

SMCC AA Liberal Studies to USM BA Media Studies

The following Transfer Map lists the courses that lead a student to an Associate in Liberal Studies at SMCC and then to Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies at USM. The information is pulled from the Maine System’s transfer tool and the 2023-2024 academic course catalogs at SMCC and USM. The map will be updated each academic year if any changes are made to the requirements or course equivalencies listed here. Students following this map should monitor for updates.

The key directions:

- SMCC students should follow their Liberal Studies degree audit sheet.
- Every course on the audit sheet that is completed with a C- or better earns the same number of credits at USM—the equivalent USM courses and credits will later appear on your USM transcript.
- The SMCC Liberal Studies degree has 62 credits. Another 58 credits will be required at USM to earn the USM Media Studie degree. The 58 USM credits will be a combination of Media Studies major requirements and general electives.
- An SMCC student can begin satisfying USM Media Studies requirements by taking the Media Studies classes identified in **STEP 2** below as electives within the SMCC Liberal Studies major.
- An SMCC Liberal Studies degree waives the student’s academic Core requirements at USM.

STEP 1–The SMCC Coursework

| Course at SMCC | SMCC Code | Course at USM | USM Code | Credits |
|--|-----------|---|----------|---------|
| English Composition | ENGL 100 | College Writing | ENG 100 | 3 |
| Introduction to Literature | ENGL 115 | Reading Literature | ENG 140 | 3 |
| Student Success | FIGS 100 | General Elective | GEL 1XX | 1 |
| Math Elective | | Every class and credit on the Liberal Studies audit sheet will transfer to USM as a USM class and credit—either as a required class for the Media Studies major or as a general elective that helps achieve the required 120 credits total. These will be posted after acceptance at USM. | | 3 |
| Science Elective | | | | 4 |
| Art or Music Elective | | | | 3 |
| Psychology/Sociology Elective | | | | 3 |
| Economics/Political Science Elective | | | | 3 |
| Humanities Elective | | | | 3 |
| English Communications Elective | | | | 3 |
| Diversity Elective | | | | 3 |
| Ethical Reasoning Elective | | | | 3 |
| Fine Arts or Humanities Elective | | | | 3 |
| History Elective | | | | 3 |
| Liberal Studies Electives | | | | 12 |
| Free Electives | | | | 9 |
| A student following this sequence would earn an Associates in Arts in Liberal Studies from SMCC and would have 62 transferable credits to USM. | | | | 62 |

STEP 2–The USM Coursework

The following chart details the 42 credits of Media Studies requirements that would remain at USM for a student who has completed the above coursework. A student can satisfy 15 of these 39 credits at SMCC by completing them within the elective credits of the SMCC Liberal Studies degree.

| USM CLASS | Credits | SMCC CLASS | Credits |
|---|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Media Studies Foundational Classes (18 credits hours) | | | |
| CMS 103 - Introduction to Media Studies | 3 | CNMS 105- Intro to Mass Communication | 3 |
| CMS 150 - The Writing Process * | 3 | NA | |
| <i>or</i> | | | |
| CMS 274 - Writing for the Media | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 200 - Research Methods in Communication | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 203 - Introduction to Video Production | 3 | CNMS 160 A/V Production Basics | 3 |
| CMS 204 - Introduction to Video Production Lab | 1 | CNMS 160 A/V Production Basics | 1 |
| <i>or</i> | | NA | |
| CMS 222 - Digital Radio & Audio Production | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 223 - Communication Law | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 284 - Introduction to Cinema Studies | 3 | CNMS 251- Intro to Narrative Cinema | 3 |
| <i>or</i> | | NA | |
| CMS 374 - Media Criticism and Aesthetics | 3 | NA | |
| Concentrations–Choose 1 Concentration and take 6 courses within it. (18 credits) | | | |
| Media Writing | | | |
| CMS 150 - The Writing Process | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 202 - Writing for Popular Print Media | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 205 - Topics in Media Writing I | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 215 - Journalism Reporting and Writing | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 225 - Screenwriting | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 274 - Writing for the Media | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 300 - Topics in Media Writing II | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 302 - Writing the Feature Story | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 305 - Writing Opinion: Editorials and Columns | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 315 - Broadcast Newswriting | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 393- Internships in Media Studies | 1-6 | NA | |
| Media Production and Design | | | |
| CMS 203 - Introduction to Video Production | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 204 - Introduction to Video Production Lab | 1 | NA | |
| CMS 220 - Topics in Media Production I | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 222 - Digital Radio & Audio Production | 3 | NA | |

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|---|-----|--------------------------------|-------|
| CMS 320 - Topics in Media Production II | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 322 - Digital Audio Storytelling | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 324 - Photojournalism | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 326 - Special Effects and Animation | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 340 - Narrative Filmmaking | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 341 - Narrative Filmmaking Lab | 1 | NA | |
| CMS 393 - Internships in Media Studies | 1-6 | NA | |
| CMS 440- Advanced Narrative Filmmaking | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 460- Topics in Media Production III | 3 | NA | |
| Media Ecology | | | |
| CMS 201 - Introduction to Public Relations | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 210 - Topics in Media Criticism I | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 242 - Communication and Social Media | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 284 - Introduction to Cinema Studies | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 286 - History of International Cinema to 1945 | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 288 - History of International Cinema Since 1945 | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 303 - Media Effects | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 310 - Topics in Media Criticism II | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 323 - Understanding Technology | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 360 - Ethical Dilemmas in the Digital Age | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 374 - Media Criticism and Aesthetics | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 380 - Film Genres & Auteurs | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 384 - Topics in Cinema Studies | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 393 - Internships in Media Studies (up to 3 credits can be used toward the 18 credit hours in this concentration) | 1-6 | NA | |
| CMS 423 - The First Amendment | 3 | NA | |
| Meridian Experience (6 credits) | | | |
| CMS 400- Senior Project Workshop | 3 | NA | |
| CMS 495- Senior Seminar in Media Studies | 3 | NA | |
| SMC 493- Advanced Internship | 3 | NA | |
| USM Media Studies Required Credits | 42 | Media Credits Possible at SMCC | 10 |
| Media Studies Credits taken at USM | | | 32-42 |
| General Elective Credits Required at USM | | | 16-26 |
| Total Credits Required for a USM Media Studies Degree | | | 120 |

A student that completes at least 30 credits at SMCC, but did not earn an SMCC degree, may do a **Reverse Transfer** by sending credits earned at USM “back” to SMCC. The coursework listed here assumes a student has earned an AA in Liberal Studies, which waives the USM Core requirements.