

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY

School of Writing for Film, Television, & Digital Media

Degree Options

BFA, MFA
On campus, Online
+ UpSkill Classes

Our Faculty

Study feature film and television screenwriting with Academy- and Emmy-Award-winning writers, producers, and development executives led by an 11-time Oscar nominee and three-time winner.

Learn How To Sell Yourself And Your Work

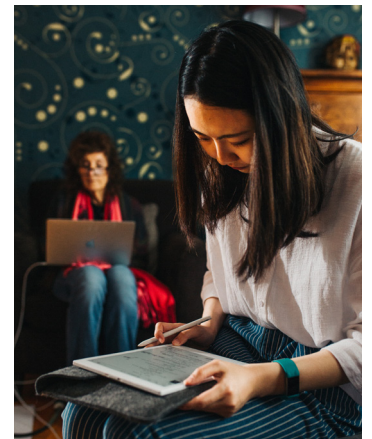
Navigate the exciting world of creative development to become a well-rounded creative force. Learn how to package and pitch your ideas to attract potential buyers. Develop the art of self-promotion, leveraging social media to showcase your work, then connect with collaborators and buyers through building your audience. Expand your skillset with basic production classes, while exploring directing and acting to deepen your storytelling perspective.



WRITE WORK THAT GETS PRODUCED

Do you dream of seeing your words come alive on screen? Our screenwriting program is your launchpad to a fulfilling career. Craft worlds, breathe life into characters, and captivate audiences with the power of narrative. We'll nurture your unique voice and elevate your writing skills, taking you from brainstorming concepts to seeing your work produced—sometimes even before graduation.

Learn from the best. Our program is led by working professional writers who share their industry insights and guide you on your storytelling journey. You will experience a diverse exploration of storytelling formats, from short films to feature-length screenplays to cutting-edge digital media. You'll learn the fundamentals and delve into multiple genres, including comedy and drama. In our supportive workshop environment, you'll receive personalized guidance and collaborate with fellow aspiring writers.



Sample Courses Offered

Character & Backstory

Learn how to create engaging characters who can drive a story forward.

Feature-Film Classes

In these yearlong classes, you will take an original idea through to a full-length screenplay.

Adaptation

You will learn how to adapt ideas from pre-existing IPs such as films, books, plays, and songs into feature-film projects.

Horror, Fantasy, And Science Fiction

The first half of this class takes you through the rules of the three genres. Every week you will write a premise and characters for a film in the assigned genre. In the second half of the class, you will pick a genre and write a short screenplay geared to go into production while you are still in school.

Production Central

Gain hands-on experience in writing festival-worthy short films. Work with a director/producer team who will take your film into production. Spend time on set acting as a script supervisor and gain valuable real-world skills that can turn into a career.



Television Program

Our program takes you from the basics of writing for television through two yearlong classes where you will create bibles, television pilots, and series episodes.

Writing For The Web Series

Every spring, you can work in a collaborative real-world writer's room environment to create a multi-part web series. Every summer, your work may be produced, with members of the writing class serving as executive producers on the show.

Writing For 'Shot In A Day'

In this short-film writing class, you turn original ideas into screenplays that are shot on our sound stages—sometimes even during the semester in which they're written.



The MFA Program

The MFA program at the School of Writing for Film, Television & Digital Media will fine-tune your ability to deliver compelling stories, characters, and scripts that grab the reader's attention. The MFA is an intensive program that concentrates exclusively on writing, pitching, and the business side of being a professional writer. Complete a portfolio of feature and television scripts that can be used to market your skills as a writer.



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