GUIDEBOOK

Film & Media Studies

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**What is Film and Media Studies?**

Film and Media Studies examines a vitally important aspect of visual culture in the 20th and 21st centuries, namely the development of film, television, radio, and other electronic media as aesthetic and cultural forms. Like other areas of learning, the study of different film and media is broken down into more specific domains. These include:

- **Criticism** — the close analysis of individual films, television programs, radio broadcasts, web pages, etc. Students learn to examine the various ways that the combination and interaction of image, sound, movement, and performance affect our experience of film and media. Why do some television shows make us laugh and others make us cry? How do specific films and programs shape our thoughts and beliefs?

- **History** — the study of the historical development of film and media as art forms and as industries. A consideration of film and media in both their aesthetic and commodity functions as well as the ways film and media reflect and influence the historical moments in which they are produced.

- **Theory** — the investigation of the broader properties and aspects of the media. How do film and media communicate with its audiences? What are the social, aesthetic, and political dimensions of media as cultural forms? How do film and media challenge us, amuse us, and make us see things in new ways?

- **Practice** — creative courses in video production and screenwriting. In order to explore the film and media artist’s tools analytically, students in film and media studies need to gain something of an insider’s understanding of the tools of the trade. Creative courses aim to provide that understanding.

**Why Study Film and Media?**

As our national and international cultures become increasingly dominated by visual culture, we acknowledge the need to study those forms that provide our chief sources of entertainment and information. This need speaks to our desire to become critical viewers, knowledgeable in the history of the most popular art forms of our century and possessing the analytical skills to understand and interpret visual forms of expression.

The undergraduate major in film and media studies requires the rigorous study of history and aesthetics in an attempt to understand the creative force of an individual artwork, its relation to other artistic production, and its place in culture. Furthermore, because film and media creations are most often produced within an industrial context, the student of film and media must also study industrial and business practices. Complementing the critical studies curriculum, courses in production and screenwriting will provide an intimate understanding of the kinds of choices that film and media artists confront, further refining students’ abilities to view critically. Courses in production do not aim to provide students with professional instruction in film and media. It is not the purpose of this program to train students for professional work.
**Receive Close Personal Attention**

Unlike many larger Film and Media programs, students at Washington University receive close personal attention from our dedicated faculty. Although we have a few large lecture courses, students usually get the opportunity to discuss individual texts or ideas in smaller sections. Most of our upper-level courses have limited enrollments of 15 to 25 students per class. As a Film and Media Studies major, your academic advisor will learn your specific interests and goals, and will help to make your studies at Washington University a rich and rewarding experience.

**Enjoy Talented Visiting Scholars and Artists**

Each year you will have the chance to attend lectures and screenings by one or more notable scholars, directors, or producers. Past visitors to the Program in Film and Media Studies have included Wash U alum, screenwriter and director Harold Ramis (Caddyshack, Groundhog Day, Analyze This), Wash U alum Michael Shamberg (The Big Chill, Pulp Fiction, Erin Brockovich, Along Came Polly), Wash U alum Jon Feltheimer (CEO of Lionsgate Films), screenwriter/producer Lorenzo Carcaterra (Sleepers, Law & Order), producer Lloyd Silberman (Snow Falling on Cedars), screenwriter Carol Fuchs (No Reservations) and producer Martin Shafer (The Shawshank Redemption). Additionally, Film and Media Studies has co-sponsored guest lectures from some of our country’s preeminent film scholars, such as Richard Allen, David Bordwell, Tom Gunning, Jacqueline Stewart, Bambi Haggins, and Janet Staiger.

**Explore Your Creative Side**

Film and Media Studies offers several courses in screenwriting and video production that allow our students to fulfill their creative potential. Through exercises and projects, students receive hands on instruction and professional evaluation of their work in a workshop environment. Past students have made their own music videos, public service announcements, and fictional and documentary shorts.

