

Film and Media MA Two Year Plan

Course Requirements

The Film and Media Studies is a two-year, 30 credit graduate program that requires 12 credit hours in core courses (FMS 800, FMS 862, FMS 865, FMS 902), 3 credits of Production courses, 3 credits of FMS electives, 6 credits of non-FMS courses, and 6 credits of FMS thesis hours.

- Most of your courses should be at the 700 level or above to qualify for [Graduate Credit](#)

Year One: Coursework, Thesis Research and Writing

Aim to complete

Semester 1:	(Credits)
FMS 800	3
Elective, Core, or Production Course	3

Required Milestones:

- Attend orientation and enroll in FMS 800 during your first semester
- Research potential advisors within FMS
- Attend colloquia

Semester 2:	(Credits)
Elective, Core, or Production Course	3
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Required Milestones:

- Select an advisor. Meet with advisor twice per semester
- Select a thesis topic and identify electives to support thesis research with advisor
- Begin thesis research/writing
- Attend colloquia

Optional Tasks:

- Professional Development: Conference presentations or attendance

Year Two: Coursework, Writing, and Thesis defense

Semester 3:	(Credits)
Elective, Core, or Production Course	3
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Required Milestones:

- Meet with advisor twice per semester
- Assemble your thesis committee
- Continue thesis research and writing

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- Submit thesis draft to your advisor
- Schedule thesis defense for fourth semester
- Attend colloquia

Optional Tasks:

- Professional Development: Conference presentations or attendance
- Post-graduate planning

Semester 4:	(Credits)
Thesis hours	6

Required Milestones:

- Meet with advisor twice per semester
- Attend colloquia
- Thesis revisions and prepare for final defense
- Complete any required thesis revisions after your defense
- Apply for graduation and meet requirements on COGA MA Graduation Checklist
- Attend School of Arts Convocation Recognition Ceremony

Optional Tasks:

- Professional Development: Conference presentations or attendance
- Post graduate planning