

School of Film/Video Academic Requirements

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Residence Requirements

The four-year Bachelor of Fine Arts and Certificate of Fine Arts programs in the School of Film/Video require a minimum of two years fulltime study in residence. The Master of Fine Arts and Advanced Certificate of Fine Arts programs require three years in residence (see CalArts Residence policy). On rare occasions, the program faculty may recommend an earlier graduation (see Accelerated Graduation policy), based on that program's specific policies (accessible in the School of Film/Video office).

Curriculum Requirements

Bachelor of Fine Arts and Certificate of Fine Arts

Forty-six semester units of Critical Studies coursework are required of all BFA candidates; specific Critical Studies requirements are detailed in the Critical Studies section of this Course Catalog (see Critical Studies requirements). Certificate of Fine Arts candidates are not required to complete Critical Studies coursework; all other curriculum and course requirements for the Certificate of Fine Arts are identical to those for the BFA.

All required courses must be completed satisfactorily. Students must complete the program of studies agreed upon by the mentor and the student, and all required courses herein specified.

Students are required to complete a Mid-Residence Review and a Graduation Review (see Reviews policy). Work-in-progress must be submitted for faculty review at the time of the student's Mid-Residence Review. Final project(s) are submitted at the time of the Graduation Review. Information regarding Mid-Residence and Graduation Review procedures and timing is available in the School of Film/Video office.

Master of Fine Arts and Advanced Certificate of Fine Arts

Graduate students must demonstrate proficiency in graduate-level techniques and concepts. Students must pass the required courses or the equivalent before being allowed access to the facilities and equipment needed for independent work.

Graduate students must submit a thesis project proposal at the Preliminary Review, during the third semester of residence. The proposal must be approved by the faculty review committee as sufficiently challenging to merit the Master of Fine Arts degree or Advanced Certificate of Fine Arts.

Completed graduate thesis works must be presented, and the students must participate in a Graduation Review. Final approval for graduation is awarded by the faculty review committee.

Information regarding Preliminary Review and Graduation Review procedures and timing is available online.

Integrated Media Curriculum (Graduate Only)

See Center for Integrated Media curriculum.

Program in Film and Video Requirements

Learning Goals

The Program in Film and Video has a required core curriculum for both undergraduate and graduate degrees. The BFA program is designed to provide students with a full range of technical and practical skills, to teach them to think critically about their chosen mediums, and to guide their artistic growth as they experiment with different forms of cinematic expression. To this end, undergraduate students must successfully complete a series of required classes during each of their years in the program. Academic and artistic progress is assessed at a Mid-Residency Review during the student's 3rd semester. In order to graduate, undergraduate students are again fully evaluated and must successfully complete a Graduation Review in their final semester.

The MFA program offers an intense and intellectually charged curriculum which inspires and requires students to immerse themselves in the production of new work. During the course of three years, graduate students are expected to achieve technical expertise, to gain historical and critical perspective in their area of focus and to produce a substantial body of work.

In their first year, graduate students are required to take a full schedule of foundation classes which include technical and production workshops as well as classes in history, theory and criticism. Students are expected to meet regularly with appropriate faculty as they begin to produce work. In their 3rd semester, graduate students must propose and gain approval for their thesis project at a Preliminary Thesis Review. This provides the next year and a half for the production and completion of their thesis film, video or installation. Graduates are encouraged to work closely with faculty by taking a number of independent studies in their final year. Graduation is contingent upon the successful presentation and evaluation of their thesis project during a Graduation Review at the end of their final semester.

Required Courses for Undergraduate Students

The following courses are required but do not constitute a student's entire program.

