Why study film and media?
The Department of Film and Media Studies unites the inquiry of the academic with the practice and technique of the artist. Scholars and filmmakers work and study together in an environment of mutual encouragement and collegiality.

Admission to the Major
Apply to the Major
Application Term
Students may apply to the major at any time; normally no later than 60 hours, or for transfer students, during the initial term at KU. Application to this major after completion of 60 hours, or the initial KU term for transfer students, will likely delay graduation.

Film and Media Studies Programs
Film/video production experience is provided through course work at Oldfather Studios. B.A. and B.G.S. requirements are quite different, so it is important to check with a department advisor. The B.A. in film and media studies introduces students to the overall field of film and media studies and prepares them for graduate study. The B.G.S. in film and media studies prepares students broadly in film/video production.

Requirements for the Culture & Studies Emphasis
Film and Media Studies Core Knowledge and Skills (16)
Majors must complete the following courses:
- FMS 100 Introduction to Film and Media
- FMS 200 Film and Media Aesthetics
- FMS 380 American Popular Culture of: _____
- FMS 345 New Media and Society
- FMS 401 Undergraduate Professional Development Seminar
- FMS 530 Classical Film/Media Theory

Film and Media Studies Required Electives (12)
Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:
- Documentary of Experimental Film. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - FMS 592 Documentary Film and Video
  - FMS 593 Experimental Film and Video
- Cultural Studies. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - FMS 314 History of African-American Images in Film
  - FMS 315 Survey of Japanese Film
  - FMS 316 Cinemas of the Southern Cone: Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay
- FMS 620 International Women Filmmakers
- Production. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - FMS 273 Basic Screenwriting
  - FMS 275 Basic Video Production

FMS 374 Animation
FMS 310 History of the Silent Film
FMS 311 History of the American Sound Film
FMS 312 History of the International Sound Film to 1950
FMS 313 History of the International Sound Film Post 1950
FMS 621 American Film Criticism

Capstone (3)
FMS 585 Capstone in Film and Media Studies

Film and Media Electives (6)
Satisfied by 6 hours from courses in the Film & Media Studies department (any course with an FMS prefix)

Major Hours & Major GPA
While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Major Hours
Satisfied by 37 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major, of which 8 must be at the junior/senior (300+) level.

Major Junior/Senior Hours
Satisfied by a minimum of 22 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

Graduation Plan
With careful planning and commitment to a full-time course load, you can graduate in 4 years. For details please consult the department.

Requirements for the Production Emphasis
Film and Media Studies Core Knowledge and Skills (16)
Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:
- FMS 100 Introduction to Film and Media
- FMS 200 Film and Media Aesthetics
- FMS 380 American Popular Culture of: _____
- FMS 275 Basic Video Production
- FMS 401 Undergraduate Professional Development Seminar
- FMS 530 Classical Film/Media Theory

Film and Media Studies Required Electives (15)
Majors must complete a course in each of the following:
- Documentary or Experimental Film. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - FMS 592 Documentary Film and Video
  - FMS 593 Experimental Film and Video
- Screenwriting, Film Criticism, or Media. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - FMS 273 Basic Screenwriting
  - FMS 345 New Media and Society
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FMS 621  American Film Criticism

Film History. Satisfied by one of the following: 3
FMS 310  History of the Silent Film
FMS 311  History of the American Sound Film
FMS 312  History of the International Sound Film to 1950
FMS 313  History of the International Sound Film Post 1950

Majors must complete two courses in the following area: 6
Immediate Production. Satisfied by two of the following:
FMS 373  Intermediate Screenwriting
FMS 374  Animation
FMS 375  Intermediate Video Production
FMS 376  Cinematography
FMS 377  Post-Production
FMS 477  Sound Design
FMS 478  Experimental Production
FMS 479  Broadcast Documentary Production
FMS 480  Music Video Production

Capstone (3)
FMS 585  Capstone in Film and Media Studies 3

Film and Media Studies Electives (6)
Satisfied by 6 hours elected from courses in the Film & Media Studies department (any course with an FMS prefix).

Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Major Hours
Satisfied by 40 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major, of which 8 must be at the junior/senior (300+) level.

Major Junior/Senior Hours
Satisfied by a minimum of 22 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

A sample 4-year plan for a BA degree in Film & Media Studies can be found here: Film & Media Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/arts/film-media-studies/ba-bgs/ba-film-media-studies), or by using the left-side navigation.

A sample 4-year plans for the BGS degree in Film & Media Studies can be found in the left-side navigation.

Departmental Honors

An undergraduate interested in honors in film and media studies must present a written declaration of intention to the department’s honors coordinator as early as possible in the junior or senior year. The following are required:

1. A grade-point average at the time of declaration and at graduation of at least 3.25 overall and 3.5 in film and media studies courses.
2. Six hours in FMS 498 Honors Seminar. Enrollment in this course must be approved by the honors coordinator. Students in the honors seminar work under the direction of one instructor for each semester. The instructor conducts an examination at the end of each semester’s work and assigns a grade. Credit only is given to students who complete the work assigned for any semester but do not complete the requirements for honors. Students may change area of interest or instructor at the beginning of a semester with the consent of the honors coordinator.
3. Satisfactory performance in a final oral examination given approximately one month before graduation.