

# FILM STUDIES, BA

The Department of Film Studies' BA program focuses on the history, theory and criticism of film and television. Students learn how to critically analyze the impact of film and television on individuals and society; make connections between media, historical themes and cultural change; and compare different formats. Film and media cross time periods and locations, languages and cultures. The courses that a well-rounded Film Studies student will take are equally as diverse. The major blends courses in Film Studies with classes from English, Art History, Comparative Literature, History, Religious Studies, French, Italian, Japanese, and other languages. UWM students have the advantage of being in the heart of the largest city in Wisconsin, home to a lively art house movie scene, a growing independent film industry, and a thriving cinematic culture.

Students who are more interested in film and video production process and who are looking to become a filmmaker or videographer may wish to also explore the majors offered through UWM's Peck School of the Arts.

Additional courses that count toward the major are offered by the following departments in the College of Letters and Science:

- Art History
- English
- Foreign Languages and Linguistics
- French, Italian, and Comparative Literature
- Journalism, Advertising, and Media Studies

Lower division film production courses are offered by the Peck School of the Arts' Film Department, and may count towards a student's elective course requirements.

## Requirements

### Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

### University General Education Requirements (GER)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Oral and Written Communication</b>		
<i>Part A</i>		
ENGLISH 102	College Writing and Research (or equivalent)	
<i>Part B</i>		
Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement		

### Quantitative Literacy

#### Part A

Select one of the following:

MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning <sup>1</sup>
or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning
Or equivalent course	

#### Part B

Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

### Arts

Select 3 credits 3

### Humanities

Select 6 credits 6

### Social Sciences

Select 6 credits 6

### Natural Sciences

Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab) 6

### UWM Foreign Language Requirement

Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:

Two years (high school) of a single foreign language

Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language

Or equivalent

### UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement

One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM's Cultural Diversity requirement

<sup>1</sup> Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

## College of Letters & Science Requirements

### I. English Writing Requirement

Students must satisfy the English Writing Requirement by completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher or by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT).

**Note:** This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part A. The College of Letters & Science does not have a specific requirement for a writing course beyond English 102, but students must complete the university-wide requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part B listed above.

### II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning

To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a Math Placement score of at least 30 or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy for College Students II	3

MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics	3
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra	3
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II	3
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning <sup>1</sup>	3
or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning	
MATH 175	Mathematical Explorations for Elementary Teachers I	3

<sup>1</sup> Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

**Note:** This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part A, listed above.

2. Complete one course (at least 3 credits) at the 200 level or above chosen from courses in Mathematics, PHILOS 211, or Letters and Science statistics courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one of the following:		
3 or more credits in any 200-level or above Math course		
AFRIC 220	Introduction to Statistics in African and African Diaspora Studies	
ANTHRO 568	Introduction to Anthropological Statistics	
ATM SCI 500	Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences	
BIO SCI 465	Biostatistics	
ECON 210	Economic Statistics	
GEOG 247	Quantitative Analysis in Geography	
HIST 595	The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data	
MTHSTAT 215	Elementary Statistical Analysis	
PHILOS 211	Elementary Logic	
POL SCI 390	Political Data Analysis	
POL SCI 392	Survey Research	
PSYCH 210	Psychological Statistics	
SOCIOL 261	Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology	

**Note:** This requirement is NOT the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BA, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. The courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.

### III. Foreign Language Requirement

Placement testing may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Foreign Language GER, but not vice versa.

Code	Title	Credits
Completed in one of the following ways:		0-18
Successful completion of the 4th semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language)		
Successful completion of the 3rd semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language) PLUS the 2nd semester of college work or equivalent in another language other than English (including American Sign Language)		

### IV. International Requirement

See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement>) for course options.

Code	Title	Credits
Completed in one of the following ways:		9
Complete 3 courses (min. 9 cr) in a single foreign language (not including literature-in-translation or American Sign Language) at the 3rd semester level and above		
Complete 3 non-language courses (min. 9 credits) with an international content chosen from at least 2 curricular areas.		
Complete 9 credits in combination of the two options above.		

### V. Breadth Requirement

Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural Diversity (CD/+) designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Arts</b>		
Select 3 credits		3
<b>Humanities</b>		
Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Humanities Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area. *		12
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. *		12
<b>Natural Sciences</b>		
Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Natural Sciences Breadth designation, including at least one laboratory or field course; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. *		12
<b>Cultural Diversity</b>		
Complete 3 credits in a course with Cultural Diversity (CD) designation. **		3

\* Students should check their course selections carefully with the list of approved L&S Breadth Courses (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list>). Students are advised to select at least 6 credits worth of courses in each of the Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences areas that can satisfy both the campus-wide General Education Requirements and the L&S Breadth requirement.

\*\* Students are advised to select a course that satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as a Humanities or Social Science breadth/GER requirement.