**Apply Your Knowledge to Interdisciplinary Areas**

As the so-called seventh art, film has often been viewed as a synthetic art form that combines elements of several other kinds of creative expression. As such, Film and Media students are able to use what they have learned in the study of other art forms, such as:

- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Music
- Painting
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Theater

Beyond that, however, the theoretical, historical, and cultural dimensions of Film and Media Studies make it relevant to several other areas of learning. Many of our majors choose to double major in a related field, and a number of our courses are crosslisted with other
departments and programs. You will readily find the opportunity of combining your interests in Film and Media with related studies in:

- American Culture Studies
- Art History
- Business
- Comparative Literature
- Cultural Studies
- Economics
- English
- Germanic Languages and Literatures
- History
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Romance Languages
- Sociology
- Women’s Studies

**Find the Path to Many Careers**

The knowledge and skills you learn in Film and Media Studies will help prepare you for many different kinds of careers. Because we emphasize writing and critical thinking skills as well as the body of knowledge that constitutes our discipline, students are trained to have the kinds of intellectual and communication skills that many employers seek. Your studies can help you become an:

- Advertising Manager
- Agent
- Archivist
- Art historian
- Attorney
- Broadcaster
- Business Manager
- Cinematographer
- Copywriter
- Documentarian
- Entertainment Lawyer
- Film Critic
- Film Editor
- Filmmaker
- Film, television, or stage performer
- Historian
- Journalist
- Librarian
- Manuscript Reader
- Movie Theater Manager
- Novelist
- Production Assistant
- Publicist
- Publisher
- Researcher
- Screenwriter
- Teacher/Professor
- Television Critic
- Television Producer
- Web Designer

Students, who gain skills in writing and analysis, as they should in any rigorous course of study in the humanities, can work in many professions, such as journalism and publishing, business, law, medicine, social work, and teaching. Film and media majors who seek careers in the entertainment and information industries will certainly gain an intellectual perspective on these forms that should enhance their professional lives. But this major will also benefit any student looking at other possible professions because it shares the aim of a liberal arts curriculum to train students in rigorous analytical thinking and provide them with historical knowledge.


**Requirements for the Major**

The following are required courses for the Film and Media Studies Major:

- **Film 220  Introduction to Film Studies** – Offered every fall  
  3 credits
- **Film 225 Making Movies OR Film 352 Introduction to Screenwriting** – both are offered every fall and spring  
  3 credits
- **Film 330 History of American Cinema** – Offered every spring  
  3 credits
- **Film 340 History of World Cinema** – Offered every fall  
  3 credits
- **Film 350 History of Electronic Media** – Offered every spring  
  3 credits
- **Film 420 Film Theory** – Offered every spring  
  3 credits

In addition to these required courses, students must take twelve credits in advanced electives (300 or higher). All students must take one three-credit elective that focuses on a national cinema other than the United States. Additionally, all students must take one three-credit critical studies elective at the 400-level or above. A 400 level elective in national cinema may satisfy both these elective requirements but a total of 12 hours in electives is still required. Electives in critical studies may be drawn from courses on individual directors, genre study, limited historical periods, study of individual crafts, such as acting, and so on. Students with an interest in production may count two production and/or screenwriting courses towards the major within these twelve elective hours.

**Requirements for the Minor**

The following are required courses for the Film and Media Studies Minor:

- **Film 220  Introduction to Film Studies** – Offered every fall  
  3 credits
- **Film 330 History of American Cinema** – Offered every spring  
  3 credits
- **Film 340 History of World Cinema** – Offered every fall  
  3 credits
- **Film 350 History of Electronic Media** – Offered every spring  
  3 credits

In addition to these required courses, students must also take a 3 credit advanced elective course to complete the minor. Courses that are internships or independent study do not count towards credit in the minor.

**Graduate Certificate in Film & Media Studies**

The Program in Film & Media Studies offers a Graduate Certificate. This program is designed to provide Ph.D. students with interests in the theories and history of “visual culture” an opportunity to extend their formal intellectual training into one of the 20th and 21st century's most influential artistic and cultural arenas. The Graduate Certificate Program in Film & Media Studies will assure that graduate students accepted into this program acquire appropriate graduate level knowledge in film and media studies approaches to criticism, history, and theory. While providing substantial knowledge in the discipline of Film & Me-
Film and Media Studies, completion of this program also gives a student a secondary research and instructional specialty and enhances the ability to do interdisciplinary research.

