

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A MAJOR IN...

film studies, screenwriting & production

Film is a multidimensional career path with many different avenues leading to a final product. Three aspects of film are:

- Screenwriting— where the film story begins
- Production— refers to the actual creation of a film
- Film studies— explores film history, critiques film content and production, and analyzes the effects a film or series of films can have on society.

Films begin with a script, which is written by a screenwriter. The screenwriter might work individually to write a script, or work in a team environment where multiple individuals contribute to the final product.

As with society, film has a history from which to learn. To study film is to develop an in-depth understanding of how film has come to be what it is today. This understanding can help professionals improve their craft by making them more aware of the different film elements.

FILM STUDIES, SCREENWRITING & PRODUCTION

...at chapman university

Chapman Clubs and Organizations

Classic Movie Club

NightCap

Related Majors

English, Liberal Arts, Theater

Production, Public Relations,

Journalism, Broadcast Journalism, and

Creative Writing

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film Production provides professional education in a liberal arts environment; a combination that prepares students to create as film artists who understand the social, cultural, and historic context of film language while developing their skills in one or more areas of production.

The Bachelor of Art in Screenwriting is an intensive program aimed at helping screenwriters develop their individual creative voices as they explore the intricacies of story structure, character development, writing dialogue, and understanding film language and genres. Students learn to write in a variety of forms, including the short film, feature film, and episodic (television and mini-series).

The Bachelor of Art in Film Studies offers students the opportunity to explore film history, theory, and criticism along with a hands-on introduction to production. This combination of theoretical study combined with production experience gives students a unique understanding of how film creates meaning. Film Studies students may choose to focus their analysis of film through a specialization in film history or American film.

While Still in College...

If you are planning to pursue a career in film, you are encouraged to volunteer on student film productions, train yourself to work in multiple positions, actively participate in film festivals, work as a teaching assistant, or work with the writing center to perfect your writing skills. Additionally, it is a good idea to get an on-campus job in the Gold Room or as a Lab Assistant to learn equipment and network. Do as many internships as possible because it is the most effective way of getting a job after you graduate.

...at the professional level

Associations provide a venue for people to share professional interests while educating the public about their field. Look for details about salaries, training opportunities, membership benefits, and job resources.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS)

www.oscars.org

An organization of motion picture professionals founded to help advance the arts and sciences of motion pictures.

Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (ATAS) www.emmys.org

Devoted to the advancement of telecommunication arts and sciences and to fostering creative leadership in the telecommunications industry.

American Cinema Editors (ACE) www.ace-filmeditors.org

An honorary society to advance the art and science of the editing profession.

American Film Institute (AFI) www.afi.com

Through academics, awards, seminars and theaters, AFI aims to preserve the art of motion pictures.

American Society of Cinematographers (ASC) www.theasc.com

Directors Guild of America (DGA) www.dga.org

Screen Actors Guild (SAG) www.sag.org

Writers Guild of America (WGA) www.wga.org

For writers in the motion picture, broadcast, cable, interactive and new media industries.

Is It a Good Match For You?

Do you enjoy the creative process of storytelling?

Do you enjoy working with your hands?

Do you enjoy writing?

Do you enjoy learning about history?

Do you enjoy working behind the scenes on projects?

Vital Skills

Good verbal expression

Cooperation

Creativity

Imagination

Drive

Self-motivation

Ambition

Potential Employment With...

Industrial/Corporate Organizations, Motion Picture Studios, TV Stations, Production Companies, Talent Agencies, Film Distributors, Film Commission Offices, Music Video Productions, Magazines, Radio Stations, Colleges and Universities, Television Commercials/Advertising Agencies

Related Occupations

Some of these occupations may require additional education and training.

Production

Agent
Animator
Art Director
Assistant Cameraman
Boom Operator
Cinematographer/D.P.
Gaffer
Composer
Costumer
Craft Services
Creative Director
Development Team
Director/Assistant Director
Editor
Electrician
Grip
Field Producer
Location Manager
Producer
Production Assistant
Production Coordinator/Designer
Production Manager
Script Supervisor
Still Photographer

Storyboard Artist
Stunt Coordinator
Sound Designer
Teacher
Visual Effects Artist/Director

Screenwriting

Copywriter
Freelance Reader
Playwrite
PR Writer
Screenwriter
Staff Writer
Teacher

Film Studies

Archivist
Author
Copywriter
Critic
Journalist
Preservationist
Researcher
Teacher

Choosing Your Major...

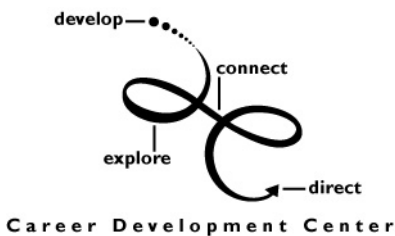
Choosing a major can be a difficult decision. If you need assistance in choosing your major or emphasis, the Career Development Center offers individual career counseling and provides career testing and assessment for current students. In addition, involvement in leadership activities, internships, part-time employment, clubs, organizations, and student government will expose you to different work and learning environments which will aid you in your decision making.

For Further Information

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