

Film Studies

For more than a decade, the study of film has been one of the fastest growing disciplines at American colleges and universities. Film studies students normally follow one of two career directions. Most students directly enter the communications job market. Advertising, public relations, technical writing, educational media and free-lance filmmaking are just a few career possibilities.

Some students continue their education in graduate school. As many as one-fourth of the film courses taught in the United States are graduate courses. In addition to graduate studies in film, other disciplines include American studies, popular culture, library studies, broadcasting and public communications. Students work closely with the film studies adviser to select coursework both inside and outside the program. This requires planning at three levels: 1. Selecting the right courses from within the film studies program; 2. Selecting courses from outside electives that are directed toward vocational preparation; and 3. Developing an Internship (optional).

Film Studies Related Career Titles:

Film Archives	Television production	Animator
Costume Design	Assistant Director	Camera Operator
Casting Director	Film Director	Cinematographer
Censor	Colorizing technician	Film Editor
Independent Filmmaker	Industrial Filmmaker	Producer
Publicist	Script Supervisor	Screenwriter
Sound Editor	Story Editor	Visual Effects
Dramaturge Critic		
Talent Agent	Lighting Technician	Program Assistant
Press Agent	Casting Assistant	Actor
Actress	Drama Coach	Rerecording mixer
Sound & Special Effects Specialist	Prop Maker	Scriptwriter
Talent Representative	Studio Merchandising Distribution Company	Personal Asst. to Director
Professor	Theater Manager	Film Production Instructor

Film Studies Related Major Skills:

Present specific viewpoints
Influential/persuasion skills
Synthesizing information

Interpretation skills
Reporting and editing skills
Create entertaining and persuasive
Rewriting and editing with others
Evaluate ideas and presentation messages
Gather information and data
Compare and contrast evidence
Evaluate information and sources
Critical thinking skills
Develop market research
Measure media effects
Planning and managing skills
Work with deadlines
Work independently
Attention to details
Work in teams / small groups of individuals, groups, etc.
Identify and manage different needs
Explaining processes, plans and concepts
Understand institutional and cultural values