Fifteen units are required for the Graduate Certificate in Film & Media Studies. Six of those hours may also count towards the Ph.D. requirements. In employing this overlap, students who earn the Graduate Certificate in Film & Media Studies with their Ph.D. may complete a total of eighty-one units rather than the seventy-two units required for the Ph.D. alone. Students should check with their doctoral home unit. Students in the Graduate Certificate Program must fulfill all requirements of the Ph.D. expected by their respective home departments and the Graduate School in order to receive the Certificate. Students interested in applying for the Graduate Certificate in Film and Media Studies should contact Prof. Gaylyn Studlar

Requirements for the Graduate Certificate

The following are required courses for the Film and Media Studies Graduate Certificate:

CORE COURSES (9 credits):
- Film 501 Advanced Moving Image Analysis and Criticism 3 credits
- Film 421 Film Historiography
  OR
- Film 423 Histories of Media Convergences
  OR
- Film 502 Seminar in History of Film and/or Electronic Media 3 credits

One of the following theory courses is required as part of the core:
- L53 419 Theories of Mass Media 3 credits
- L53 420 Film Theory 3 credits
- L53 450 American Film Genres (genre theory) 3 credits
- Any 400 or 500 level course in film or electronic media theory.

FMS Certificate students also have two electives (six units) that may be taken at the 400 or 500 level and developed in an advising plan subject to approval of the FMS advisor and of the Director of Graduate Studies of the student’s home unit:

TWO ELECTIVES (6 credits):
- Elective in Film & Media L53 400 level or higher 3 credits
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- ELECTIVE: Courses originating in FMS or crosslisted with FMS, or offered in another unit and approved by the student’s FMS advisor.

COURSES MARKED ** in the Spring 2015 CURRICULUM POTENTIALLY COUNT TOWARDS THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE.
A student may choose to take one Independent Study of three credits (L53 500) with an FMS faculty member as an elective. This study should relate to a specialized topic mutually agreed upon by the student, his/her FMS study advisor and the Chair of the Graduate Certificate Program. Although students are expected to benefit from elective courses offered by Film & Media Studies core and affiliated faculty, they may take other, film-related courses as may be offered by other departments and by faculty not affiliated with FMS. To be included in the graduate certificate coursework, classes that fall within this category require approval by the student’s advisor in Film & Media Studies and her or his home unit Director of Graduate Studies.

**Master's Degree**

The Program in Film & Media Studies offers a Master’s degree in Film & Media Studies. This program is open to applicants with an undergraduate degree from institutions of higher learning who wish to earn a master’s degree. Students already enrolled at Washington University in St. Louis may wish to consider this program as part of an accelerated A.B./A.M. option. This program is designed to provide students who are interested in the history, criticism, and theories of moving image-based visual culture, from the 19th through the 21st centuries, an opportunity to extend their formal intellectual training and explore film and electronic media as evolving global phenomena. The degree will advance a student’s scholarly understanding of all forms of the moving image and their artistic, cultural, industrial, philosophical, political, and social implications. In addition to providing knowledge, the degree will emphasize multiple approaches of academic study of the subject that may lead to curating, researching, teaching, and other professional activities centered on film and other moving image media as key aspects of visual culture centrally implicated in debates about culture and commerce, art and technology, entertainment and ideology.

Students who are currently seniors at Washington University may apply for this program as a combined A.B./A.M. degree until August 1, 2015 for a Fall 2015 start. Until January 15, 2015, we will be accepting applications from students from other colleges and universities who wish to start the M.A. in Fall semester 2015. Washington University students who are admitted in the combined A.B./A.M. program may have up to sixteen hours of course credit in film and media studies at the 400 level considered for application to A.M. degree requirements. Students who are not seniors but are interested in considering the combined degree should consult with the Director of FMS, Professor Gaylyn Studlar.

