Film and Media Studies Major and Minor

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Film is one of the major art forms of the 20th century, and its study has become an important part of a modern humanities education. At the University of Pittsburgh, the Film and Media Studies Program offers a series of interdisciplinary courses concerning the history, aesthetics, theory, and production of cinema. The program provides courses in critical studies and, by special arrangement with Pittsburgh Filmmakers in Oakland, courses in film, photography, and video production.

A major in film and media studies helps students to understand and appreciate the cinematic medium and to be aware of its impact as a cultural and artistic force. It is appropriate for those students who wish to pursue careers in film teaching, film exhibition, film journalism, film museum curatorial work, film library and archive work, and film and television production. As part of the Film and Media Studies Program, internships are available to students in many of these fields. Students have done internships at cable companies, Pittsburgh Filmmakers, and various television stations.

Required courses for the Film and Media Studies major

The Film and Media Studies major requires the completion of 36 credits distributed as follows. The Media and Production track requires 39 credits for completion.

Critical studies courses
ENGFLM 0530 Film Analysis
ENGFLM 0540 World Film History
ENGFLM 1920 Advanced Seminar in Film Studies

Production course; one of the following courses
FILMST 0001 Motion Picture Fundamentals
FILMST 0200 Black and White Photography
ENGFLM 0401 Introduction to Visual Culture

National cinemas/Filmmakers courses
Two courses must be chosen from the above category as listed on the back of this sheet. Courses marked with † do not fulfill this requirement.

Themes/genres/theory courses
Two courses must be chosen from the above category as listed on the back of this sheet. Courses marked with † do not fulfill this requirement.

Elective courses
Four courses must be chosen from the three categories listed on the back of this sheet.

Important course notes
- ENGFLM 0530 and ENGFLM 0540 or their equivalents should be completed prior to taking any production courses, any 1000-level film courses.
- At least five courses that count toward the major must be taken at the 1000 level.
- No more than five production courses may be counted toward the major, although additional production courses can be taken as electives toward graduation.
- One three-credit internship can be counted in the production category toward the major.

Media and Production Track

Foundational course; choose one course
ENGFLM 0590 Filmmaking: Production and Criticism
FILMST 0001 Motion Picture Fundamentals

Film/Media Production courses
ENGWRT 0560 Screenwriting and the Narrative or FILMST 1132 Introduction to Screenwriting
FILMST 0601 Video Production 1 or SA 1380 Digital Studio: Video
FILMST 1130 Technical Directing
FILMST 1134 Writing and Producing the Short Script
FILMST 1600 Video Production 1

Technical elective; choose one course
FILMST 0121 Animation Production
FILMST 0420 Advanced Digital Editing Techniques
FILMST 0500 Film Production 1
FILMST 0610 Digital Effects and Compositing
FILMST 1120 Directing Actors
FILMST 1133 Script Development
FILMST 1145 Sound for Film and Video
FILMST 1580 Electronic Cinematography

Topical electives; choose two courses
ENGFLM 1613 Topics in Film Genre, and Theme: Making the Documentary
ENGFLM 1684 Mockumentary Filmmaking: Production and Criticism
ENGFLM 1930 Film Studies Internship
SA 1385 Digital Studio: Animation

Two courses in one of the following categories

National Cinemas/Filmmakers
Two courses marked with * or † must be chosen from the above category as listed on the back of this sheet.

Themes/Genre/Theory
Two courses marked with * or † must be chosen from the above category as listed on the back of this sheet.

Critical Studies; both courses are required
ENGFLM 0530 Film Analysis
ENGFLM 0540 World Film History

Grade requirements: A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

Satisfactory/No Credit option: No more than three courses that count toward the major can be taken on an S/NC basis.

Internship: Only one film internship can be counted toward the major.

Writing (W) requirement: Students must complete at least one W-course in the major.

