

## **Film Major Overview:**

The Film major focuses on the study of film as both an art form and a means of storytelling. Students explore the history, theory, and aesthetics of cinema, while also developing hands-on skills in directing, cinematography, editing, screenwriting, and sound design. The program covers a broad range of film genres, production techniques, and critical analysis, preparing students for careers in the film, television, and digital media industries. Graduates can pursue roles in film production, distribution, criticism, and academia, equipped with a comprehensive understanding of filmmaking and film history.

## **Typical Industry Sectors:**

1. Film and Television Production
2. Independent Filmmaking
3. Film Distribution and Marketing
4. Media and Entertainment
5. Film Criticism and Journalism

## **10 Sample Entry-Level Job Titles:**

1. Production Assistant
2. Assistant Director
3. Film Critic
4. Screenwriter Assistant
5. Video Editor
6. Camera Operator
7. Film Archivist
8. Script Supervisor
9. Production Coordinator
10. Film Research Assistant

## **5 Hard Skills:**

1. Cinematography and Film Production Techniques
2. Video and Film Editing Software (e.g., Adobe Premiere, Final Cut Pro)
3. Screenwriting and Storytelling
4. Film Criticism and Analysis
5. Sound Design and Audio Editing

## **5 Soft Skills:**

1. Creativity
2. Collaboration
3. Problem-solving

4. Communication
5. Time Management

**Additional Training or Certifications:**

While a Film degree provides a strong foundation, certifications in specialized areas like video editing (e.g., Adobe Certified Expert) or screenwriting can improve career prospects. Practical experience through internships, personal projects, and film festivals is essential to build a portfolio and gain industry recognition. Further education, such as a master's degree in film or media studies, may be necessary for more advanced roles in directing, producing, or academia.

**Student and National Organizations:**

1. [Directors Guild of America \(DGA\)](#)
2. [Producers Guild of America \(PGA\)](#)
3. [Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists \(SAG-AFTRA\)](#)
4. [International Documentary Association \(IDA\)](#)