BFA1

- FPFV101/FPFV 102 Filmmaking Fundamentals (fall and spring)
- FPFV126* Video Production Workshop (fall)
- FPFV134* Digital Editing: Introduction to Avid (fall)
- FPFV153 Structuring Strategies/Artist Presentations (fall and spring)
- FAIC420/FAIC421 Film History (fall and spring)

BFA2

- FPFV203 Cinematography (fall)
- FPFV204/FPFV205* Film Production Workshop (fall and spring)
- FPFV285* Production Sound (fall)
- FPFV286* Post-Production Sound (spring)

BFA2 Transfer Students

- FPFV101/FPFV 102 Filmmaking Fundamentals (fall and spring)
- FPFV126* Video Production Workshop (fall)
- FPFV134* Digital Editing: Introduction to Avid (fall)
- FPFV153* Structuring Strategies/Artist Presentations (fall and spring)
- FPFV203 Cinematography (fall)
- FPFV285* Production Sound (fall)
- FPFV286* Post-Production Sound (spring)
- FPFV304/FPFV305* Film Production Workshop (fall and spring)
- FAIC420/FAIC421 Film History (fall & spring)

BFA3 Transfer Students

- FPFV101/FPFV 102 Filmmaking Fundamentals (fall and spring)
- FPFV126* Video Production Workshop (fall)
- FPFV134* Digital Editing: Introduction to Avid (fall)
- FPFV153* Structuring Strategies/Artist Presentations (fall and spring)
- FPFV203 Cinematography (fall)
- FPFV285* Production Sound (fall)
- FPFV286* Post-Production Sound (spring)
- FPFV304/FPFV305* Film Production Workshop (fall and spring)
- FAIC420/FAIC421 Film History (fall & spring)

*Satisfactory completion of these classes is a prerequisite to individual access to equipment and use of facilities for independent projects.

BFA3 and BFA4

Undergraduate students are required to take Undergraduate Critique (FPFV340) for at least 2 semesters during their final 2 years of residence. During these final two years, undergraduate students are expected to either produce a senior project or contribute substantially to a number of student projects in one of the following capacities: cinematography, editing, production or sound design.

Incoming Undergraduate Students are required to take both semesters of Film History (FAIC420/FAIC421). Students who enter as BFA1 are required to complete 3 years of film/video history, theory or criticism courses. Transfer students are required to

complete 2 years of film/video history, theory, or criticism courses. A list of classes that satisfy this requirement is available at registration each semester.

Undergraduate Students are required to take at least one Visiting Artists Workshop (FPFV450) during their 3rd or 4th year.

Required Courses for Incoming Graduate Students

- FPFV501 Film-making Fundamentals (fall)
- FPFV503 Cinematography (fall)
- FPFV504/FPVF505* Film Production Workshop (fall and spring)
- FPFV526* Video Production Workshop (fall)
- FPFV534* Digital Editing: Introduction to Avid (fall)
- FPFV553 Structuring Strategies/Artists Presentations (fall and spring)
- FPFV585* Production Sound (fall)
- FPFV586* Post Production Sound (spring)
- FAIC620/FAIC621 Film History or FAIC600 Film Today (fall or spring)

*Satisfactory completion of these classes are a prerequisite to individual access to equipment and use of facilities for independent projects.

Graduate Students are required to take at least one semester of Film History (FAIC620 - Fall or FAIC621 - Spring) unless exempted by instructor based on prior education. Graduates are also required to take one semester of Film Today (FAIC600 - Fall or Spring).

Graduate Students are required to complete at least one Film/Video theory, history or criticism class each semester for 5 semesters. A list of classes that satisfy this requirement is available at registration each semester.

Graduate Students are required to take at least one Visiting Artist Workshop (FPFV650).

Graduate Students are required to leave a copy of their Thesis Project for the CalArts archives.

2014-2015 List of History, Theory or Criticism Courses for Program in Film and Video Students in Fall and/or Spring

Students who enter as BFA1 are required to complete 6 semesters of film/video history, theory or criticism courses; BFA2 Transfer students are required to complete 5 semesters of film/video history, theory, or criticism courses; BFA3 Transfer students are required to complete 4 semesters of film/video history, theory, or criticism courses.

