

MEDIA, CULTURE, AND COMMUNICATION (PHD)

Department Website (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/departments/media-culture-and-communication/>)

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Program Description

The PhD program in Media, Culture, and Communication is committed to interdisciplinary, theoretically sophisticated, multi-methodological, historical, and comparative approaches to the study of media and culture. Five research areas (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/phd-media-culture-and-communication/curriculum/areas-study/>) operate as guiding frameworks for intellectual inquiry across the department: Global Communication and Media, Technology and Society, Visual Culture and Sound Studies, Media Industries and Politics, Interaction and Experience. Students attend special events throughout the year and can apply to present their original research at the department's annual Neil Postman Graduate Conference.

Doctoral student work is shaped by the program's commitment to:

- Engaging with theoretical concepts from a range of disciplines—media and cultural studies, visual culture, history, science and technology studies, anthropology, sociology, disability studies, sound studies, political science.
- A multi-methodological approach to research—from semiotics, global ethnography, gender and queer theory, critical race theory, qualitative and quantitative discourse analysis, to political/cultural economy, among other critical frameworks.
- A global perspective—conceiving of the global mediascape as transnational and transcultural.
- Recognizing media and technology's long history and antecedents.

Career Opportunities

The majority of graduates from the PhD program join academic departments of media and communication, with placement in the social sciences and interdisciplinary humanities becoming increasingly common. Our alumni often complete prestigious post-doctoral fellowships in advance of a tenure track position. Our placement website (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/phd-media-culture-and-communication/phd-placements/>) provides detailed information on our recent PhD alumni and their post-graduation positions.

Admissions

Admission to graduate programs in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development requires the following minimum components:

- Résumé/CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Proficiency in English

See NYU Steinhardt's Graduate Admissions website (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/admissions/how-apply/graduate-students/>) for

additional information on school-wide admission. Some programs may require additional components for admissions.

See How to Apply (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/phd-media-culture-and-communication/how-apply/>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

Program Requirements

The PhD program requires 48 credits of coursework for students with a master's degree; 54 credits are required for those admitted only with a bachelor's degree. Core courses must be taken in sequence:

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
MCC-GE 3100	Doctoral Core Sem I (first year)	4
MCC-GE 3200	Doctoral Core Sem II (first year)	4
MCC-GE 3101	Doctoral Methods Seminar (first or second year)	3
MCC-GE 3201	Dissertation Proposal (third year)	1
MCC-GE 3400	Doctoral Professional Development Workshop ¹	1
Theoretical and Disciplinary Foundation		
Courses taken by advisement		12
Research and Methods		
Courses taken by advisement		14-16
Specialized Elective		
Courses taken by advisement		9-13
Total Credits		54

¹ Taken in first semester of third year for 1 credit. After that point, students can re-enroll for 0-1 credit

Students move quickly toward pursuing their dissertation research in the third year of study, accompanied by teaching and research opportunities that will help prepare them for academic positions in the fields of media studies, cultural studies, communication, and related disciplines.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
MCC-GE 3100	Doctoral Core Sem I	4
MCC-GE 3101	Doctoral Methods Seminar	3
Theoretical and Disciplinary Foundation Course		4
Research and Methods Coursework		4
Credits		15
2nd Semester/Term		
MCC-GE 3200	Doctoral Core Sem II	4
Research and Methods Coursework		4
Theoretical and Disciplinary Foundation Course		4
Credits		12
3rd Semester/Term		
MCC-GE 3400	Doctoral Professional Development Workshop	1
Research and Methods Coursework		4
Theoretical and Disciplinary Foundation Course		4
Specialized Elective		4
Credits		13
4th Semester/Term		
Research and Methods Coursework		4
Specialized Elective		4

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Credits	12	
5th Semester/Term		
MCC-GE 3201	Dissertation Proposal	1
Credits	1	
6th Semester/Term		
MCC-GE 3400	Doctoral Professional Development Workshop	1
Credits	1	
Total Credits	54	

Following completion of the required coursework for the PhD, students are expected to maintain active status at New York University by enrolling in a research/writing course or a Maintain Matriculation (MAINT-GE 4747) course. All non-course requirements must be fulfilled prior to degree conferral, although the specific timing of completion may vary from student-to-student.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Display fluency in core texts and scholarly literature, contemporary theory, and key debates in media, culture, and communication.
2. Display fluency in and in depth knowledge of the areas of specialization in student's field of study.
3. Analyze and synthesize scholarship in a range of disciplines related to media, culture, and communication and understand the ways in which these disciplinary perspectives are integrated and transformed through interdisciplinary study.

Policies

Program Policies

STEM OPT Benefits for International Students

If you're an international student, you may be able to work in the United States after graduation for an extended period of time. Most students studying on F-1 visas will be eligible for 12 months of Optional Practical Training (OPT) off-campus work authorization. F-1 students in this program may also be eligible for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics) OPT extension, allowing you to extend your time in the United States to pursue degree-related work experience for a total of 36 months or 3 years. For more information on who can apply for this extension visit NYU's Office of Global Services: STEM OPT (<http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-visa-and-immigration/alumni/extend-your-opt/stem-opt.html>).

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Steinhardt Academic Policies

Additional academic policies can be found the Steinhardt academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/culture-education-human-development/academic-policies/>).