Students accepted into the Master of Arts in Cinema and Media Studies program undertake a challenging two-year curriculum that spans core knowledge in media history, theory, criticism, to develop research, writing, and media-making skills in preparation for careers in academia, the arts, or media-related professions. Students are encouraged to work one-on-one with an engaged, diverse faculty composed of active distinguished media scholars and historians, and prominent film, video, and digital media artists. Our faculty are leaders in their fields and specialize in global media; gender, race, and ethnicity in media; journalism studies; political communication; and television and digital media. In addition, students have the rare opportunity to combine coursework in both theory and practice, completing either a written or media production thesis, with resources including a digital media lab and a television studio.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Cinema and Media Studies requires 36 credits to complete the degree.

All students are required to complete the following courses:

- History of Media
- Film and Media Research Analysis
- Studies in Film and Media Theory

All remaining credits are to be fulfilled, following advisement, through electives offered in the graduate program in Cinema and Media Studies*:

- Digital Media and Culture
- Studies in Authorship
- Contemporary Media Practices
- Studies in International Cinema
- Experimental Film and Video
- Studies in Media Genres
- Nonfiction Media
- Media and Ideology
- Global Media
- Cinema and Gender
- Interdisciplinary Media Arts
- Thesis Research

*Not all electives will be offered every semester.

Students who choose to complete a written or production thesis must apply to the departmental graduate studies committee for approval.

- Option A: Written Thesis
- Option B: Original Film or Media Production Thesis
- Option C: Examinations
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in a liberal arts and sciences major from an accredited institution
- A grade point average of 3.0 (B) in undergraduate courses required for the BA in Cinema Studies or BS in Communications at the College of Staten Island, or their equivalent

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $125.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island.

Personal Statement:
Applicants must submit a one- to two-page statement of intent detailing interest in the field, background in film and media studies, and/or research interests.

Writing Sample:
A ten- to 12-page writing sample (a short critical essay on a film topic or other related media)

Letters of Recommendation:
Three letters of recommendation testifying to the applicant’s ability to successfully complete the Cinema and Media Studies graduate program.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Minimum required score is 79 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. The minimum required score is 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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