Film Studies

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The School of Visual Studies' Film Studies program provides guidance to our students from accomplished researchers and from film production faculty, real world experience through hands-on internship practicums, and opportunities for professional success beyond the program. The BA offers courses in film analysis and covers the history of cinema, national and global cinemas, film theory and genres, documentary film, and contemporary visual culture. It combines an emphasis on critical thinking, research, problem-solving, written expression, and cultural literacy with the discipline's unique attention to visual analysis. For those who choose the Emphasis in Production, this degree provides hands-on instruction in all areas of film making, including screenwriting, production management, directing, cinematography, audio, and editing. A degree in Film Studies provides a broad, comprehensive education that can lead to many different careers, especially those requiring excellent communication skills and analytical thinking. Recent graduates have gone on to careers in teaching, publishing, public relations, management, law, the TV/motion picture industry, independent film-making, advertising and other areas of digital media production.

The program offers a BA degree in film studies, a BA with an emphasis in film production, and an undergraduate minor.

Faculty

Professor B. Prager*
Associate Professor R. Greene*
Assistant Professor J. Floyd*, S. C. Rozier*
Assistant Teaching Professor V. Goelkel Garcia, B. MacNeel, D. Moore*
Instructor M. Coleman, S. Compaore, R. Wise
Professor Emeritus R. F. Cook

* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master's thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

• BA in Film Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/filmsudies/ba-film-studies/)
• with emphasis in Film Production (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/filmsudies/ba-film-studies-emphasis-film-production/)
• Minor in Film Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/filmsudies/minor-film-studies/)

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Double and Dual Majors

A film studies major can be paired with a major in another department. Students must meet the requirements of both departments. The program for each major must be approved by the advisor in the degree-granting department.

Departmental Honors

To receive departmental honors, a student must earn a minimum overall MU GPA of 3.3 and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in courses in film studies completed at the University of Missouri. In addition, with the assistance of an honors thesis advisor, the student must develop, plan and conduct research on an independent project, normally while enrolled in FILMS_VS 4995.

For information about the School of Visual Studies Laptop Requirement see the SVS homepage (https://visualstudies.missouri.edu/).

Graduate

Film Studies faculty work with students admitted to the MFA in Visual Studies offered at the graduate level.

For more information on graduate programs in Visual Studies, visit the Graduate tab of Visual Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/visualstudies/#graduatetext). The catalog provides a complete list of degree program options (http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/).

FILMS_VS 1000: Introduction to Film for Non-Majors
Introduction to terms and concepts for film analysis, including mise-en-scene, cinematography, editing, sound narrative, genre, and other elements. No credit for students who have completed FILM_S 1800. No credit for film majors or minors. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

FILMS_VS 1800: Introduction to Film Studies
(same as ENGLSH 1800). Introduction to terms and concepts for film analysis, including mise-en-scene, cinematography, editing, sound narrative, genre, and other elements. No credit for students who have completed FILMS_VS 2810. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Freshmen and Sophomores only or instructor's consent

FILMS_VS 1800H: Introduction to Film Studies - Honors
(same as ENGLSH 1800). Introduction to terms and concepts for film analysis, including mise-en-scene, cinematography, editing, sound, narrative, genre, and other elements. No credit for students who have completed FILMS_VS 2810. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Freshmen and sophomores only or instructor's consent; Honors eligibility required
that arise when adapting William Shakespeare's plays to contemporary
This course serves as an introduction to the problems and complexities
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FILMS_VS 2820. No credit for film majors or minors. Graded on A-F
doctrine," students should be liberated from the notion of "faithfulness"
to the texts. No credit for film majors or minors. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to declared FILMS_VS majors during early registration
FILMS_VS 2820: Trends in World Cinema
(same as GERMAN 2820 and RM_LAN 2820). This course is a historical overview of the major trends in international cinema. It focuses on the intersection of aesthetics, industry, and ideological and social concerns in cinematic production.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing, ENGLSH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800
FILMS_VS 2830: American Film History I, 1895-1950
(same as ENGLSH 2830). Examines the development of American cinema in relation to other national cinemas, from 1895-1950. No credit for students who have completed ENGLSH 1810 or FILMS_VS 1810.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800

FILMS_VS 2840: American Film History II, 1950-Present
(same as ENGLSH 2840). Examines American film history in an international context, from 1950-present. No credit for students who have completed ENGLSH 1820 or FILMS_VS 1820.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800

