

Media Studies, BS

Program Description

The Media Studies Degree Program addresses the vast and ubiquitous forms of mediated communication that are available to all in today's world, including in politics, culture, society, and the arts. The hands-on program engages students in a wide range of media, including television, streaming video, radio and podcasting, print and digital publications, and social media. Students study the history, evolution and the changing state of media technologies and techniques in media production, together with an understanding of the economic and social effects of media, including legal and ethical issues. Students are prepared for a wide range of careers, including those in journalism, TV and radio, video production, social media, publication design, podcasting, content marketing, public relations, and media research. The purpose of the program is ultimately to train students to be effective storytellers in each of these media forms and provide a foundation grounded in theoretical, legal, and ethical perspectives, and build on that foundation with the production skills necessary to be successful contributors to society and to gain meaningful employment.

Program Curriculum

120 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Core Requirements (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)		
	English	3-7
	Mathematics	3-5
	American Institutions	3-6
	Life Sciences	3-10
	Physical Sciences	3-5
	Laboratory Science	0-1
	Fine Arts	3
	Literature/Humanities	3
	Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
	Exploration	3-5

Media Studies Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
MDIA 1130	Introduction to Media Writing	3
MDIA 1380	Introduction to Video Production	2
MDIA 1385	Introduction to Video Production Lab	1
MDIA 1500	Introduction to Media Tools	3
MDIA 1560	Introduction to Audio Production	3
MDIA 2010	Media and Pop Culture (SS, GC)	3
MDIA 3060	Media Analysis and Critique	3
MDIA 3410	Gender, Race and Class in Media	3
MDIA 3450	Social Media Campaigns	3
MDIA 3550	Intermediate Media Tools	3
MDIA 4360	Media Ethics and Law	3
MDIA 4900R	Media Studies Internship	3
MDIA 4980	Media Studies Capstone	3

Media Studies General Emphasis Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
MDIA 2210R	Journalism Practicum I	1-3
or MDIA 2340R	Public Relations Practicum I	
or MDIA 2370R	Live Media Practicum I	
or MDIA 2380R	Radio Practicum I	
or MDIA 2390R	Video Practicum I	
or MDIA 3210R	Journalism Practicum II	
or MDIA 3370R	Live Media Practicum II	
or MDIA 3380R	Radio Practicum II	
or MDIA 3390R	Video Practicum II	
or MDIA 4440R	Public Relations Practicum II (ALPP)	

6 hours total needed of any practicum

Media Studies Elective Requirements

Complete 21 credits from any 3000 or 4000-level MDIA course not specified as a degree requirement.

Other Elective Courses

Complete additional elective coursework to fulfill graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in each Core Discipline Requirement course.