



Lakehead University
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

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1.	New Version of a Degree	HBASC.MDST - Honours BAsc (Media Studies Major)
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Degree Details

CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
HBASC.MDST - Honours BAsc (Media Studies Major) Start Term: 2015-16 End Term: No Specified End Date	HBASC.MDST - Honours BAsc (Media Studies Major) Start Term: 2015 2016- 16 17 End Term: No Specified End Date

<u>Required Information</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Institution Unit Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	Institution Unit Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Degree Type HBASC	Degree Type HBASC
Major MDST	Major MDST
Minor	Minor
Specialization	Specialization
Rationale The following changes are designed to address budgetary concerns with respect to Media Studies, attracting more majors to the program and reducing the number of Media Studies courses that we are required to offer each year. We are reducing the number of courses counted toward the major from 12 to 10 FCEs, which is in line with other Honours majors at Lakehead University. (Note that the Inquiry courses are still being required; they are just no longer being counted toward the major average.) In first and third year, asterisks are being removed from the first and third year Inquiry courses and being added to the first year selection of courses involved with media production to indicate that these courses will count toward the major in Media Studies. Neither INTD 1010 nor INTD 3010 are media specific courses, so they should not count as such, even though they are still required for the program. This will have no budgetary implications. The number of required Media Studies courses is being reduced in years two and three from 3.5 FCEs each to 3 FCEs each, and in fourth year from 3 FCEs to 2 FCEs. The required courses at third year are being altered slightly to include the option of taking third or fourth year courses during that year. This will enable students to take more electives and achieve a more	The following changes are designed to address budgetary concerns with respect to Media Studies, attracting more majors to the program and reducing the number of Media Studies courses that we are required to offer each year. We are reducing the number of courses counted toward the major from 12 to 10 FCEs, which is in line with other Honours majors at Lakehead University. (Note that the Inquiry courses are still being required; they are just no longer being counted toward the major average.) In first and third year, asterisks are being removed from the first and third year Inquiry courses and being added to the first year selection of courses involved with media production to indicate that these courses will count toward the major in Media Studies. Neither INTD 1010 nor INTD 3010 are media specific courses, so they should not count as such, even though they are still required for the program. This will have no budgetary implications. The number of required Media Studies courses is being reduced in years two and three from 3.5 FCEs each to 3 FCEs each, and in fourth year from 3 FCEs to 2 FCEs. The required courses at third year are being altered slightly to include the option of taking third or fourth year courses during that year. This will enable students to take more electives and achieve a more well rounded education. Reducing the total number of

<p>well rounded education. Reducing the total number of required Media Studies courses will positively affect budget since fewer courses will need to be offered in the rotation of courses each year. As well, more students will be able to take fourth year courses, since third year students will now be able to take them too. For second year, Media Studies 2010 is being added to the list of specified Media Studies courses. Although this is a key course in the program, this course was missed in the specified list previously and was simply included under the rubric of "two FCEs in Media Studies at second year level." It was a prerequisite for one of the required courses, Media Studies 2030, so in fact it was serving as a required course, but not having it listed as such tends to confuse students. Since that prerequisite is now being removed it is all the more necessary to specifically list it.. Moreover, MDST 2010 is already specified in the list of required courses for the Media Studies Minor and is an option for the Media Studies Specialization. Having it listed specifically for the Honours major ensures that it is offered regularly, as part of normal rotation. This will have no budgetary implications but may help boost enrolment in this course. For third year, we are adding a choice for students between engaging hands-on work in an internship placement, or hands-on work in the classroom in production stream courses. If a student ends up without an internship placement, they can take a course instead, and they therefore would not have to wait until the next semester to find an internship. This means that all students in the program are no longer required to complete the internship, which may reduce pressure on the program, while remaining attractive to students.</p>	<p>required Media Studies courses will positively affect budget since fewer courses will need to be offered in the rotation of courses each year. As well, more students will be able to take fourth year courses, since third year students will now be able to take them too. For second year, Media Studies 2010 is being added to the list of specified Media Studies courses. Although this is a key course in the program, this course was missed in the specified list previously and was simply included under the rubric of "two FCEs in Media Studies at second year level." It was a prerequisite for one of the required courses, Media Studies 2030, so in fact it was serving as a required course, but not having it listed as such tends to confuse students. Since that prerequisite is now being removed it is all the more necessary to specifically list it.. Moreover, MDST 2010 is already specified in the list of required courses for the Media Studies Minor and is an option for the Media Studies Specialization. Having it listed specifically for the Honours major ensures that it is offered regularly, as part of normal rotation. This will have no budgetary implications but may help boost enrolment in this course. For third year, we are adding a choice for students between engaging hands-on work in an internship placement, or hands-on work in the classroom in production stream courses. If a student ends up without an internship placement, they can take a course instead, and they therefore would not have to wait until the next semester to find an internship. This means that all students in the program are no longer required to complete the internship, which may reduce pressure on the program, while remaining attractive to students. <i>There are a few minor changes to the program. First of all, the type A, B, C, and D courses breadth requirements are being identified more specifically and notes are added to the elective lines to remind students of the requirements. Secondly the Indigenous Content requirement is being met via Type E courses, as indicated in the note. Thirdly, in keeping with the new concentrations introduced this year, we are enabling students to fulfill the first and third year inquiry requirements via any of the first year and third year Interdisciplinary Studies courses respectively (INTD 1010, 10aa, 10xx, 10yy, or 10zz and INTD 3010, 30aa, 30xx, 30yy, or 30zz; see 2015-soc-5322 and 2015-soc-5324)</i></p>
<p>Requirements</p> <p>Four Year Program Courses designated with an asterisk (*) are included, in addition to the Media Studies courses, in the calculation of the average for the Media Studies Major.</p> <p>First Year: (a) Media Studies 1010 and 1030 (b) * One FCE chosen from General Science 0350, 0370; Media Studies 1610; Visual Arts 0510, 1010, 1110, 1130, 1150, 1170 (c) Interdisciplinary Studies 1010 (d) Two and one-half FCE electives</p>	<p>Requirements</p> <p>Four Year Program<i>Courses</i> program</p> <p><i>An overall B (70%) average in the Media Studies Major (courses designated with an asterisk (*) are included, in addition to the Media Studies courses, in the calculation of the average for the Media Studies Major. First Year: (a) Media Studies 1010 and 1030 (b) * One FCE chosen from General Science 0350, 0370; Media through each year is required.</i></p>

