INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Film & Media major is an interdisciplinary program that offers rigorous engagement with the entire culture of moving images. The program teaches students to think historically, theoretically, and analytically about a wide range of cinematic forms, and encourages students to look at moving images from the vantage point of other disciplines. Students may complement their study of the history and theory of moving images with the hands-on experience provided by production and screenwriting classes. Students can also take advantage of internship opportunities at the affiliated Pacific Film Archive and with local film production companies.

The Film & Media department also offers a three-course Summer Certificate in Film & Media Industries and Professions (FMIP).

As Film & Media major, I studied films that were made against all odds—I learned about film movements, and auteurs that defied convention. In the process, I finally developed the confidence to tell my own stories, make my own films in forms that authentically articulate how I see the world.

– Sara Boutorabi, Class of 2019

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM

Core courses for the major include lower division courses on Film History and Film Theory, as well as a third course on either Film Aesthetics, Digital Media Studies or Television Studies. Upper division offerings cover Documentary, Avante-Garde/Experimental Film, Global Media and Media Technologies. Electives include courses on Genre, Auteurs, and semestery Special Topics. The Film & Media department has also expanded its production course offerings. Existing courses such as Screenwriting and Advanced Digital Production are now accompanied by Documentary Production, TV Writing, Advanced Film Writing, The Essay Film, Experimental Production, and more production courses to come in future semesters.

ADVICE

Students interested in declaring the Film & Media major, or who wish to obtain more information, should make an appointment with the Undergraduate Major Advisor, Grayson Johnston, by emailing gjohnston@berkeley.edu. For advising hours and locations, visit filmmedia.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, staff, and faculty. Participate in our ongoing BFMS Series, with several events every semester featuring Film & Media guest speakers. Visit filmmedia.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with a student organization like Cinebears, CalTV, or GIANT Filmmakers
- Learn the workings of professional and non-profit media companies with a Film & Media internship
- Challenge yourself with the Honors Program in Film & Media
- Explore research and internship opportunities with Berkeley Center for New Media, BAM/PFA, and Berkeley Arts + Design.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
FILM AND MEDIA DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY
Bachelor of Arts

Explore your major

Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
Review major and college requirements.
Start on the two core courses required for the major: FILM 10 and FILM 20.

Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.

SECOND YEAR

Declare the major after you have completed FILM 10 or 20 and at least 30 units.
Complete your lower division course requirement (FILM 10, 15, or 45) and optional elective (FILM 25).
Explore film and media courses in other departments such as English, Ethnic Studies, or French.
Review major guidelines for study abroad.

Reflect, Discover, and build locally and globally

Meet the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter externship.
Explore career resources on the Arts and Humanities website.

MY MAJOR?

The Film & Media major prepares students for film-related careers as well as business, law, and the arts and humanities. Many students pursue graduate study in film, the humanities, law, and business, with others finding exciting work in media.

Jobs and Employers

Asst. Creative Producer, MasterClass
Asst. Producer, Full Frame Productions
Editor, Millennium Film Journal
Educational Specialist, UC Berkeley
Junior Video Editor, Yelp
Manager, Berkeley Art Museum
Publicity Coordinator, Allied
Integrated Marketing Researcher, Launchpad
Entertainment 360
Sales Administrator, Kanopy
Software Engineer, OpenTable Videoographer, Honeyduke

Graduate Programs

Art History, PhD
Film, Masters
Film Archival, Masters
Film & Media Production, Masters
Film & Media Studies, PhD
Fine Arts, Masters
Information Management & Systems, Masters
Journalism, Masters
Public Policy, Masters

Potential career paths:

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

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Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.
Learn about graduate and professional school.
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Reflect, Connect, and build community

Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&S.
Explore the Library’s Media Resources Center.

Reflect, Connect, and build community

Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar, HUM 10, L&S 1, or a student-run DeCal course.
Explore Berkeley Arts + Design with HUM 20.
Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Fair in October.
Explore doing a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Third Year

Focus on upper division requirements and electives.
Consider a Film & Media internship for academic credit.
Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
Ask your major advisor about the Honors Program in Film & Media.

Find service opportunities through the Berkeley Global Internship Program.
Attend the Berkeley Global Internship Fair.
Consider a summer certificate in Entrepreneurship for All.
Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar or a Discovery Course.
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Fourth Year

Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
Submit your capstone statement.
Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

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Review major guidelines for study abroad.
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WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Release your passions

Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
Get involved with the BAMFPA Student Committee.

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