More information may be found by visiting the Film & Media Studies website: [fms.artsci.wustl.edu](http://fms.artsci.wustl.edu)
**Fall 2015 Curriculum**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** 400-level Film and Media Studies courses are taught at the highest undergraduate or beginning graduate level. As such, these courses will presume some prior knowledge of film history, film analysis, and basic elements of film form. Students who are interested in taking a 400-level FMS course should have some prior experience with other film courses or must demonstrate a reasonable degree of academic maturity.

**L53 Film 200 — Special Projects**
This course is intended for freshmen and sophomores who wish to register for internships. *Students must receive Program approval and file the Learning Agreement with the Career Center BEFORE the internship begins.* Please consult the Program guidelines governing internships. NOTE: Internships may only be taken Pass/Fail. Credit variable, maximum 3 units. Offered **fall and spring semesters.** *(Faculty)*

**L53 Film 220 — Introduction to Film Studies**
How do film images create meaning? What are the tools the film artist uses to create images? This course will introduce students to basic techniques of film production and formal methodologies for analyzing film art. Students will learn the essential components of film language -- staging, camera placement, camera movement, editing, lighting, special effects, film stock, lenses -- to heighten perceptual skills in viewing films and increase critical understanding of the ways films function as visual discourse. The course is foundational for the major in film and media studies. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Monday at 7:00 p.m. *(Burnett)*

**L53 Film 225 — Making Movies**
This course introduces the core concepts and skills for producing dramatic narrative film and video, building on the Hollywood paradigm. No previous technical experience is required, but students should have taken or be concurrently enrolled in Film 220. This course teaches students how films are put together to tell stories, negotiating between the possibilities of cinematic language and the practicalities of working with machines and other people. In order to develop an understanding of filmic narration, students will learn the basics of camera operation, lighting, digital video editing, sound design and recording, casting and directing actors, visual composition and art direction, production planning and organization. These concepts will be put into practice through a series of exercises culminating in a creative, narrative short digital video. This course fulfills the prerequisite for 300 and 400 level video and film production courses in Film and Media Studies and the production requirement in the FMS major. Enrollment by wait-list. Majors have priority for enrollment. Credit 3 units. Offered **fall and spring semesters. This course counts as a production elective.** *(Staff)*

**L53 Film 320 — British Cinema: A History**
In cinema, as in politics, Britain is caught awkwardly between America and Europe, never quite knowing how to position itself. Should it try to compete seriously with Hollywood, or develop a smaller-scale and more distinctive national cinema on the French or Swedish model? This uncertainty has commonly been seen as a weakness but it can be seen, con-
versely, as a strength, fostering a rich diversity and complexity both in the output overall and in the work of key British film-makers like Michael Powell, David Lean, Humphrey Jennings, Mike Leigh, and, in the first half of his career, Alfred Hitchcock. This course traces the fortunes of British cinema from its lively beginnings through a switchback history of slump and recovery, giving equal attention to the work of high-profile directors like Hitchcock and to important genres like 1930s documentary, Ealing comedy, and Hammer horror. A continuing theme is the complex economic relationship between British cinema and Hollywood: trade barriers, co-productions, the shift of talent to as well as from Hollywood, and the intermittent success of British films in the American market. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Monday at 4:00 p.m. (Studlar)

L53 Film 340 — History of World Cinema
The course surveys the history of cinema as it developed in nations other than the United States. Beginning with the initially dominant film producing nations of Western Europe, which soon found themselves threatened by the economic power of the Hollywood film industry, this course will consider the development of various national cinemas in Europe, Asia, and third world countries. The course will seek to develop an understanding of each individual film both as an expression of a national culture as well as a possible response to international movements in other art forms. Throughout, the course will consider how various national cinemas sought ways of dealing with the pervasiveness of Hollywood films, developing their own distinctive styles, which could in turn influence American cinema itself. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (Lewis)

L53 Film 349 — Media Cultures
This course is an introduction to the field of media and cultural studies. Through a focus on television and new media, it analyzes current theoretical ideas and debates about culture. Main topics include the relationship between new technologies and everyday life and popular culture; analysis of media messages and images; how media help construct new identities and mark differences between groups; analysis of the globalization of the production and circulation of media culture; the rise of multimedia cultural industries; and the role of the audience. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. (Staff)

