		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
MSCR elective		4				Elective	4
Media arts basics elective		5					
ARTH 2212		4					
	17		0			0	8
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
MSCR diversity/globalization		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
MSCR writing-intensive		4				Elective	4
Media arts basics elective		5					
Art + Design Elective		4					
	17		0			0	8
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
MSCR 3600		4 ARTD 4530		4			
MSCR writing-intensive		4 MSCR elective		4			
Art + Design Elective		4 MSCR elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
	16		16				

Total Hours: 132