

# FILM AND VIDEO STUDIES PROGRAM

C100 College Hall  
Fairfax Campus

Phone: 703-993-3287  
Email: [film@gmu.edu](mailto:film@gmu.edu)  
Website: [film.gmu.edu](http://film.gmu.edu)

Film at Mason offers a collaborative and interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree in Film and Video Studies. Students build a strong foundation in film production, business and entrepreneurship, ethics, and film analysis.

As they work toward their culminating projects, students explore their own interests, and can choose optional pathways in Cinematography, Directing, Editing, Producing, Screenwriting, or Sound.

## Faculty

### Program Faculty Professors

Britt, Chesler, Fuchs, Jusu

### Associate Professors

Charles, Kraus, Steger, Thrasher

### Assistant Professors

Ugarte

### Adjuncts

Abyad, Arnold, Bellais, Collins, Gebre-Egziabher, Hunt, Jones, Kehoe, Kimball, Robbins, Santiago, Santos, Wingert-Jabi, Robbins

## Requirements & Policies

### Requirements

#### Portfolio

Admission to Film and Video Studies is considered separately from admission to the university and only through a digital portfolio review.

Information about the portfolio process, including submission deadlines and portfolio application requirements, can be found on the program's website (<https://film.gmu.edu/>) or by calling the Film office at 703-993-3287. Admission to the university is determined by the Admissions Office.

#### Writing-Intensive

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing-intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students seeking a BA in Film and Video studies fulfill this requirement by completing FAVS 304 Film Forms (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), FAVS 380 Screenwriting: Television (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), or FAVS 498 (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>).

### Major GPA

All Film and Video Studies undergraduate students must earn a minimum grade of C in all courses in their major.

## Policies

### Upper-Level Credits

All undergraduate students are required to complete a minimum of 45 credits of upper-division courses at the 300-499 level.

### Termination from the Major

No Film and Video Studies course that is required for the major may be unsuccessfully attempted more than three times. A grade lower than a C constitutes an unsuccessful attempt in any given course. Those students who do not successfully complete such a course within three attempts will be terminated from the major. For more information, see the "Termination from the Major" section under AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>).

### Academic Policies

Please see College of Visual and Performing Arts (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/>) for college academic policies.

## Programs

- Film and Video Studies Minor
- Film and Video Studies, BA