FILMS_VS 2850: Italian Cinema
(same as ITAL 2850). It offers a historical overview of Italian Cinema from the silent era to the present. The course will provide the analytical skills necessary to read and critically analyze a film. Social and historical issues will be raised and examined for each film as appropriate. No knowledge of Italian required.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILMS_VS 2860: Film Themes and Genres
(same as ENGLSH 2860, DST_VS 2860) Topics (e.g. Film noir, African-American filmmakers, Food and Film, The Western) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken in Film Themes and Genres 2860.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800

FILMS_VS 2865: The Art of Soviet and Russian Cinema
(Same as RUSS 2865) Topics (e.g. Distorted Picture: Post-War Cinema in a Soviet State, Cinema in the Soviet Times and Beyond, etc.) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours may be taken toward major.

Credit Hours: 3

FILMS_VS 2865W: The Art of Soviet and Russian Cinema - Writing Intensive
(Same as RUSS 2865) Topics (e.g. Distorted Picture: Post-War Cinema in a Soviet State, Cinema in the Soviet Times and Beyond, etc.) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours may be taken toward major.

Credit Hours: 3

FILMS_VS 2870W: Film and Literature - Writing Intensive
(same as ENGLISH 2870W). Explores the complex interplay between film and literature in order to gain an understanding of the possibilities - and problems - involved in the transposition from literature to film. Graded A-F basis only

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800

FILMS_VS 3005: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILMS_VS 3005W: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities - Writing Intensive
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILMS_VS 3490: Indian Cinema
(same as S_A_ST 3490, ANTHRO 3490, ARH_VS 3790). Overview of key genres and themes of Indian film, including Bollywood, art cinema/parallel cinema, Indian regional cinemas, and diaspora cinema. The course combines film studies, anthropological, historical, and visual culture analyses to provide a holistic view of Indian culture and society through cinema.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or higher

FILMS_VS 3520: Post Production
Editing above all else is about feeling and rhythm. This course immerses students in the complete filmmaking editorial process from ingesting the footage to final delivery. Using non-linear editing software students will sharpen their sensibilities through hands on learning and practice. While editing scenes from both fiction and non-fiction cinema - students can expect to learn the ins and outs of media management and organization, the language of the edit, basic toolset navigation and color correction. Graded A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

FILMS_VS 3530: Screenwriting II
Builds upon principles of story arc and screenwriting techniques, while providing an in-depth study of character psyche and unique voice. Students will maser the skills necessary to create vibrant, memorable characters through the exploration and development of unique character traits, physical imagery development and distinctive voice. Students will analyze dialog traits of scripts and films of industry professionals, and will craft their own characters using industry standard technology, adhering to the principles of industry standard formatting. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILMS_VS 1800 or ENGLISH 1800; sophomore standing or higher

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Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILMS_VS 1800 and FILMS_VS 2530 or FILMS_VS 3930 or THEATR 3930

FILMS_VS 3540: Cinematography I
An exploration of the principles and techniques of cinematography that includes shot composition lighting styles, and storytelling, using the moving image. Students will examine historical and contemporary approaches to cinematography used in Hollywood, foreign and independent films. Analyzing cinematographic approaches of a wide
range of work will help the students discriminate the quality of their own creative work. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILMS_VS 1800 or ENGLISH 1800, and FILMS_VS 1880, DST_VS 1880, ENGLISH 1880 or ARTGE_VS 1920, or JOURN 2150 or JOURN 1400. Sophomore standing or higher. May be restricted to Film Studies majors and minors during early registration.

FILMS_VS 3550: Field Production I
Collaborating in crews of five, students are exposed to a broad range of production techniques through practical production experience and in class discussion. During the semester students will produce 3 short projects, and in class workshops. As a group member, each student may serve in rotation as Director, Producer, Camera, Sound recordist and AC/Gaffer. Students will also be developing their own short scripts and are expected to pitch the projects (for production in Field Production II) in front of faculty and industry professionals in the final weeks of the semester. Graded A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILMS_VS 1800 or ENGLISH 1800, FILMS_VS 1880 or DST_VS 1880 or ARTGE_VS 1920, and FILMS_VS 3540.