Related area: A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one Dietrich School department chosen in consultation with the major advisor. The completion of an official Dietrich School minor or a Dietrich School or UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.
Checklist for the Film and Media Studies major

Critical studies courses
- **ENGFLM 0530**
- **ENGFLM 0540**
- **ENGFLM 1920**

Production course; choose one
- **FILMST 0001**
- **FILMST 0200**
- **FILMST 0400**
- **ENGFLM 0401**

National cinemas/Filmmakers courses

Themes/genres/theory courses

Elective courses

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Checklist for the Film and Media Studies minor

Critical studies courses
- **ENGFLM 0530**
- **ENGFLM 0540**

Category II: Themes/Genre/Theory courses
- **ENGFLM 0400** Introduction to Film or **ENGFLM 0401** Introduction to Visual Culture
- **ENGFLM 0520** Film Theory
- **ENGFLM 0540** Introduction to Film Genre
- **ENGFLM 0540** World Film History
- **ENGFLM 0570** Introduction to New Media
- **ENGFLM 1293** American Photography / American Culture
- **ENGFLM 1391** Topics in Contemporary Cinema
- **ENGFLM 1479** Children and Media
- **ENGFLM 1480** Topics in Film
- **ENGFLM 1481** Youth Film
- **ENGFLM 1482** The Star System and the Movies
- **ENGFLM 1483** Film Sound
- **ENGFLM 1485** Film and Politics
- **ENGFLM 1486** Photography and Its Social and Political Context
- **ENGFLM 1487** Film Censorship and American Culture
- **ENGFLM 1610** Topics in Genre
- **ENGFLM 1613** Topics in Film Genre and Theme
- **ENGFLM 1615** The War Film
- **ENGFLM 1680** Animation
- **ENGFLM 1681** Film Comedy

Category I: National cinemas/Filmmakers courses
- **CHIN 0082** Hong Kong Cinema
- **CHIN 1059** Adapted for the Screen: Chinese Literature and Film
- **CHIN 1065** Sources on East Asia
- **CHIN 1084** Masterpieces in Chinese Literature: Modern
- **CHIN 1085** Introduction to East Asian Cinema
- **CHIN 1088** New Chinese Cinema
- **CHIN 1089** The World of China

Category III: Production courses
- **ENGFLM 1930** Internship
- **FILMST 0001** Motion Picture Fundamentals
- **FILMST 0121** Animation Basics
- **FILMST 0151** Introduction to Web Design
- **FILMST 0200** Black and White Photography 1
- **FILMST 0201** Black and White Photography 2
- **FILMST 0220** Color Photography
- **FILMST 0225** Studio Lighting Techniques
- **FILMST 0230** Non-Silver Printing 1
- **FILMST 0235** Documentary Photo
- **FILMST 0245** Photoshop for Photographers
- **FILMST 0275** History of Photography 1
- **FILMST 0276** History of Photography 2
- **FILMST 0400** Post-Production 1
- **FILMST 0500** Film Productions 1
- **FILMST 0601** Video Production 1
- **FILMST 1130** Technical Directing
- **FILMST 1132** Intro to Screenwriting
- **FILMST 1133** Developing the Feature Script
- **FILMST 1140** Acting for the Camera
- **FILMST 1141** Acting for the Camera: Advanced Techniques
- **FILMST 1145** Sound for Film
- **FILMST 1156** Cinematography
- **FILMST 1157** Lighting for Film and Video
- **FILMST 1160** Crew Production Workshop
- **FILMST 1200** B & W Photo 3
- **FILMST 1201** View Camera Techniques
- **FILMST 1210** Color Photography 2
- **FILMST 1220** The Zone System
- **FILMST 1230** Experimental Darkroom
- **FILMST 1235** Experimental Camera
- **FILMST 1550** Film Thesis 1
- **FILMST 1575** Film Thesis 2
- **FILMST 1580** Electronic Cinematography
- **FILMST 1600** Video Production 2
- **FILMST 1650** Video Thesis 1
- **FILMST 1675** Video Thesis 2
- **FILMST 1901** Independent Study in Film
- **FILMST 1911** Independent Study in Photography
- **FILMST 1921** Independent Study in Video

Note: Only one elective course for the minor can be taken on an S/NC basis. Half of the courses for the minor must be taken at Pitt. Students pursuing the minor must meet with the film and media studies advisors to check their progress. Courses taken at other schools must be approved.