

Bachelor of Arts in Media & Communication Studies

Degree Map & Planning Information

Admissions Information

This program is a declarable major, and there are no formal prerequisites for MCS major.

Current UW Bothell students in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA or above) can declare this major anytime using the online Major Declaration form.

Incoming students can apply directly into major when applying for admissions to UW Bothell.

Curriculum Information

General Education

To be eligible for graduation from the University, with the baccalaureate degree, a student must complete a minimum of 180 academic credits and satisfy all other specific requirements. The University of Washington Bothell has established minimum general education requirements for baccalaureate degrees. These minimum requirements are:

- English Composition – 5 credits (A minimum grade of 2.0 is required)
- Additional Writing – 10 credits
- Reasoning (RSN) – 5 credits
- Natural Sciences (NSc) – 15 credits
- Arts and Humanities (A&H) – 15 credits
- Social Sciences (SSc) – 15 credits
- Diversity – 5 credits (can overlap with General Education requirements above)

Major Requirements

For Media & Communication Studies major, students must complete the following courses with the following grades (where indicated):

- 10 credits of Composition Coursework
 - B WRIT 133 or BWRIT 134 or ENGL 131 or equivalent
 - B WRIT 135 or ENGL 141 or equivalent
- 10 credits of MCS Core
 - BIS 290 Interdisciplinary Writing Seminar (can overlap with Writing)
 - BISMCS 333 Media & Communication Studies (can overlap with A&H)
- 10 credits of MCS Communication Practice & Media Production (MCS:P&P) Coursework
- 25 credits of MCS Major (MCS) Coursework

- 20 credits of Additional Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (IAS) Coursework
- 5 credits of Interdisciplinary Practice and Reflection (can overlap with Additional IAS Coursework)

Sample 4-year Course Plan

Year 1

Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
B WRIT 134 (5)	B WRIT 135 (5)	RSN (5)	
B CORE 110 (5-NSc)	BIS 176, BIS 177, BIS 178, or BIS 179 (5 - SSc)	SSc (5)	
SSC (5)	NSc (5)	BIS 176, BIS 177, BIS 178, or BIS 179 (5 - A&H)	

Year 2

Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
BIS 176, BIS 177, BIS 178, or BIS 179 (5 - A&H)	BIS 290 (5 – Writing)	MCS Coursework (5)	
MCS P&P (5 – A&H)	MCS P&P (5 – A&H)	MCS Coursework (5)	
DIV (5)	NSc (5)	Elective (5)	

Year 3

Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
BISMCS 333 (5 - A&H)	MCS Coursework (5)	MCS Coursework (5)	
MCS Coursework (5)	IAS Coursework (5)	IAS Coursework (5)	
IAS Coursework (5)	Elective (5)	Elective (5)	

Year 4

Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
IAS Coursework + IPR (5)	Elective (5)	Elective (5)	
Elective (5)	Elective (5)	Elective (5)	
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This is a sample schedule of courses based on degree requirements. The actual degree plan may differ depending on the course of study selected, the number of starting credits, or the starting admission point. This guide is not a substitute for academic advising. For more information, contact your academic advisor or visit www.uwb.edu/advising.