FILMS_VS 3555: Directing for the Screen
Directing for the Screen combines previous knowledge of the cinematic frame with the power of communication. This course focuses on developing the student's ability to effectively communicate to actors, cinematographers, and art departments, while also commanding a film crew and managing relationships with producers. Students develop concise personal vision and aesthetics with respect to scripts, and will work directly with actors to achieve performances that suit the project.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILMS_VS 1800 or ENGLISH 1800, FILMS_VS 1880 or DST_VS 1880 or ARTGE_VS 1920, and FILMS_VS 3540.

FILMS_VS 3560: Audio Engineering for the Screen
This course is an intensive study of the techniques and science behind the use of audio in today's cinema. The course will focus on four major areas of study: sound in cinema, sound creation, sound manipulation, and environmental sound layering.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILMS_VS 1800 or ENGLISH 1800, Sophomore standing. May be restricted to Film Studies majors and minors during early registration.

FILMS_VS 3775: The Ancient World on Film
(same as AMS 3775). This course explores how classical antiquity has been represented in twentieth and twenty-first-century film, with particular emphasis on the ways in which ancient narratives and iconography have been appropriated by filmmakers to address contemporary cultural issues.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Prior 2000 level coursework in AMS, ARH_VS or FILMS_VS. Instructors consent required.

FILMS_VS 3775W: The Ancient World on Film - Writing Intensive
(same as AMS 3775W). This course explores how classical antiquity has been represented in twentieth and twenty-first-century film, with particular emphasis on the ways in which ancient narratives and iconography have been appropriated by filmmakers to address contemporary cultural issues.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Prior 2000 level coursework in AMS, ARH_VS or FILMS_VS. Instructors consent required.

FILMS_VS 3780: Architecture in Film
(same as ARH_VS 3780). Filmmakers use architecture to convey meaning on symbolic, psychological, and ideological levels. Using architectural history and theory, in conjunction with weekly film screenings from a variety of genres, this course explores how architecture operates within film.

Credit Hours: 3

FILMS_VS 3785: Art and Artists on Film
(same as ARH_VS 3785) This course explores representations of art and artists in film, including documentary films, fictionalized films, and films made by artists.

Credit Hours: 3

FILMS_VS 3820: Major Directors
(same as ENGLISH 3820 and RM_LAN 3820). Topics (e.g. Hitchcock, Kubrick, Fellini, Allen, Kurosawa, Wilder) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours may be taken for credit toward major. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800.

FILMS_VS 3830: History of German Film
(same as GERMAN 3830). Introduction to the development of the German film. Old and recent films are viewed and discussed in terms of techniques, artistry, psychology and social impact. English dubbing or subtitles. No foreign language credit.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor's consent.

FILMS_VS 3845: Modern Israeli Film
(same as HEBREW 3845). Examines the modern film of developing Israel. Discusses complex social relationships. Introduces concepts of Hebrew language and its use in the arts world-wide. Discusses varied communities in Israel, and universal themes such as democracy and social justice. Provides introduction to Israeli culture.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor required.