L53 Film 352 — Introduction to Screenwriting
Writers will explore the various elements, structure and styles used in crafting a motion picture screenplay. They will experience this process as they conceive, develop and execute the first act of a feature-length script. Writers will create a screenplay story, present an outline for class discussion and analysis, and then craft Act One. Writers will be encouraged to consult with the instructor at various stages: concept, outline, character and scene development and dialogue execution. While the students fashion their screenwriting independently, the class will also explore the general elements of THEME, GENRE, and VOICE. A more specific examination of mechanics, the nuts and bolts of story construction, plotting, pacing, etc. will follow to support the ongoing writing process. In-class exercises will aid the writer in sharpening skills and discovering new approaches to form and content. Writers’ work will be shared and discussed regularly in class. Screening of film scenes and sequences will provide students with concrete examples of how dramatic screenwriting evolves once it leaves the writer’s hands. Credit 3 units. Offered fall and spring semesters. (Chapman) This course counts as a production elective. SPECIAL NOTE: Admis-
sion by wait-list only. Preference will be given to Film & Media Studies AND English majors/minors.

**L53 Film 423 — Histories of Media Convergence**

Entertainment and communications forms combine and blend, and they have done so across millennia. However, the phenomenon of media convergence has taken on a special salience over the last one-and-a-half-centuries, as exemplified by the growing intermixture of film, radio, television, gaming and the internet. In particular, critics, consumers, politicians and producers used convergence as structuring principle in understanding, regulating and planning for the future of media culture. This course engages with contemporary worries and enthusiasms about convergence by considering the specific conditions in which the phenomenon has been understood and practiced. Tracing a historical arc through the 20th century, we first examine convergences of radio and film, film and music publishing, television and film exhibition, and disparate corporate entities as basis for understanding more recent media combinations. Building on that foundation, the majority of the course consists of case studies of media convergence since 1980, considering it in terms of industry, technology, regulation and audiences. These case studies also provide students with a survey of and inquiry into questions of historiographic theory and method. Note: This course satisfies the history and historiography requirement for the FMS Graduate Certificate. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Monday at 4:00 p.m. *(Staff)*

**L53 Film 432 — Global Art Cinema**

How do art films tell stories? The dominant storytelling genre of the contemporary festival circuit, the art film has since World War Two combined "realist" and "modernist" impulses. Influenced by Italian neorealism, art films grant priority to characters from working class, sexual, and other exploited and imperiled minorities. Drawing on the fine arts, literature and music, art films also experiment with modernist themes and formal principles, such as subjectivity, duration, serial structure, denotative ambiguity and reflexivity. This course explores art cinema from a variety of national contexts, analyzing storytelling techniques and themes that challenge the "economical" and diverting forms associated with mainstream commercial filmmaking. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. *(Burnett)*

**L53 Film 443 — Memory, Tears, and Longing: East Asian Melodrama Film**

Excessive emotion, unreasonable sacrifice, hidden truth, untimely knowledge, and forbidden desire-the power of melodrama and its moving representations have fueled the popularity of hundreds, if not thousands, of books, plays, and films. Melodrama has variously been defined as a genre, a logic, an affect, and a mode, applied to diverse media, divergent cultural traditions, and different historical contexts. The course provides a survey of East Asian melodrama films as well as films that challenge conventional definitions of melodrama-by pairing Japanese, Korean, and Chinese-language productions with key critical texts in melodrama studies. We will see classics such as Tokyo Story, Two Stage Sisters, and The Housemaid. We will examine melodrama’s complex ties to modernity, tradition, and cultural transformation in East Asia; special emphasis will be placed on representations of the family, historical change, gender, and sexuality. In addition to historical background and film studies concepts, we will also consider a range of approaches for thinking about
the aesthetics and politics of emotion. No prerequisites. No prior knowledge of East Asian culture or language necessary. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (Lewis)