Course Options

- FPFV424 Sound and the Image
- FPFV442 Radicalizing Vision: Long Form
- FPFV452 Cinema of Transformation
- FPFV490 Graduate Seminar: Deleuze and Cinema
- FAIC400 Film Today
- FAIC410 History of Documentary Film
- FAIC412 Documentary Inquiries -- Performance, Witnessing and Restless Archives
- FAIC415 Questions of Third Cinema
- FAIC420 Film History
- FAIC428 Prostitution in Film
- FAIC430 History of Video Art
- FAIC453 Special Topics: The Western
- CSOC442 Contemporary Latin American Film/TV/Video

MFA students are required to complete 5 semesters of film/video history, theory, or criticism courses listed below:

- FFDP657 Special Topics: Love Stories
- FPFV624 Sound and the Image
- FPFV642 Radicalizing Vision: Long Form
- FPFV652 Cinema of Transformation
- FPFV690 Graduate Seminar: Deleuze and Cinema
- FAIC600 Film Today
- FAIC610 History of Documentary Film
- FAIC612 Documentary Inquiries -- Performance, Witnessing and Restless Archives
- FAIC615 Questions of Third Cinema
- FAIC620 Film History
- FAIC628 Prostitution in Film
- FAIC630 History of Video Art
- FAIC653 Special Topics: The Western

This list may be subject to change.

The Film Directing Program (MFA Only)

The Film Directing Program (FDP) is a unique three-year graduate course of study examining the broad spectrum of independent narrative cinema. The Master of Fine Arts and Advanced Certificate of Fine Arts programs require three years of residency to complete the degree.

Completion of a three year residency allows a full experience of craft, artistry, experimentation and critical thinking. FDP artists hone their powers of observation, work closely with actors, develop visual strategies and discover methods for shaping stories--both invented and adapted--that are emotionally true and dramatically credible.

The three year residency begins with two semesters of required foundation work in which the student builds skills; experiments with narrative technique and process; and conceives, shoots and edits several short film projects. The following four semesters are comprised of the remaining graduation requirements including 6 *métier* directing classes, 2 special topic seminars, and 3 elective courses from across CalArts, all of which culminate in the final thesis: an aspirational film demonstrating a highly developed directorial point of view. Guided by their mentor, students develop their second and third year curriculum from a slate of courses designed to progress individual artistic development.

Students must successfully complete a Preliminary Thesis Review and Project Approval in the third semester to progress to the thesis project. A Graduation Review will be held in the final semester to review the thesis project. Graduation is contingent on a successful review of the thesis work and completion of all Film Directing Program course requirements.

Scheduled classes are supplemented with a Guest Artist Workshop program. Recent guests have included directors James Mangold, Haile Gerima, Aurora Guerrero, Ramin Bahrani, John Greyson, Peter Medak, The Polish Brothers, Rodrigo Garcia, Catherine Hardwicke, Lance Hammer and Jim Finn, actors Ed Harris, Ewan McGregor, Joseph Gordon Levitt and Annette Bening, Academy Award winning composer David Shire, producers Ted Hope, Effie Brown and many others. The Guest Artist roster changes each year.

All students are encouraged to learn experientially by creating work beyond that assigned by faculty, by participating fully in a community of artists and by discovering their own directorial process. The Film Directing Program's primary efforts are guided by a mission to excite, challenge, and nurture artists to create compelling, authentic and unique work.

Learning Goals

By graduation, MFA students in the Film Directing Program should have developed the following skills and competencies:

- The ability to tell a story visually that is dramatically and emotionally compelling;
- A distinct directorial voice;
- Comprehensive filmmaking ability, as evidenced by the thesis project;
- The demonstrated ability to lead a team of both performance and production artists toward the shared goal of a finished film;
- An understanding of the processes and systems by which work might be conceived, produced and completed, as well as an awareness of the resources and opportunities available to independent filmmakers.

Film Directing Course Requirements

First year requirements provide necessary fundamentals. The second and third years are comprised of minimum 6 métier classes, minimum 2 special topics seminars, and minimum 3 electives selected by the students, in collaboration with their mentor, from a list of courses designed to challenge, enhance and develop artists who work in authentic and compelling narrative forms.

MFA 1 Required Classes and Modules

In the first semester, FDP students will participate in modular workshops that teach technical and production fundamentals, dramaturgy and the craft of directing actors. Courses in history, theory and criticism are also required. The second semester advances exploration of this work in structured classes and projects. Students are expected to meet regularly with appropriate faculty as they begin to produce work.

