Master of Arts in Film and Media Studies

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.

The affiliation of the Department with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (http://clas.ku.edu/) and the School of the Arts (http://sota.ku.edu/) reflects a liberal arts perspective towards the study of film and media as well as hands-on production elements. We see film and media as ways of ordering, clarifying, and understanding human experience.

We are humanists, sharing the general goal of discovering and putting into communicable form hypotheses about human beings and the world as they interact with it. We are scholars and practitioners, and our work includes the creation of film and media, teaching, and scholarship. As a result we serve our disciplines, the University, and the surrounding community in our capacities as teachers, scholars, and artists.

Discover how film and media can change your life. In KU Film and Media Studies you'll find a community that shares your passion for film and media and is dedicated to helping you succeed in today's changing media landscape. You'll find your place here within the School of the Arts' creative community.

The M.A. degree is an academic degree, but students are also expected to complete courses in film and video production. All M.A. students must write a thesis as the culmination of their degree.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Graduate Admissions

A full list of application materials and deadlines is available on The Department of Film and Media Studies admission pages (https://film.ku.edu/admission/#Graduate%20Admission). The Department of Film and Media Studies does not admit new students for the Spring or Summer terms.

The completed application should be submitted online (https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply/).

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