**L53 Film 450 — American Film Genres**
By close examination of three or four specific types of film narratives, this course will explore how genre has functioned in the Hollywood mode of production. Students will gain an understanding of genre both as a critical construct as well as a form created by practical economic concerns, a means of creating extratextual communication between film artist/producers and audience/consumers. Genres for study will be chosen from the western, the gangster film, the horror movie, the musical, screwball comedy, science fiction, the family melodrama, the woman's film, and others. In addition to film showings, there will be readings in genre theory as well as genre analyses of individual films. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. (Paul)

**L53 Film 475 — Screening of the Holocaust**
This course surveys the history of Holocaust representation on film, examining a wide range of documentary and fictional works from 1945 to the present day. Discussions will consider a number of key questions, including: What challenges does the Holocaust pose to cinematic representation, and how have filmmakers grappled with them? How have directors worked within and against notions of the Holocaust as unrepresentable, and how have they confronted the challenge of its association with a limited set of highly iconic images? What are the more general ethical and political dimensions of representing the Holocaust onscreen -- its victims as well as its perpetrators, the systematic genocidal violence that characterized it, and the sheer absence of so many dead? We will also probe the changing significance of cinematic representation of the Holocaust, exploring the medium's increasingly memorial function for audiences ever further removed from the historical moment of its occurrence. Screenings may include The Last Stage; Distant Journey; Night and Fog; Judgment at Nuremberg; Shoah; Europa, Europa; Schindler’s List; Train of Life; The Specialist; Photographer; A Film Unfinished. Critical readings by figures such as Giorgio Agamben, Jean Amery, Shoshana Felman, Geoffrey Hartman, Marianne Hirsch, Sidra Israhi, Dominick LaCapra, Alison Landsberg, Berel Lang, Michael Rottenberg, and James Young. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Thursday at 4:00 p.m. (Kapczynski)

**L53 Film 495 — Special Projects**
This course is intended for juniors and seniors who wish to register for internships. **Students must receive Program approval and file the Learning Agreement with the Career Center BEFORE the internship begins.** Please consult the Program guidelines governing internships. NOTE: Internships may only be taken Pass/Fail. Credit variable, maximum 3 units.
Offered **fall and spring semesters.** (Faculty)

**L53 Film 499 — Study for Honors**
This course is intended for majors pursuing honors in Film and Media Studies. In order to enroll for this course, students must apply in advance for honors and be approved by a faculty committee. Please consult A&S and the Program guidelines for application deadlines and other requirements. Credit 3 units. Offered **fall and spring semesters.** (Faculty)
L53 Film 500 — Independent Study**
This course is intended for students who wish to pursue areas of study not available within the standard curriculum. In order to enroll for this course, students must have a faculty adviser and submit a contract outlining the work for the course to the Film and Media Studies office. Please consult the Program guidelines governing independent study work. Credit variable, maximum 3 units. Offered fall and spring semesters. (Faculty)

L53 Film 501 — Advanced Moving Image Analysis and Criticism**
This course will explore the analytical tools that have served as the foundation for cinematic and televisual academic criticism. The variety of texts, visual and aural, that comprise moving image production will be considered with the aim of determining how textual strategies structure perception. The aim of the course is two-fold: to have students develop analytical skills for dealing with film and video texts, but also to see how these have been deployed in a multiplicity of approaches/applications offered by academic film criticism. There will be regular screenings to provide the material for analysis, as well as readings to offer a variety of critical models. Credit 3 units. REQUIRED SCREENING TIME: Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Paul)