FALL SEMESTER

- FFDP504 Acting Workshop 1
- FFDP520 Narrative Fundamentals
- FFDP530 Cinematography for Directors (with lab)
- FFDP534 Digital Editing: Introduction to Avid
- FFDP540 Guest Artist Workshop
- FFDP580 Production Sound
- FAIC620 Film History

Highly Recommended:

- FFDP506 Cinematheque
- FFDP599 Independent Study MFA 1

SPRING SEMESTER

- FFDP513 Scene Study
- FFDP521 Narrative Fundamentals
- FFDP529 Technical Workshop (fall and spring)
- FFDP540 Guest Artist Workshop
- FAIC621 Film History
- FFDP680 Post Production Sound

Highly Recommended:

- FFDP599 Independent Study MFA 1

- Metier special topics and elective courses as determined by student and mentor (see course list below).

MFA 2 Students Required Courses

FALL SEMESTER

- FFDP680 Post Production Sound
- FFDP540 Guest Artist Workshop
- FFDP602 MFA-2 Symposium: Project Presentations

Highly Recommended:

- FFDP699 Independent Study MFA 2
- Métier, special topics and elective courses as determined by student and mentor (see course list below).

SPRING SEMESTER

- FFDP540 Guest Artist Workshop

Highly Recommended:

- FFDP699 Independent Study MFA 2
- Métier, Special Topics and Elective courses as determined by student and mentor (see course list below)

MFA 3 Students

FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS

Métier, Special Topics and Elective courses as determined by student and mentor (see course list below).

Métier Directing Courses (minimum 6 courses required over three year residency)

Open To MFA 2s/3s (unless with permission from the instructor)

* Courses offered in Fall 2014 semester

** Courses offered in Spring 2015 semester

- FFDP682** Project Development
- FFDP616*/FFDP617** One Act to Cinematic Event
- FFDP524** Cinematic Storytelling
- FFDP625* Advanced Scripting
- FFDP632** Advanced Staging
- FFDP633** Real World Survival Skills
- FFDP655 Special Topics: Survey of Historical Directors
- FFDP656 Special Topics: Experiments in Narrative
- FFDP657 Special Topics: Love Stories
- FFDP654 Special Topics: History and Practice of Performance in Film
- FFDP675 Thesis Workshop
- FFDP677** Narrative Editing
- FAIC651** Special Topics: The Curious Art of Autobiography
- FAIC653* Special Topics: The Western
- FFDP659* Special Topics: History/Narrative
- FFDP604 Acting Workshop II

FDP Special Topics (minimum 2 courses over three year residency, not including Special Topics courses used to fulfill métier requirements):

Open To MFA 2s/3s (unless with permission from the instructor)

* Courses offered in Fall 2014 semester

** Courses offered in Spring 2015 semester

- FFDP655 Survey of Historical Directors
- FFDP656 Experiments in Narrative
- FFDP657 Love Stories
- FFDP658 Coming of Age Stories
- FFDP659* Special Topics: History/Narrative
- FAIC650 Realist Style
- FAIC651** The Curious Art of Autobiography
- FAIC652 Rock & Roll and Movies
- FAIC653* The Western
- And graduate level seminars from across the institute.

Electives (minimum 3 courses required over three year residency)

Elective courses drawn from FDP and throughout the Institute as determined by consultation with mentor. While there will be many offerings in Film Directing and the Film/Video School, we actively encourage exploration throughout the Institute.

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Program in Experimental Animation

The Experimental Animation Program offers both BFA and MFA degrees. A broad range of animation approaches, processes, compositing techniques and digital filmmaking methods are covered in a series of workshops, classes, lectures, seminars and independent studies. At the advanced level, students will choose their own tools and methods. The program supports 2D animation, stop motion, CG, installation, performative animation, programming, and other filmmaking techniques, approaches, and outcomes. There are several technical courses attached to the different areas of production. Students must successfully complete these courses in order to gain access to related facilities. The sequence of these and other advanced elective classes is established in consultation with the student's mentor.