### VI. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

### Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement>).

### VII. The Minor

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

## Film Studies Major Requirements

A total of 36 credits is required for the major, at least 18 in upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above), with at least 15 of them taken in residence at UWM. Students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all UWM credits attempted for the major. In addition, the College requires that students attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Students must complete the requirements specified below.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core</b>		
ARTHIST/FILMSTD 205	History of Film I: Development of an Art	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 290	Introduction to Film Studies	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 390	Classical Film Criticism and Theory (offered fall semester only)	3
FILMSTD 690	Seminar in Contemporary Cinema and Media: (satisfies L&S research requirement; offered spring semester only)	3
<b>Intermediate-Level Requirement</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
ARTHIST/ENGLISH/FILMSTD 111	Entertainment Arts: Film, Television, and the Internet	
ARTHIST/FILMSTD 206	History of Film II: Development of an Art	
COMPLIT 233	Literature and Film:	
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 286	Writing about Film and Television	
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 291	Introduction to Television Studies (if not selected above)	
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 293	Literature and Media:	

ENGLISH/FILMSTD 294	Game Culture	
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 295	Women and Film	
FILM 201	Introduction to Experimental Media Arts <sup>1</sup>	
FILM 203	Media Workshop: <sup>1</sup>	
FILM 220	16mm Filmmaking II <sup>1</sup>	
FILM 222	Introduction to Digital Filmmaking <sup>1</sup>	
FILMSTD 212	Intermediate Topics in Film Studies:	
FILMSTD 299	Ad Hoc:	
ITALIAN 229	Italian Cinema	
JAMS 260	Contemporary Non-Fiction Media	
<b>Advanced-Level (300 and above) Electives</b>		
Select 6 credits from the following (focusing on world/global/international cinema):		6
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 316	World Cinema:	
FILMSTD 412	Global Cinemas - Cinematic Practices in the Context of Globalization:	
Or other appropriate courses approved by the Director		
Select 12 additional credits (see below)		12
Total Credits		36

<sup>1</sup> A maximum of 3 credits in Film Department courses (FILM) may count toward the intermediate-level course requirement.

### Advanced-Level Electives

The following is a partial list. Other variable content courses with appropriate subtitles may be approved on a semester-by-semester basis to count toward the major. See the list published in the Schedule of Classes (<http://www4.uwm.edu/schedule>) under affiliated Film Studies courses, the Film Studies website, or the program advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
ARTHIST/FILMSTD 308	Film Styles:	3
COMPLIT 360	Seminar in Literature and Cultural Experience: (New Chinese Cinemas)	3
COMPLIT 461	Film-Fiction Interaction:	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 312	Topics in Film Studies:	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 316	World Cinema:	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 320	Studies in Film Authorship:	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 329	Film and Literature	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 380	Media and Society:	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 383	Cinema and Genre:	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 391	Television Criticism and Theory	3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 394	Theories of Mass Culture:	3
FILMSTD/JEWISH 350	Global Jewish Film and Television:	3
FILMSTD 412	Global Cinemas - Cinematic Practices in the Context of Globalization:	3
FILMSTD 489	Internship in Film Studies, Upper Division	1-6
FILMSTD 499	Ad Hoc:	1-6
FILMSTD 669	Screening Sexuality:	3
FILMSTD 699	Independent Work	1-3

FRENCH 451	Cinema of the French-Speaking World:	3
ITALIAN 629	Major Film Directors:	3
JAMS 562	Media Studies and Culture <sup>1</sup>	3
JAMS 620	Seminar in Global Media <sup>1</sup>	3

<sup>1</sup> A maximum of 3 credits in JAMS courses may count toward the advanced-level course requirement.

## Letters & Science Advising

The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus' general education requirements and the College's degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (<https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising>) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Student Success Collaborative website (<https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com>) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email [let-sci@uwm.edu](mailto:let-sci@uwm.edu).

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the "Declaration of Major" information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.

## Honors in the Major

Film Studies majors who have maintained at least a 3.500 GPA in courses for the major, a 3.500 GPA on all advanced (300-level and above) courses in the major, and a 3.000 GPA overall on all UWM courses attempted may apply to the Film Studies undergraduate advisor to graduate with "Honors in the Major."

## Honors in the College of Letters and Science

### Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

## Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college>) section of this site.

## Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. In schools and colleges in which fewer than 15% of the traditional students have a 3.500 GPA, all-university honors will be awarded to approximately the top 15% of graduating students. A criterion GPA (not lower than 3.200) for this 15% will be calculated based on statistics from the previous comparable semester. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

## Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.

## Contact Information

Current Students contact Associate Lecturer Zachary Finch at [zfinch@uwm.edu](mailto:zfinch@uwm.edu)

Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor at (414) 229-7711 or [let-sci@uwm.edu](mailto:let-sci@uwm.edu)

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