

BA, International Honours

Guide for the Film and Media Studies Major



COLL 150

Your COLL 150 *does not need* to be in Film & Media Studies. In fact, it can be advantageous to choose a COLL 150 outside the major so that it can also meet a Knowledge Objective.

Sub-Honours (lower-level) Film & Media studies courses

Other than the required lower-level Film & Media Studies courses at W&M and St Andrews, you do not need to take any other Film & Media Studies courses during your first and second years. Concentrate on taking courses outside of Film & Media Studies to fulfill your Proficiencies and Knowledge Objectives, and to broaden your horizons.

Note that at W&M, FMST 250 and 301 can be taken either during the fall or spring semester, and that FMST 310 and 311 are only offered during one semester, either fall OR spring. The semester it is offered can change, so double check when you register.

Honours (upper-level) Film & Media Studies courses

The upper-level requirements do not have to be taken in any particular order but take care when choosing your courses to ensure that all distribution requirements in the major are met, while also meeting credit count requirements.

Certain 300-level W&M courses count as 400(0)-level for the purposes of the degree: ask your advisor. At W&M, any of the 300-level and 400-level courses can be taken in year 3 or year 4.

Not all upper-level courses in the catalog are offered every year.

Fourth Year Research Requirement

At St Andrews

All Film & Media Studies majors spending Year 4 at St Andrews must do a dissertation: FM 4099, either in fall or spring.

At W&M

Film & Media Studies majors spending Year 4 at W&M can take FMST 401 (Research Seminar—4 credits) (different topics are offered in fall and spring, varying from year to year) *OR* apply to do an Honors Thesis (FMST 495 and 496, 6 credits). Either option satisfies the Fourth Year Research Requirement.

Students who are interested in completing an Honors Thesis should first consult the Honors Thesis in Film & Media Studies [website](#). The Film & Media Studies Program Director holds an online information session in early-October each year for sophomores and juniors interested in pursuing an Honors Thesis.

The Honors program at W&M is selective and it is not guaranteed that all students who desire to complete an Honors Thesis will be able to do so. For BA Int Hons/JDP students, early discussions with potential faculty advisors and continued contact via email or zoom meetings while away at St Andrews will be critical.