

# DEPARTMENT OF FILM, AUDIO, MEDIA ARTS

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## Programs of the Department

The Film, Audio, Media Arts major is an undergraduate degree program that balances creative practice, professional training, and the liberal arts. The program leads to either the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree and is designed to prepare students for career positions in film, television, video, radio, audio and other media—as well as graduate studies.

The Film, Audio, Media Arts major focuses on the production, aesthetics, history, and theory of film, digital media, television, audio and radio. The major is divided into three concentrations: Film/Video/Digital Media, Audio, and Film and Media Studies. Within the concentrations, students are encouraged to develop skills in storytelling and writing, criticism and analysis and media production.

The Department of Film, Audio, Media Arts strives to inspire creativity and foster talent and skills in a constantly changing digital world. Students are encouraged to create collaborative and interdisciplinary partnerships; to discover real-world experiences through internships and service-learning opportunities; to explore artistic, social and cultural diversity through civic engagement; and to grow as enterprising and self-directed individuals who can practice creative entrepreneurship.

## Bachelor of Arts Degree Option

Students may earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Film, Audio, Media Arts by completing the intermediate (200) level of a foreign language.

## Department Honors

The department sponsors departmental honors where students pursue directed study leading to the completion of a thesis. Students interested in departmental honors should consult the chair of the department no later than the first term of their junior year. Departmental honors will be posted to the transcript shortly after the bachelor's degree is conferred.

## Internships

Internship eligibility requirements for Film, Audio, Media Arts are as follows:

1. Junior or senior status
2. Admitted to the FAMA major or minor
3. Students working on internships for credit should have completed at least EMF 221 and EMF 222 or EMF 265 before beginning the internship. Past internships have been at TV stations and networks, radio stations, recording studios, production houses, post-production facilities, record labels, media channels and agencies.
4. Cumulative GPA requirement: 2.75 overall. Waivers are considered by the department.
5. Students must work with a full-time FAMA faculty member to enroll in the internship course.

6. Of the 12 units of internship (and/or directed study) that can be applied toward graduation, only 3 units may also be applied toward the Film/Video/Digital Media concentration; only 6 units may also be applied toward the Audio concentration; and only 6 units may be applied toward the Film and Media Studies concentration.

For additional information, see Student Opportunities on the FAMA website and look for internship postings through our social media and other forms of communication.

## Scholarships

The Department of Film, Audio, Media Arts offers multiple scholarships for majors. For more information, see Student Opportunities on the FAMA website.

## Departmental Activities

Department activities include the End of Semester Screenings as well as other film screenings, media events, and guest speakers. Students are encouraged to participate in media organizations and student clubs such as XTSR student-run radio (xtsr.org), TAPS (Towson Audio Production Society), and Broadcast Education Association.

## Majors

- Major in Electronic Media and Film with concentrations in:
  - Film/Video/Digital Media
  - Audio
  - Film & Media Studies

## Minor

- Minor in Film, Audio, Media Arts

## Faculty

*Professors:* Joseph Kraemer, Ryan Murray (Chairperson), Daniel Mydlack

*Associate Professors:* Jena Burchick, Marc May, Lorrie Palmer, Lynn Tomlinson

*Assistant Professors:* Paul Castro, Danielle Damico, Adam Schwartz, Kalima Young

*Teaching Professor:* Michael Duffy

*Professor of Practice:* Lynn Patterson