Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication with Critical Media Studies Pathway (BA)

Students who wish to specialize in Critical Media Studies (CMS) within the Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication major may apply to be admitted into the CMS Pathway after consultation with their Academic Advisor. This pathway provides a thorough grounding in thinking critically, analytically, and creatively about media, their use, and their historical development. Admission to the Critical Media Studies Pathway requires a portfolio submission including course work examples, a writing component, and any other materials deemed appropriate. Pathway acceptance is determined by a CMS faculty jury. If accepted, CMS Pathway students will have the opportunity to perform critical media research and engage in the critical creative production of media. The CMS Pathway examines the ethical and social dimensions of media and applies that knowledge in the creation and analysis of digital media texts. By selecting courses from a variety of School elective headings, students are able to infuse other areas of interest into their focus on Critical Media Studies. Unless otherwise noted, courses in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication are open to all students in the University. However, students majoring in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication may be given preference in certain course enrollments.

Bachelor of Arts in Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication with Critical Media Studies Pathway

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

Communication: 6 semester credit hours


Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours
Choose one course from the following:
  - **MATH 1306** College Algebra for the Non-Scientist
  - **MATH 1314** College Algebra
Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Mathematics core courses

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences core courses

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours
Choose one course from the following:
  - **HUMA 1301** Exploration of the Humanities
  - **LIT 2331** Introduction to World Literature
  - **PHIL 1301** Introduction to Philosophy
  - **PHIL 2316** History of Philosophy I
  - **PHIL 2317** History of Philosophy II
Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours
Choose one course from the following:
  - **ARTS 1301** Exploration of the Arts
  - **AHST 1303** Survey of Western Art History: Ancient to Medieval
  - **AHST 1304** Survey of Western Art History: Renaissance to Modern
  - **AHST 2331** Understanding Art
  - **DANC 1310** Understanding Dance
  - **THEA 1310** Understanding Theatre
  - **FILM 2332** Understanding Film
  - **MUSI 1306** Understanding Music

American History: 6 semester credit hours
Choose two courses from the following:
  - **HIST 1301** U.S. History Survey to Civil War
  - **HIST 1302** U.S. History Survey from Civil War
  - **HIST 2301** History of Texas
HIST 2330 Themes and Ideas in American History

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

GOVT 2305 American National Government
GOVT 2306 State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences core courses

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

Choose two courses from the following or other Component Area Option

ARHM 2340 Creativity
ARHM 2342 Connections in the Arts and Humanities
ARHM 2343 Science and the Humanities
ARHM 2344 World Cultures

II. Major Requirements, Lower-Division: 24 semester credit hours

ATCM 2300 Introduction to Technoculture
ATCM 2301 Computer Imaging
ATCM 2302 Design I
ATCM 2320 Critical Media Research Foundations
ATCM 2322 Media Histories
ATCM 2321 Reading Media Critically
ATCM 2335 Internet Studio I
CS 1335 Computer Science I for Non-majors

III. Major Requirements, Upper-Division: 24 semester credit hours

ATCM 3320 Critical Media Theories
ATCM 3321 Networked Identities
ATCM 3325 Global Media Cultures
ATCM 3330 Digital Art and Social Practice
ATCM 4320 Political Economy of Digital Media
ATCM 4326 Mediated Textuality
ATCM 4330 Culture Jamming
ATCM 4398 Capstone Project
or ATCM 4397 Senior Seminar

IV. Elective Requirements: 30 semester credit hours

Prescribed Electives: 15 semester credit hours
Choose any five courses from the following: (At least 2 must be 4000 level)
ATCM 3323 Reading in a Networked Era
ATCM 3331 Critical Making
ATCM 3335 Internet Studio II
ATCM 3366 Game Studies I
ATCM 3376 History of Games
ATCM 4322 Disability, Technology, and Media
ATCM 4327 Privacy and Surveillance
ATCM 4323 Feminism, Technology, and Media
ATCM 4325 Race, Technology, and Media
ATCM 4384 Ethics in New Media, Technology, and Communication
ATCM 4388 Political Communication
ATCM 4334 Topics in Critical Media Studies
ATCM 4366 Game Studies II
PHIL 3309 Philosophy of Technology

Free Electives: 15 semester credit hours
Both upper- and lower-division courses may be used as electives, but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.
2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.
3. Students who are ATEC/CS double degree or who plan to minor in CS must enroll in CS 1336 Programming Fundamentals and CS 136 Computer Science Laboratory and/or CS 1337 Computer Science I (if placed out of CS 1336 and CS 1136).