FILMS_VS 3850: Studies in Film History
(same as ENGLISH 3850). Topics (e.g. Classical Period of Hollywood cinema, silent era, Post-WWII American film, German Weimar cinema, French New Wave) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours count as credit toward major.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800.
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<td>FILMS_VS 3855: Documentary Film</td>
<td>(same as ENGLISH 3855; DST_VS 3855). Surveys the history of documentary film including the development of subgenres, sound and voice over in documentary, re-enactment, ethical issues in documentary film production, and more. Graded on A-F basis only.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 3861: Film Themes and Genres</td>
<td>Topics (e.g. Film noir, African-American filmmakers, Food and Film, The Western) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken in Film Themes and Genres 3861.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 3865: The Holocaust on Screen</td>
<td>(same as GERMAN 3865). This course explores how the Holocaust has been depicted on film in a variety of national and historical contexts. Drawing on films from 1945 to the present, from the U.S., Germany, Poland, France, and Italy, we will consider to what end images of the Holocaust have been used. Graded on A-F basis only.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 3875: Brazilian Cinema</td>
<td>(same as PORT 3875). An introduction to Brazilian cinema, culture, and society through the study of contemporary cinematic productions. Topics include: Hollywood perceptions of Brazil; redefinition of national identity and history, representations of race and gender.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 3880: Contemporary Chinese Film</td>
<td>(same as CHINSE 3880). Introduces development of 20th century Chinese film and popular genres, including review of earlier times. Explores how present day Chinese understand their own history, and issues they face in drive toward modernization in a global context. Films and readings in English or with English subtitles. No previous knowledge of the culture or language required.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 3885: Twenty-First Century South American Cinema</td>
<td>(same as SPAN 3885, PORT 3885). Broad overview of the major national cinemas of the 21st century in South America. Approximately 14 feature films screened from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and other nations of the region. Instructor provides a thematic framework for films within the context of film theory, Latin American cinematic history and cultural studies. Course taught in English. Graded on A-F basis only.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 3890: Russian and Soviet Film</td>
<td>(same as RUSS 3890). Introduces three significant genres of Russian cinema: comedy, literary adaptations, and films that explore issues of identity and autobiography. Includes examples from different epochs. Considers Soviet and post-Soviet films. Russia and Russian culture. Course conducted in English; films have English subtitles.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 3930W: Screenwriting for Television and Film - Writing Intensive</td>
<td>(same as THEATR 3930W). Fundamentals of storytelling utilizing tools and structure used by television and film.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 4030: Video Art and the Moving Image</td>
<td>(same as ARTGE_VS 4030; cross-leveled with ARTGE_VS 7030). Video as a fine art form intersecting with sculpture, experimental filmmaking, DIY and Internet culture. Theoretical and historical knowledge is integrated with studio practice. Students create video works in Adobe Premiere Pro, demonstrating technical ability and aesthetic vision. May be repeated up to 9 hours maximum.</td>
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<td>FILMS_VS 4370: Film Studies: The Intersection of Documentary Film and Journalism</td>
<td>(same as JOURN 4370; cross-leveled with FILMS_VS 7370, JOURN 7370). The popularity of documentary film in the past ten years has skyrocketed, and recent award-winning documentaries such as Inside Job (2010), Blackfish (2013), and The Invisible War (2012) are simultaneously entertaining audiences and investigating serious issues</td>
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Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: C- or better in JOURN 1000 or C- or better in JOURN 1100

FILMS_VS 4370W: Film Studies: The Intersection of Documentary Film and Journalism-Writing Intensive  
(same as JOURN 4370; cross-leveled with FILMS_VS 7370, JOURN 7370). The popularity of documentary film in the past ten years has skyrocketed, and recent award-winning documentaries such as Inside Job (2010), Blackfish (2013), and The Invisible War (2012) are simultaneously entertaining audiences and investigating serious issues like the financial collapse, killer whale captivity, and sex crimes in the military—issues that in the past might have been covered exclusively by investigative journalism. What explains the public's growing fascination with documentary? How is documentary film reacting to recent transformations in the media landscape? Is it filling a critical need that journalism is no longer willing or able to meet? This course will explore the intersection of these two nonfiction storytelling forms—documentary film and journalism—and examine the role played by advocacy in both modes, as well as the cultural and ethical implications of the convergence between journalism and documentary film. In that it is centered on contemporary documentary film culture, the course also takes advantage of the True/False Film Festival, and will be host to a conference during Week 6, featuring a number of major visiting filmmakers and film critics. Attendance at some sessions is required. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: C- or better in JOURN 1000 or C- or better in JOURN 1100

FILMS_VS 4580: Production Practicum  
Provides an intensive, comprehensive experience in film production. Students will receive hands-on experience in lightning and set design, camera operation, grip/electrical and sound capture. The course puts students against a rigorous industry standard shooting schedule - long hours are to be expected each day. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: FILMS_VS 3540

FILMS_VS 4610: Film Theory  
(same as ENGLSH 4810, DST_VS 4810). This course explores contemporary trends in film theory. Topics may include: psychoanalysis, feminism, Marxism, cultural studies, queer theory, audience and star studies, postcolonialism, among others.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800. Junior standing or above required

FILMS_VS 4810: Film Theory  
(same as ENGLSH 4820). Topics (e.g. The Western, film noir) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken toward the major.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800; Junior Standing or instructor's consent

FILMS_VS 4820: Studies in Film Genre  
(same as ENGLSH 4840). Topics (e.g. The Western, film noir) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken toward the major.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800; Junior Standing or instructor's consent

