



**LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES**  
**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**  
**CHANGE REQUEST REPORT**

**Change Request Tracking Number:** 2025-SOC-9099  
**Title of Change Request:** Media, Film, and Communications Minor  
Small Change  
**Status of Change Request:** In Workflow

**Change Request can't be split**

**CHANGE REQUEST CONTENTS**

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1.	New Version of a Degree	Minor in Media, Film, and Communications
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CHANGE REQUEST HISTORY

Workflow Stage	Action Type	Action Taken By	Change Made	Action Rationale	Date
Initiator	Approved	Alice den Otter	Yes	Submitted to workflow. Approved by the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies on October 6, 2025.	10/11/2025, 12:11 PM
Submission Review (Manager of Curriculum Development)	Approved	Submission Review	No	Ok to move forward in workflow.	10/15/2025, 09:25 AM

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AUDIT TRAIL

None.

CHANGE REQUEST COMMENTS

Date	User	Change Request Comment
10/11/2025, 12:08 PM	Alice den Otter	We are removing the specific second year course MDST 2010 and replacing it with any MDST course at second year level.

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<b>Justification</b> Replacing MDST 2010 with any MDST second year course simplifies the program requirements, making it more in line with minors in other programs, and making it more feasible for students to complete on campus and online, thus increasing student satisfaction.
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DEGREE DETAILS

MODIFY A PROGRAM FORM (less significant changes).

NOTE TO USER about this form:

This "Modify a Program" form is used to make less significant modifications to a program. If you plan to make a major modification to a program, please use the form "Major Modification to Program". Visit this link to learn more about Major Modifications

The following is information that is displayed in the University Calendar

Location:

- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Minor in Media, Film, and Communications

**Program Requirements:**

An overall average of 60% is required in three full course equivalents consisting of:

- (a) Media, Film, and Communications 1010 and 1030
- (b) ~~Media, Film, and Communications 2010~~ (c) ~~One-half~~ One FCE in Media, Film, and Communications at the second year level
- (d) One FCE in Media, Film, and Communications at the third year level

**The following is information for Committee Review**


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<b>Program Code:</b>	MINOR.MDST
<b>Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar:</b>	20242026-2527
<b>Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?:</b>	No Specified End Date Use No Specified End date unless you are removing it from the calendar.
<b>Faculty or Institution Unit:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lakehead University</li> <li>• Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</li> </ul>
<b>Academic Level:</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Total number of credits for the degree:</b>	3.00
<b>Transcript Title of Program:</b>	
<b>Degree Type:</b>	
<b>Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?:</b>	<p>This change replaces MDST 2030 Intermediate Production with a 0.5 FCE choice removes the specific requirement for MDST 2010 Alternative New Media so that students can complete 1 FCE chosen from all MDST courses (including cross-listed courses) at the second-year level. Since MDST 2030 is only offered every other year and is only offered in person at Orillia, this enables students more flexibility than they currently have in meeting the program requirements. This simplifies the program requirements, making it more in line with minors in other programs, and making it more feasible for students to complete on campus and online, thus increasing student satisfaction.</p>

**The following is information for Senate Budget Committee Consideration**


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	<p>NOTE: Complete each section and provide full explanations for both "yes" and "no" answers. This will not be displayed in the calendar but will be used by the Senate Budget Committee when considering approval of this proposal. The creator of this proposal may be asked to attend a committee meeting to discuss this proposal. Contact the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee if you wish to discuss any of the questions below.</p>
<b>Will this program impact student enrolment in another program within the same faculty/unit?:</b>	<p>No, since there is only a handful of students in the Minor program and they are already taking other are multiple MDST courses available at second year level due to interest and are frustrated when they can't count them towards the Minor.</p>

Will this program impact  
student enrolment in  
another program in a  
different faculty/unit?:

No

Will additional resources  
be required (space, staff,  
equipment, etc.)?:

No

How will this impact  
existing teaching loads  
within this faculty/unit?:

No impact

What is the impact on the  
demand for teaching  
support services (library,  
computers, staff, etc.)?:

No impact

Will this require outside  
support? If yes, please  
outline the amount and  
timing of the funding:

No