Learning Goals for BFA Students

- Creative development: Student has devised a creative process that includes well-developed animation and filmmaking skills, and development of a distinctive voice.
- Individual voice: Student's style is recognizable and compelling. Their work shows substantial creativity and an in-depth development of independent ideas.
- Contextual knowledge: Student is aware of and can critically discuss current developments in time-based art as well as being cognizant of past developments in animation and filmmaking history. Student is able to demonstrate his/her advanced understanding of historical/cultural/social context of his/her work convincingly in presentations, discussions and writing.
- Digital skills: Student applies techniques appropriately and with confidence, and combines different techniques in a meaningful manner to achieve a desired outcome. Student is able to explain the process and help others in solving problems.
- Communication and critical skills: Student can convincingly argue an idea that is not in accordance with opinions of others. Student listens and responds to what was said. S/he uses knowledge effectively in his/her arguments and takes

other people's opinions seriously. S/he has successfully worked with others on projects.

- Professionalism: Student's personal work exceeds expectations. Student is able to give professional presentations and understands professional etiquette. Student's work is goal oriented and organized. Student is able to work well under pressure. Student has a good relationship with faculty, and frequently supports peers with valuable information and/or help.

Learning Goals for MFA Students

- Creative development: Student has advanced ability in all aspects of their creative work. The student has developed accomplished animation and filmmaking skills. His/her thesis project shows a highly distinctive voice, whose artistic work is at a fully professional level.
- Individual voice: Student's thesis is informed, innovative and powerful. Unique combinations of ideas and techniques are used to make highly original work.
- Contextual knowledge: Student has perceptive critical skills, is aware of and can critically discuss the historical, social, and cultural aspects of his/her own work and their place within the art world, the animation world, and the world of time-based art.
- Communication and critical skills: Student is fully able to work with others as a collaborator and advisor, and is an effective director.
- Digital skills: Student's ability to use key technical equipment, software and digital processes surpasses that of most, to the extent that he or she could be called upon to teach others. Advanced understanding and innovation is evident in their thesis project.
- Professionalism: Student is sought out by others because of his/her high degree of professionalism and expertise. Student has a wide range of contacts and has begun integration into the larger arts community. His/her presentations are stimulating. She/he understands and practices good professional etiquette. Student is able to meet personal and artistic goals, is organized, and able to work well under pressure. Student frequently supports peers with valuable information and/or help and has a good relationship with Faculty.

Bachelor of Fine Arts Program in Experimental Animation

The first two years of the four year Bachelor of Fine Arts Program in Experimental Animation consists of required classes designed to help the student gain an understanding of principles in animation along with understanding of the history of art, experimental animation, foundation courses in animation practices, digital filmmaking and sound techniques, concepts and Critical Studies.

Each BFA student will present and discuss the work they have produced during a required Mid-Residence Review in the fall semester of the student's third year. The Mid-Residence Review will be scheduled by the Film/Video office. The student will also discuss plans for their senior project during this review. This review is supplemented in following years through evaluation meetings between the student and mentor.

The BFA student is required to produce and complete a Senior Project in their fourth year. That project, along with other significant work will be evaluated during the student's Graduation Review in the last semester of residence.

Required Courses for Bachelor of Fine Arts in Experimental Animation:

The following courses are required but do not constitute a student's entire program. Please note that a practical course in a métier outside the School of Film/Video is required every semester, with the exception of students transferring in at the BFA3 level, who will take them in the BFA4 year only.

BFA1 year level

- FVEA107 BFA Foundation in Animation (fall)
- FVEA108 BFA Foundation in Animation (spring)
- FVEA145 Intermediate After Effects (spring)
- FVEA255* Hybrid Imaging (fall)
- FAIC170/FAIC171 Animation History (fall and spring)
- Other Métier Practice (fall/spring)

BFA2 year level

- FVEA202/FVEA203 The Digital Path and Short Projects (fall and spring)*
- FVEA240 Sound Acquisition (fall)*
- FVEA241 Post Production Sound for Experimental Animators (spring)*
- FAIC420/FVEA421 Film History (fall and spring)
- Other Métier Practice (fall and spring)