L53 Film 510 — Graduate Practicum in Film & Media Studies**
The practicum in Film & Media Studies seeks to make our graduate students more competitive in the job market. It consists of professional experience that brings to bear academic knowledge and skills associated with the graduate study of moving image media (film, television, digital). The practicum may take a number of forms, but in every case, the experience must be planned in a way that contributes to the student’s professional development. It might consist of work curating films for a screening or mini-festival accompanied by screening notes or other activities that enhance the academic value of the event. The student might organize a reading group or a scholarly symposium or lecture series to further the understanding of a particular aspect of the moving image on campus. The practicum may also consist of archival, or curatorial work in forms of the moving image at an archive, museum, or other non-profit organization (such as the St. Louis International Film Festival). The student might also pursue a film/media-centered oral history project or develop a film/media-centered blog or engage in other forms of writing that have a public presence. Students may initiate other projects, but any practicum requires a faculty mentor and in circumstances in which there is a collaborating organization, a letter of endorsement of the practicum from the student’s on-site supervisor. Every student presents a written proposal/plan for any practicum to the DGS and to the faculty mentor/advisor. Both faculty must give permission to the plan and determine the appropriate number of credit hours (variable 1 to 3). Students may sign up for the practicum more than once to satisfy the 3 credits required in this area for the FMS master’s degree; however, only one practicum should be pursued in a given semester. If there is a site supervisor, she/he must provide a letter upon completion of the practicum detailing the student’s work and its quality. The student must provide a brief narrative (2 to 5 pages) detailing how the practicum served as a learning experience. The faculty advisor will award the grade for the practicum. Variable Credit. Maximum units 3 per semester.
**Independent Study**

Opportunities for Independent Study are available to all undergraduate and graduate students working toward a degree in Arts and Sciences. Registration in an Independent Study requires sponsorship by a faculty member and approval of the Program Director. An Independent Study Proposal form can be obtained from the Film and Media Studies Office. All proposals for Film 500 have to be submitted to the FMS main office no later than November 1st for spring semester enrollment and April 1st for Film 500 to be taken in the fall semester. Approval is not automatic.

The Independent Study course may be taken for 1 to 3 units per semester, depending upon the proposed work load. A total of 3 units of independent study may be counted toward the major. No more than 18 units of independent study will be counted toward the 120 units required to complete the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The purpose of an Independent Study course is to provide advanced study in a particular area of more specialized research or creative enterprise. Independent Study courses cannot be used to replace required courses for the major or to replace courses that are regularly offered in the curriculum. A proposal for an Independent Study should demonstrate that the planned course of study deals with material not offered in any other part of the curriculum. For a typical 3 unit Independent Study, particular projects may take the form of long research papers (20-25 pages). Approval of Independent Study courses will only be granted for students who have completed necessary prerequisites for their particular project. For example, students should not expect to do an independent study on the Western unless they have already taken Film 450, “American Film Genres.”

**Senior Honors**

Senior Honors Thesis is a six unit, yearlong academic project available to seniors who are eligible for Latin Honors. Students are eligible to attempt Latin Honors if they have achieved the cumulative GPA of 3.65 as set by the College and a 3.5 GPA in the major by the end of their sixth semester. If, however, the student falls below the designated cumulative GPA in the major or in their overall coursework during their seventh semester, they are no longer eligible to receive Latin Honors.

As a six unit project, the Senior Honors Thesis is intended to be a conceptually challenging, intellectually rewarding, and labor intensive learning experience that deepen a student’s understanding and appreciation of study in the field. Within the Film and Media Studies Program two types of projects may be undertaken as a Senior Honors Thesis: a historical or critical studies research project or a screenplay.

Ordinarily, to undertake a historical or critical studies research project, students should have completed the Film and Media Studies core courses. Students who have not completed the core will be considered, but they must show a significant breadth of study in FMS. For this project, students writing a critically- or historically-based thesis (no less than 40, no more than 70 pages) will accomplish the careful study and thorough research of a single
Students who choose to write a screenplay should have taken Film 352, “Introduction to Screenwriting” and Film 452, “Advanced Screenwriting” as well as core studies classes. Student proposals in this area should clearly articulate the ways in which their project will deepen their critical understanding of film. Included with the final screenplay submission, the student must also write a short paper (5-7 pages) proving analytical reflection on the screenplay’s relationship to filmic or televisual precursors of its type.

Students interested in doing a Senior Honors Thesis who have the requisite grade point averages (Cumulative and in the Major) should find an appropriate faculty member to serve as advisor and prepare a two-page proposal describing their project and (for historical/critical studies theses) a preliminary bibliography. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain necessary feedback from their advisor prior to completion of submitted application material, which should be sent directly to the director of FMS by March 15. Candidates will receive notice of whether they have received permission to attempt Latin Honors by the end of April.

