With a focus on critical thinking, our students examine a wide variety of media – including film, television, web and social media – in order to better understand, and contribute to, contemporary visual culture. Our program integrates this material with a diverse range of studies courses in history, theory, and criticism as well as foundational and advanced production courses in digital video, animation, and open media.

Alumni Story

“I am grateful to Professor Peter Baxter and Professor Blaine Allan of the Film Department [and] to Queen’s University for teaching me that film reflects the world - past, present, and future – [and] to think outside the box, open my eyes and see the world in new ways, to remember the importance of friendship, and for starting me on my storytelling journey.”

-Michelle MacLaren, BAH ’86

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

Ashley Rice, BAH ’98
Executive Vice President Of Production
Legendary Television

Michelle MacLaren, BAH ’86
Director & producer on Breaking Bad, The Walking Dead, and Game Of Thrones

Sarita Choudhury, BAH ’89
Actress in Mississippi Masala, Homeland, Hunger Games, & more

Justin Cutler, BAH ’03
Film commissioner of Ontario, Ontario Media Development Corporation

Claire Owens, BAH ’14
Senior digital manager at Hotwire

Jason Gilmore, BAH ’03
Founder & President of Urgency Company, feature film marketing firm

Alumni

2022-23 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planelection

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Global Action and Engagement
Indigenous Languages and Cultures
International Studies
Media Studies
Sexual and Gender Diversity
Urban Planning Studies

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Film and Media MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR, SPECIALIZATION

2022-2023

1ST YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Film and Media along with some electives.

Make sure to enroll in FILM 110: Film, Culture, and Communication in your first year of study, as it is the prerequisite for the FILM Major. For all FILM, MAPS, and COCA prerequisites, consult the Arts & Science Academic Calendar.

2ND YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

Start going deeper into the discipline of Film and Media, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Media Studies. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificate and Internship options.

Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Use Student Academic Support Services and the Writing Centre for some help.

3RD YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

Contact the Undergraduate Assistant for Film and Media to verify your progress towards completing your degree requirements by emailing undergraduatefilm@queensu.ca or by stopping by the Main Office (IBCA 306).

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path.

Make an appointment with Graduate Assistant for Film and Media if you are considering pursuing the Screen Cultures and Curatorial Studies Master's.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as Queen’s, Players and the Kingston Canadian Film Festival. Join the Film & Media Facebook page.

Learn about world cinemas by attending screenings at the Screening Room downtown Kingston.

GET THINKING GLODLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multicultural environment by taking QUCIC Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUCIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help with career options from Career Services. Contact Film and Media for more information on their programs by emailing undergraduatefilm@queensu.ca or by stopping by the Main Office at the Isabel Bader Centre (390 King St. West, Rm 306).

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Career Opportunities in The Film Industry. For more information check out Career Counselling or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services. Examine technical training programs to enhance your skills.

What will I learn?

A degree in Film and Media can equip you with:

• Creative approaches to working with such media as film and digital video
• Critical thinking for comprehensive analysis of issues and ideas before coming to conclusions
• Knowledge of film production equipment and techniques
• Ability to analyze films and evaluate the techniques used
• Project management
• Research to draw information from libraries, journal articles and online sources
• Teamwork and leadership
• Resource and time management to manage multiple long-term projects while working with limited resources
• Intercultural knowledge and competence to adapt empathetically to unfamiliar ways of being

Where can I go?

A degree in Film and Media can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry by pursuing a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

• Advertising
• Arts Management
• Broadcasting
• Digital Media
• Directing
• Film/Media/TV Production
• Festival programming
• Post-Production
• Public relations
• Screenwriting

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.
Film and Media

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen’s has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen’s has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

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