BFA2 Transfer Students

- FVEA107 BFA Foundation in Animation (fall)*
- FVEA108 BFA Foundation in Animation (spring)**
- FVEA145 Intermediate After Effects (spring)
- FVEA202/FVEA203 The Digital Path and Short Projects (fall and spring)* Taken only after credit has been received for FVEA107 and FVEA108
- FVEA240 Sound Acquisition (fall)*
- FVEA241 Post Production Sound for Experimental Animators (spring)*
- FVEA255* Hybrid Imaging (fall)*
- PPFV153 Structuring Strategies (spring)
- FAIC170/FAIC171 History of Animation BFA (fall and spring)
- FAIC420/FVEA421 Film History I & II (fall and spring) (May be taken during BFA3 year)
- Other Métier Practice (fall/spring)

BFA3 year level

- PPFV153 Structuring Strategies (fall)
- FVEA305 Experimental Animation: Direct Techniques (spring)
- Other Métier Practice (fall/spring)

BFA3 Transfer Students

- FVEA145 Intermediate After Effects (spring)
- FVEA202/FVEA203 The Digital Path and Short Projects (fall/spring)*
- FVEA240 Sound Acquisition (fall)*
- FVEA241 Post Production Sound for Experimental Animators (spring)*
- FVEA255* Hybrid Imaging (fall)*
- FVEA305 Experimental Animation: Direct Techniques (spring)
- PPFV153 Structuring Strategies (spring) May be taken at the BFA4 year level.
- FAIC170/FAIC171 Animation History (fall and spring)
- FAIC420/FVEA421 Film History I & II (fall and spring) May be taken at the BFA4 year level.

BFA4 year level

- FVEA382/FVEA483 Experimental Animation Undergrad Critique (fall/spring)
- Other Métier Practice (fall/spring)

*Satisfactory completion of these classes are a prerequisite to individual access to equipment and use of facilities for independent projects.

**Unless exempted by instructor based on prior education

Master of Fine Arts Program in Experimental Animation

The residence requirement for the Master of Fine Arts Program in Experimental Animation is three years, providing time for students to participate in the full range of studies necessary for artistic and professional growth. MFA students in Experimental Animation leave the program as creative leaders in the field, primarily finding careers in production and teaching, often forming creative partnerships with fellow students—though they also develop research skills that can be applied in a range of occupations or continued education.

In the program, students are exposed to a comprehensive education in the history, styles, techniques, and technology of animation arts. They also learn skills necessary to conceive, design, and produce a complete thesis project demonstrating the development of personal aesthetics.

First year courses provide students with a comprehensive understanding of production techniques. In seminar-type settings, students are encouraged to engage in critical discourse as a means of developing and articulating personal aesthetics. The spring semester culminates in completion of a first-year project, which is developed within supporting coursework.

Through the study of animation history and continued conceptual investigation, second year MFAs further their understanding of the creative possibilities of animation. They also develop a proposal for a third-year thesis project, within courses and in consultation with a mentor and other faculty. This proposal is presented to a faculty committee within a mid-year review, where the student receives feedback and establishes an agreement on the goals of the project. The creative development of the thesis parallels studies focusing on advanced technical and conceptually-oriented courses that support its production. During this year, students are also encouraged to take course from other programs, to develop in interdisciplinary ways.

In the third year, students focus most of their concentration on producing the thesis project under the tutelage of a mentor and other faculty, while continuing to participate in supporting coursework. A graduation review is held near the end of the final semester, and at this meeting students present the completed thesis project for review by the faculty review committee. MFA students are required to produce the thesis project in order to graduate.

Required courses for Master of Fine Arts in Experimental Animation:

MFA1 year level

- FVEA502 The Digital Path for Animation (fall)
- FVEA515 Drawn Techniques for the Experimental Animator (fall)
- FVEA525/FVEA526 First Year Shorts (fall and spring)
- FVEA540 Sound Acquisition (fall)
- FVEA541 Post Production Sound for Experimental Animators (spring)
- FVEA555 Hybrid Imaging* (fall)
- FAIC675 History of Experimental Animation (spring); student may substitute another graduate level history course in the Institute with mentor approval only.

MFA2 year level

- FVEA520/FVEA521 Experimental Animation Thesis Concept Seminar (fall and spring)
- FPFV553 Structuring Strategies (spring)
- FAIC570 Seminar in Animation History

MFA3 year level

- FVEA530/FVEA531 Experimental Animation Thesis Production Seminar (fall and spring)
- FVEA599 Independent Study

*Incoming MFA students must attend the first class in order to gain access to the computer lab. They will be given the opportunity to pass out of this class based on their prior computer/software experience.

