

COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES, MINOR

The minor program in Communication and Media Studies focuses on broad-based and adaptable skills that can enrich the lives of graduates in many diverse fields. The ability to write and speak well, the ability to think critically about differing media and modes of communication, the ability to recognize quality in written, visual, and multimedia texts—these are fundamental skills for life within a culture increasingly defined by the movement of information.

Students wishing to declare a minor in CMS will complete the same application process required to become a CMS major. Before admittance to the minor program, students must complete four courses with a combined GPA of at least 2.5:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
CMS 2010	Introduction to Media Studies	3
CMS 2015	Visual Communication	3
COMM 1110	Public Speaking	3

In addition, applicants must successfully complete a writing assessment administered by the Testing Center and evaluated by the CMS core faculty. Once these requirements are met, students will be admitted to the CMS minor and will be able to enroll in all upper-division CMS classes.

Students who choose to apply COMM 1110 Public Speaking toward their General Education core requirements must substitute another course to meet the 18-hour requirement for the CMS minor. As substitutes, students may use any 3000-level or higher course with a CMS, COMM, FILM or JOUR prefix, except the internship classes CMS 3901 Internship/Practicum for CMS I, CMS 3902 Intern: Training & Instruction, or CMS 3903 Advanced Media Production/FILM 3903.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Lower Division Requirements		9
CMS 2010	Introduction to Media Studies	3
CMS 2015	Visual Communication	3
COMM 1110	Public Speaking	3
Upper Division Electives		9
Choose any 3000-level or higher course with a CMS or COMM or FILM or JOUR prefix. ¹		
Total Credit Hours		18

¹ Except the internship classes CMS 3901 Internship/Practicum for CMS I, CMS 3902 Intern: Training & Instruction, or CMS 3903 Advanced Media Production/FILM 3903.