

# Film and Media PhD Four Year Plan

## Course Requirements

The Film and Media Studies is a four-year graduate program requires 18 credit hours in core courses (3 credits of which will satisfy RSRS requirements) which include FMS 800, FMS 801 (6 credits), FMS 862, FMS 865, FMS 902. Additionally, 9 credit hours in electives, 3 hours in Production courses, and 9 credit hours of secondary field courses (3 credits must meet RSRS requirements). After these 39 credit hours are complete, students are required to enroll in dissertation hours until they complete their degree. Students are expected to spend two years completing coursework and two years writing their dissertation.

- Most of your courses should be at the 700 level or above to qualify for [Graduate Credit](#)
- More information about [post-comprehensive enrollment](#)

## Year One: Coursework

Semester 1:	(Credits)
FMS 800 (Intro to Graduate Studies)	3
FMS 801	1
Elective, Core, or Production Course	3
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Required Milestones:

- Attend orientation
- Enroll in FMS 800 during your first semester
- Research Secondary Field course options

Semester 2:	(Credits)
Elective, Core, Production or Secondary Field Course	3
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Elective, Core, Production or Secondary Field Course	3
FMS 801	1

Required Milestones:

- Select an advisor. Meet with advisor twice per semester.
- Select Secondary Field coursework with advisor
- Begin to research conference attendance and presentation opportunities

## Year Two: Coursework, Dissertation Research + Comprehensive Exam

Semester 3:	(Credits)
FMS 801	1
Elective, Core, Secondary Field, or Production Course	3
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## Required Milestones:

- Meet with faculty advisor twice per semester.
- Semesters 3 and 4: Make at least one conference presentation or attend *at least* 1 conference.
- Assemble Comprehensive Exam committee and reading list the semester before comprehensive exam
- Begin dissertation prospectus research
- Assemble prospectus and final defense committee

Semester 4:	(Credits)
Elective, Core, Secondary Field, or Production Course	3
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FMS 801	1

## Required Milestones:

- Meet with faculty advisor twice per semester.
- Semesters 3 and 4: Make at least one conference presentation or attend *at least* 1 conference.
- Complete RSRS requirements by end of fourth semester
- Comprehensive Exam by end of fourth semester of enrollment
- Continue dissertation/prospectus research
- Defend dissertation prospectus within three months of completing oral comprehensive exam

## Year Three: Dissertation Research, Prospectus, Writing

Semester 5:	Course Number (Credits)
Dissertation hours	FMS 999 (5)
FMS 801	1

## Required Milestones:

- Meet with faculty advisor twice per semester.
- Defend dissertation prospectus within three months of completing oral comprehensive exam
- Continue dissertation writing/research

Semester 6:	Course Number (Credits)
Dissertation hours	FMS 999 (5)
FMS 801	1

## Required Milestones:

- Meet with faculty advisor twice per semester.
- Dissertation research/writing

## Year Four: Writing, Revisions, Dissertation Defense

Semester 7:	Course Number (Credits)
Dissertation hours	FMS 999 (6)

## Required Milestones:

- Meet with faculty advisor twice per semester.
- Complete dissertation drafts and prepare to defend
- Consider post-graduation plans

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## Optional Tasks:

- Apply for dissertation fellowships
- Attend conferences

Semester 8:	Course Number (Credits)
Dissertation hours	FMS 999 (6)

## Required Milestones:

- Meet with faculty advisor twice per semester.
- Schedule dissertation defense
- Complete dissertation revisions
- Job search
- Apply for graduation and meet COGA Doctoral Graduation Checklist
- Attend School of the Arts Convocation Recognition Ceremony