** Unless exempted by instructor based on prior education.

Character Animation Program

Learning Goals for the Character Animation Program

- The ability to tell compelling, visual stories, both time-based and static, using animated actors;
- A developed personal aesthetic, utilizing strong 2D and/or 3D animation techniques;
- Advanced understanding of film and theatrical production principles, such as directing, acting, editing, screenwriting and producing;
- A demonstrated breadth of advanced animation skills, including conceptual framing; visual observation; highly developed ability in either 2D or 3D technique with proficiency in the other; story development; layout, design and color; locomotion; character improvisation; sound design; and drawing;
- An understanding of and appreciation for the history of animation and its artistic / cultural contexts;
- The ability to relate critically, creatively and collaboratively to the other artistic disciplines at CalArts, as evidenced by a broad contextual grounding and participation in the greater arts landscape and the world of ideas; and
- The ability to function effectively as a professional artist in a variety of work settings, as demonstrated by (1) the ability to communicate verbally, visually and in writing; (2) demonstrated willingness to work collaboratively as part of a creative team, as well as entrepreneurially as an individual auteur; (3) participation in one of the Program's professional practices workshops; and (4) a demonstrated work ethic and commitment to the craft through the timely completion of coursework and projects.

The Character Animation Program is limited to undergraduate study and offers a comprehensive four-year curriculum for traditional and CG animation artists. Required courses are:

First year / BFA1

FALL

- FVCA100 2D Character Animation I
- FVCA110 Life Drawing I
- FVCA132 Color and Design I
- FVCA150 Story I
- FVCA160 Digital Methods I
- FVCA170 CG Character Animation I
- FVCA180 CG Foundation I

SPRING

- FVCA101 2D Character Animation I
- FVCA111 Life Drawing I
- FVCA140 Perspective I
- FVCA151 Story I
- FVCA161 Digital Methods I
- FVCA171 CG Character Animation I
- FVCA181 CG Foundation I

Second year / BFA2

FALL

- FVCA200 2D Character Animation II
- FVCA210 Life Drawing II
- FVCA220 Film Workshop II
- FVCA240 Animation Layout
- FVCA252 Story II: Storyboarding
- FVCA260 Digital Methods II: Sound
- FVCA270 CG Character Animation II
- FVCA280 CG Foundation II

SPRING

- FVCA201 2D Character Animation II
- FVCA211 Life Drawing II
- FVCA221 Film Workshop II
- FVCA271 CG Character Animation II
- FVCA281 CG Foundation II

Third Year / BFA3

FALL

- FVCA300 2D Character Animation III
- FVCA310 through FVCA315 Life Drawing (choice of various classes; 3 hrs required)
- FVCA320 Film Workshop III
- FVCA334 Professional Preparation III
- FVCA370 CG Character Animation III

SPRING

- FVCA301 2D Character Animation III
- FVCA310 through FVCA315 Life Drawing (choice of various classes; 3 hrs required)
- FVCA321 Film Workshop III

Fourth Year / BFA4

FALL

- FVCA400 2D Character Animation IV
- FVCA310 through FVCA315 Life Drawing (choice of various classes; 3 hrs required)
- FVCA420 Film Workshop IV

