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)

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Part B

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

Quantitative Literacy

Part A

Earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course, or achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department)

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Or equivalent course

Part B

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

Arts

Select 3 credits

Humanities

Select 6 credits

Social Sciences

Select 6 credits

Natural Sciences

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

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

¹ 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 Composition Requirement

Students must satisfy the English Composition Requirement with one of the following options:

1) Completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher; or

2) by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT) (or other assessment as determined by the English Department); or

3) transferring a course of at least 2.5 equivalent credits from another institution that is equivalent to English 102, or a UWM higher-level expository writing course, with a grade of C or higher.
**II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning**

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

1. Achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department) or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

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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:

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Complete in one of the following:

- 3 or more credits in any 200-level or above Math course
- 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.

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

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**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.

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- 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.

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**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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- 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 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**
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- Select 3 credits
- Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Humanities Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area. *
- Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. *
Evidence work. Students must complete the requirements specified below. In addition, the College requires that students reside at UWM. Students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all UWM credits 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 minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.  **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.

**Intermediate-Level Requirement**
Select two of the following:

- 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 294 Game Culture
- ENGLISH/FILMSTD 295 Women in Film, Television, and Digital Media
- FILM 201 Introduction to Experimental Media Arts
- FILM 203 Media Workshop: 1
- FILM 220 16mm Filmmaking 1
- FILM 222 Digital Filmmaking 1
- FILMSTD 212 Intermediate Topics in Film and Television Studies:
- FILMSTD 299 Ad Hoc:
- ITALIAN 229 Italian Cinema

**Advanced-Level (300 and above) Electives**
Select 6 credits from the following (focusing on world/global/international cinema):

- ENGLISH/FILMSTD 316 World Cinema:
- FILMSTD 412 Global Cinema and Media:

Or other appropriate courses approved by the Director
Select 12 additional credits (see below)

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**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**
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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
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 380  Media and Society: 3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 383  Cinema, Television, and Genre: 3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 391  Television Criticism and Theory 3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 393  Entertainment Industries: 3
ENGLISH/FILMSTD 394  Theories of Digital Culture: 3
FILMSTD/JEWISH 350  Global Jewish Film and Television: 3
FILMSTD 412  Global Cinema and Media: 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 1 3
JAMS 620  Seminar in Global Media 1 3

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

**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 College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction**

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/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. 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

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

http://uwm.edu/film-studies/our-people/
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**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 Navigate 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.

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.