Research Master's in Media Studies

Media Studies (Research)

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This two-year programme offers an interdisciplinary, humanities-oriented approach to media. It considers media as cultural discourses and practices, technological infrastructures, as well as powerful political-economic actors. With roots in philosophy, history, and literary studies, as well as science and technology studies, sociology, and political science, this discipline has developed pertinent theoretical approaches to the study of media in contemporary culture. The programme will teach you to engage with crucial theoretical concepts and topical issues, and to develop your own research practices culminating in the Master’s thesis.
Career prospects

Graduates typically find employment in public sectors related to their field, such as government agencies, advisory boards, education, media and cultural institutions, as well as in PhD programmes in disciplines related to Media. The continuous demand for expertise in new media and digital culture, audio-visual presentation and representation, information storage and retrieval, and contemporary cross-media culture, will provide you with a wide range of exciting career opportunities.

Spotlight on a course

Core course Media Theory (12 ECTS)
To develop theoretical understandings of media and culture, this course discusses central texts in the study of media, which engage with cultural theory, philosophy, sociology, art history, among others. The course moves between different media, emphasising a crossmedia perspective on cultural critique, the spectacle, visuality, the public, the private and governmentality. It looks at historically-specific theorisations of particular media, as well as their crossmedial transformations.
Entry requirements

The Research Master’s in Media Studies is open to all students with a university Bachelor’s diploma in:
• Media and Culture
• Media and Information
• Other disciplines if the candidate's profile and motivation indicate a substantial interest in media related questions and research in the humanities.
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