

What is Film Studies?

Film studies incorporate the study of the history, theory, criticism, and practice of the art of film-making, from feature films to shorts, and from television to documentaries. Students majoring in film or film studies at their chosen university will gain both practical knowledge on film production and visual analysis, as well as a strong understanding of film history, from silent films through present day blockbusters. Students majoring in film will study specific genres of film, defining characteristics of significant movements throughout film history, and the most notable work of the world's most iconic filmmakers, such as Alfred Hitchcock, Steven Spielberg and David Lynch.

Which Degree do I Begin with?

You will want to complete the Associate in Arts and Sciences Direct Transfer Degree (AAS-DTA) at BC.

Most classes focusing on film studies at Bellevue College are Communication Studies (CMST) classes

Once students transfer to a university, they may study Film or Film Studies as a major, depending on the university and pursue a Bachelor of Arts (BA)

What Are Some Common Prerequisites that I'll Need to Take Here?

Every university and major concentration will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper courses. Double-checking requirements is as easy as going to the university department website. Below is a general guide to the courses **recommended** and the areas of study they fulfill on the DTA for students interested in a Film Studies major (this is not an official list):

Written Communication	Mathematics	Major Specific	Other	Recommended Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 101 English 201 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math 107 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMST 120 CMST 121 CMST 133 CMST 260, 291 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Drama Cultural and Ethnic Studies/Sociology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 237 CMST 102 CMST 161 CMST 216

†: Recommended during the first year of study.

Important notes about class selection above:

- CMST classes require strong writing and research skills.
- Several Communications (CMST) classes that focus on film also have prerequisites of English 101, 235, 171 or CMST 141. Please check with the major-specific website or an advisor at your target university to learn about other important prerequisites.
- Drama 241 (Playwriting) pairs well with film studies courses and is suggested course for any student interested in script writing. BC also offers a Video Production course (DMA 108) that may interest students planning to study Film.

Check your degree progress!
Log into degree audit at:
<http://bellevuecollege.edu/degreeaudit/>

Course Planning Notes

Use the space below to write down a course sequence for this school year. Remember to maintain balance each quarter (i.e. try not to take all sciences or all writing-based classes in a single quarter). Also, keep in mind that 12 credit hours or more is considered full time; make sure to balance class load with your personal and/or work life. This is not an official educational plan— you should see an academic advisor if you have questions about course selection.

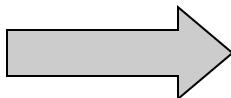
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Beyond BC with a Film Studies Degree!

Students majoring in Film Studies develop a creative eye for detail, strong written and verbal communication skills, and excellent critical reasoning skills. A degree in Film Studies will allow a student to develop a portfolio of their strongest work for further use as a professional in the film industry, as a production assistant, director, producer, documentarian, editor, or professional writer.

**Central Washington University
Eastern Washington University
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Washington State University*
Whitman College
Whitworth University
University of Washington**

Select Washington universities which offer a degree in Film Studies.



***minor available only**

Here's the Scoop! Considerations for this Major:

- Programs will differ from university to university; for example, some will not offer a Bachelor of Arts in Film or Film Studies, and may offer a minor, or a series of classes focusing on film instead.
- Know the school's admission requirements, expectations, deadlines, and areas of specialization.
- Attend the information sessions offered by the universities.
- Most universities have admission and exit foreign language policies; know what they are so you don't miss the graduation requirements.
- Apply to more than one university and have more than one back-up plan.
- Pursue an internship at a production company, news network, or join a film-related club on campus.
- Many film studies programs will require you to submit a portfolio with your application, which could include scripts or screenplays, short films, or writing samples.
- Some film studies programs will focus more on film production, including the opportunity for students to create, film, direct, and edit their own films, while others will focus more on film theory and history, including many courses that will incorporate visual analysis.

Who To Contact for more Information:

Bellevue College has a variety of friendly faces and resources to help you plan and register for classes.

New to Bellevue College? Connect with BC's Welcome Center via www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/ or email welcome@bellevuecollege.edu

Currently Taking Classes? Connect with the Academic Advising Department via www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/ or call 425-564-2212.

Film Studies is part of the Communications department, which is part of the Arts and Humanities division. In order to make an appointment with an academic or faculty advisor, call **425-564-2341** or **425-564-2212**

Looking for specific Career Information? Connect with the Center for Career Connections via www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/ or call **425-564-2279**.



This is an unofficial guide only, designed to prepare students for entry into Washington State programs. It is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with all community college and university programs to which he/she intends to apply to establish prerequisites and admission requirements, as they vary and are subject to change without notice .

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