FILMS_VS 4840: Culture and Media  
(same as ENGLSH 4840, DST_VS 4840; cross-leveled with FILMS_VS 7840, ENGLISH 7840). Topics (e.g. Cinema and Imperialism, Indigenous Media, Ethnographic Documentary) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken for credit toward the major.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800. Junior standing or instructor's consent required

FILMS_VS 4860: Film Themes and Genres  
Topics (e.g. Film noir, African-American filmmakers, Food and Film., The Western) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken in Film Themes and Genres 4860.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800

FILMS_VS 4880: Capstone Experience  
This course is for Film Studies students who have completed their concentration requirements. The main objective is to help students independently create and complete a capstone project. The project
should allow you to conceptualize and enter professional life after commencement.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Film Studies majors only. Consent of instructor required

**FILMS_VS 4935: Adaptation of Literature for Film**  
(same as ENGLISH 4935 and THEATR 4935; cross-leveled with FILMS_VS 7935, ENGLISH 7580 and THEATR 7935). This upper-division course will explore adaptation principles and practices with a variety of forms of literature that were not originally written for film.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**FILMS_VS 4940: Internship**  
This course is for Film Studies students who have the opportunity to work in an internship position in a related industry or at a government agency where they can gain valuable on the job experience and knowledge. The student must register for the Internship course in the semester in which the work takes place. Graded S/U basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 1-3  
**Prerequisites:** ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800. Must have at least 15 hours of Films Studies credit. Online courses do not count for the 15 hours of Film Credit

**FILMS_VS 4960: Special Readings in Film Studies**  
Arranged. Individual work with conferences adjusted to needs of student.

**Credit Hours:** 1-3  
**Prerequisites:** ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH 1800 or FILMS_VS 1800. Consent of instructor required. Restricted to Film Studies majors in their final year

**FILMS_VS 4963: Latin American Cinema (in Spanish)**  
(same as SPAN 4960). Subject varies according to instructor.

**Credit Hours:** 2-3  
**Prerequisites:** SPAN 3420 and SPAN 3430

**FILMS_VS 4995: Senior Honors Thesis**  
Independent honors research under direction of faculty. Graded on S/U basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 1-3  
**Prerequisites:** Senior standing required, consent of instructor required, Honors eligibility required

**FILMS_VS 7001: Topics in Film Studies-General**  
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**Credit Hour:** 1-3

**FILMS_VS 7370: The Intersections of Documentary Film and Journalism**  
(same as JOURN 7370; cross-leveled with JOURN 4370 and FILMS_VS 4370). The popularity of documentary film in the past ten years has skyrocketed, and recent award-winning documentaries such as Inside Job (2010), Blackfish (2013), and The Invisible War (2012) are simultaneously entertaining audiences and investigating serious issues like the financial collapse, killer whale captivity, and sex crimes in the military--issues that in the past might have been covered exclusively by investigative journalism. What explains the public's growing fascination with documentary? How is documentary film reacting to recent transformations in the media landscape? Is it filling a critical need that journalism is no longer willing or able to meet? This course will explore the intersection of these two nonfiction storytelling forms--documentary film and journalism--and examine the role played by advocacy in both modes, as well as the cultural and ethical implications of the convergence between journalism and documentary film. In that it is centered on contemporary documentary film culture, the course also takes advantage of the True/False Film Festival, and will be host to a conference during Week 6, featuring a number of major visiting filmmakers and film critics. Attendance at some sessions is required. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** C- or better in JOURN 1000 or C- or better in JOURN 1100

**FILMS_VS 7840: Culture and Media**  
(same as ENGLISH 7840; cross-leveled with ENGLISH 4840, DST_VS 4840, FILMS_VS 4840). Topics (e.g. Cinema and Imperialism, Indigenous Media, Ethnographic Documentary) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken for credit toward the major.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**FILMS_VS 7935: Adaptation of Literature for Film**  
(same as THEATR 7935 and ENGLISH 7580; cross-leveled with FILMS_VS 4935, ENGLISH 4935 and THEATR 4935). This upper-division course will explore adaptation principles and practices with a variety of forms of literature that were not originally written for film.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**FILMS_VS 8005: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities**  
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

**Credit Hour:** 1-3  
**Prerequisites:** instructor's consent