

# Media and Screen Studies and Media Arts, BA

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

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

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
<b>Media and Screen Studies Common Requirements</b>		
MSCR 1220	Media, Culture, and Society	4
MSCR 1320 or MSCR 1420	Media and Social Change Media History	4
<b>Foundation Course</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
MSCR 1230	Introduction to Film Production	
MSCR 2220	Understanding Media	
<b>Diversity or Globalization Course</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
MSCR 2325	Global Media	
MSCR 2505	Digital Feminisms	
MSCR 3392	Gender and Film	
MSCR 3437	Media and Identity	
<b>Writing-Intensive</b>		

Complete two of the following:

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MSCR 2505	Digital Feminisms
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 three courses from MSCR or from the following: 12-13

Recommendation: Complete MSCR 4623 as one of your MSCR electives to fulfill NUpath capstone.

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
COMM 4755	Production Capstone

## 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
<b>Art + Design Fundamentals Required</b>		
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 three 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 two 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
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## Art + Design Electives

Complete any two 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	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				
		17		16		8		8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	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						
EEAM 2000		1						
		18		0		0		8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	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	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	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