**Internships**

1. Students may not receive credit for work done for pay.

2. Each internship must have a faculty sponsor. More often than not, a student’s academic advisor will fill this role. As sponsor, your advisor will make sure that the requirements for credit are met and that the work is of a substantial nature commensurate with the acquisition of skills of college-educated employees. Detailed supervision of the intern in his or her job is the responsibility of the intern’s site supervisor.

3. Registration in an internship for credit shall be conditional on satisfactory completion of the “Learning Agreement” form provided by the Career Center and the submission of this form to both the Career Center and faculty sponsor. A signed Learning Agreement must be submitted no later than one week into the start of the internship. No internship will be approved for credit after this deadline has passed.

4. Work completed during the internship should contribute to the student’s academic or professional development. Work should be of the type that requires a college education.
5. Credit awarded for an internship shall correspond to the time spent in work activities. For a typical three-unit registration, the student is expected to work 8 to 10 hours per week for 13 to 14 weeks. Registration for one or two units is possible for internships that require less work time. Summer internships may have a shorter duration with a corresponding increase in the number of hours worked in each week so that the total hours worked per unit of credit is similar to what students complete during a normal semester.

6. Students may complete the work for an internship over the summer (or other time when they are not registered) and receive credit during the subsequent semester. However, if a student has never registered at Washington University, they are not eligible for an internship until such registration has taken place. Any internship completed in this way, however, must satisfy all the requirements outlined here. As noted earlier, the Learning Agreement must be obtained prior to beginning work at the internship site. (See point 3)

Summer work completed for credit that requires the regular participation and supervision of faculty, on site or on campus, will not be considered for internship credit.

7. Internships shall require written work to be reviewed by the faculty sponsor. The assignments shall be specified before work on the internship begins, and they shall be written into the Learning Agreement signed by the student and faculty sponsor.

8. The student shall obtain a signed final evaluation letter from his or her site supervisor that evaluates the student's work and verifies that the student has worked upon the agreed-upon number of hours. The student shall submit this completed letter to the faculty sponsor with the written Learning Agreement.

9. Students may count no more than 6 units of internship credit toward the 120 units required for graduation. Students may not receive more than 3 units of internship credit in any semester. Internship credits do not count toward major or advanced unit requirements.

10. Because faculty are not involved in detailed supervision of the student’s work during an internship, internships shall be offered for pass/fail credit grades only. Internship credits therefore count towards the maximum of 18 units of credit/no credit units that may be applied toward graduation requirements.

If you are interested in an internship, the Career Center maintains an extensive list of internship opportunities and provides assistance in locating and organizing a good internship experience. The Career Center's list of internship opportunities can be accessed via the Internet at http://careers.wustl.edu. If a student finds his or her own internship opportunity, however, the student must still contact the Career Center to file a Learning Agreement before the internship starts.
**Film and Media Studies Faculty**

Assistant Professor **Colin Burnett**, who earned his Ph.D. in Film at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (2011), is writing a book tentatively titled, *The Invention of Robert Bresson: Cinephile Culture and the Cinéma d’Auteur in Postwar France*. It examines the two figures exemplary of postwar French film culture, the auteur and the cinéphile, to uncover the role that social mechanisms involving them, like reciprocity and language, played in the evolution of the canonical auteur Robert Bresson’s personal style and reputation. He has just completed two articles, one on the Indian parallel filmmaker Mani Kaul and another on Gilles Deleuze’s approach to the history of film style. He has co-edited, along with Dudley Andrew, a special issue of *Post Script: Essays on Film and the Humanities* devoted to the film and photography writings of Susan Sontag. Among other publications, he has written articles on directorial intentionality and the dynamics of collaborative artistic problem-solving for *The Blackwell Companion to Media Authorship* (eds. Jonathan Gray and Derek Johnson) and on the “cinema(s) of quality” for *The Directory of World Cinema: France* (eds. Tim Palmer and Charlie Michael). [cburnett@wustl.edu](mailto:cburnett@wustl.edu)

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