Note:

By the end of four years (20 FCEs), at least three (3) FCEs must be taken from Type A or B courses and at least three (3) FCEs must be taken from Type C or D courses.

Second Year:

- (a) Media Studies 2010, 2030, 2210, 2230
- (b) One FCE in Media Studies at the second year level
- (c) Two FCE electives (one FCE of Type C or D recommended)

Third Year:

- (a) One half-course chosen from: Media Studies 3610, 3630, 3650, 3690, 3910 (Media Studies 3910 recommended)
- (b) Interdisciplinary Studies 3010
- (c) Two and one-half FCEs in Media Studies at the third or fourth year level
- (d) One and one-half FCE electives (one FCE in Type C or D courses recommended)

Fourth Year:

- (a) *One FCE chosen from: Interdisciplinary Studies 4220, 4240, 4260
- (b) One FCE in Media Studies at the fourth year level
- (c) Three FCE electives (one FCE in Type C or D courses recommended)

Note:

By the end of four years (20 FCEs), at least three (3) FCEs must be Type A (Humanities) or Type B (Social Sciences) courses; at least three (3) FCEs must be Type C (Engineering, Mathematical and Natural Sciences) or Type D (Health and Behavioural Sciences) courses; and at least one-half (0.5) FCE must be Type E courses. The Indigenous Content Requirement is being met by the inclusion of one-half (0.5) FCE chosen from the list of Type E courses taken as an elective in any year of the program.

First Year:

(a) One-half FCE in first year Interdisciplinary Studies (INTD)

*(b) * Media Studies 1010 and 1030*

*(c) * One FCE chosen from General Science 0350, 0370; Media Studies 1610; Visual Arts 0510, 1010, 1110, 1130, 1150, 1170*

~~*(e) Interdisciplinary Studies 1010*~~ *(d) Two and one-half FCE electives (Note :By the end of four years (20 FCEs), at least three (3) FCEs must be taken from Type A or B courses and at least three (3) FCEs must be taken from Type C or D courses., B, C, D, and E courses requirement.)*

Second Year:

(a)

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** Media Studies 2010, 2030, 2210, 2230*

*(b) * One FCE in Media Studies at the second year level*

(c) Two FCE electives (

~~*one FCE of Type C or D recommended*~~

Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement.)

	<p>Third Year:</p> <p>(a) * One half-course chosen from: Media Studies 3610, 3630, 3650, 3690, 3910 3910 (Media Studies 3910 recommended)</p> <p>(b) <i>One-half FCE in third year</i> Interdisciplinary Studies 3010 (INTD)</p> <p>(c) * Two and one-half FCEs in Media Studies at the third or fourth year level</p> <p>(d) One and one-half FCE electives (one FCE in Type C or D courses recommended <i>Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement</i>)</p> <p>Fourth Year:</p> <p>(a) *One FCE chosen from: Interdisciplinary <i>Interdisciplinary</i> Studies 4220, 4240, 4260</p> <p>(b) * One FCE in Media Studies at the fourth year level</p> <p>(c) Three FCE electives (one FCE in Type C or D courses recommended <i>Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement</i>)</p>
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<u>Budgetary Considerations</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Student Enrolment no	Student Enrolment no
Student Enrolment Other Units no	Student Enrolment Other Units no
Additional Resources no	Additional Resources no
Teaching Loads no	Teaching Loads no
TeachingSupport Services no	TeachingSupport Services no
Outside Support no	Outside Support no