SPRING

- FVCA401 2D Character Animation IV
 - FVCA421 Film Workshop IV
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Title	Course Name	Description	Academic Level	Course Types
Animation History A (FAIC-170)	FAIC-170	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A yearlong international historical survey of animated films, from early motion devices through the development of studio shorts and features, the styles of experimental artists in various media, and current day applications of animated imagery. Lectures and readings stress the historical contexts of the topics covered.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Animation History B (FAIC-171)	FAIC-171	Course available by permission of instructor only. A yearlong international historical survey of animated films, from early motion devices through the development of studio shorts and features, the styles of experimental artists in various media, and current day applications of animated imagery. Lectures and readings stress the historical contexts of the topics covered.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
History of Character Anim (FAIC-294)	FAIC-294	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course covers the history of character animation, mainly focusing on the American studio system. It focuses on studio and individual styles, as well as the influences of technological development, other arts, and historical events (including political and sociological shifts). Students will be exposed to a wide range of examples through screenings in each class and they will engage in critical discussion in class and within course papers. A flipbook project demonstrates the student's knowledge of basic animation principles.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Screenwriting for Animators (FAIC-390)	FAIC-390	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A writing class for animators that avoids traditional gag-oriented animation writing. Screenwriting basics such as format, structure, action, conflict, story and character will be addressed at length. Long and short character-driven narratives will be explored with the ultimate goal of screenplay literacy and completion of a script. Each student will write a screenplay, guided by the instructor and augmented by class discussion and critique.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Screenwriting for Animators (FAIC-391)	FAIC-391	A writing class for animators that avoids traditional gag-oriented animation writing. Screenwriting basics such as format, structure, action, conflict, story and character will be addressed at length. Long and short character-driven narratives will be explored with the ultimate goal of screenplay literacy and completion of a script. Each student will write a screenplay, guided by the instructor and augmented by class discussion and critique.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Comics World: History and Art (FAIC-396)	FAIC-396	An introductory tour through 100 years of prints, newspaper comic strips, comic books, and other forms of 'sequential' mixed media. Classes will focus on the medium's history, especially as seen in work by iconoclasts committed to breaking taboos and embracing their own vision. Work to be studied includes early precursors; pioneers of the 19th century; comics as popular entertainment, first as newspaper strips and then as comic books; the rise of Underground Comix; RAW and international comics in the 1980's; graphic novels; and small press, self-published and Internet designed graphic art. The history of commercial comics will frequently be touched upon, especially as practiced by artists and publishers interested in expanding popular genres. However, the main focus will be on artists who made significant contributions to the broad field. Two short papers and one longer one will be due, in addition to one quiz in the middle of the semester. Papers will critique or analyze an artist covered in class. Students will be asked to spend \$52 on one book and reproduced artwork to be handed out in class. * Approved for Critical Studies credit	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Film Today (FAIC-400)	FAIC-400	This course is available online. It will also be open by Permission of Instructor at Advising Day for additional enrollment. A screening discussion course examining social and aesthetic issues on current filmmaking practice. Recent films that may be regarded as groundbreaking or exemplary will be screened, and the basic issues of composition and content they raise will be discussed. Students will have to write one paper (1-2 pages, 12 points, double interline) per film shown and fill out a questionnaire in the first few weeks of the semester. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
History of Experimental Film (FAIC-405)	FAIC-405	A survey of experimental a.k.a. avant garde film from the 1920's to the 1970's. Dominant traditions to be examined include: Dadaist and Surrealist cinema of the 1920's, Trance films and Psychodramas of the 1940's and 50's, the Mythopoetic cinema of the 1960's, and the Structuralists of the 1970's. Eroticism, narrativity, urban portrait, collage, and the impulse toward subjectivity and diary are additional themes forms and genres we will investigate. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
History of Documentary Film (FAIC-410)	FAIC-410	An historical survey of the documentary (or nonfiction) tradition in motion pictures and its major genres: the exploration film, the ethnographic reconstruction, the agitprop film, the observational ethnographic film, the touristic film, the historiographic	Undergraduate	Arts in Context

reconstruction, the essayistic film. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.

Documentary Inquiries (FAIC-412)	FAIC-412	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will investigate a broad range of media art and documentary projects, with attention to the performative act of witnessing, the creative address of media archives by artists, and the aspiration to negotiate new social relations with collaborators and audiences. Drawing from work in film, video, and new media, this course will explore time-based projects informed by documentary gestures such as journaling, cinema-verite recording, surveillance, re-performance, and non-linear structuring of information. Narrative and performative projects resulting from creative detours in documentary exercises will also be screened. The course will additionally examine collections of work from specific historical moments that aspired to strategic cultural interventions, including a range of provocative work across genre on incarceration in the U.S., samizdat and media arts projects produced during late 1980s, dramatic cultural shifts in east central Europe, and collective experiments with new technologies and audiences from the U.S. in the 1960s/early 70s. Media projects from Chile, Nunavut, and South East Asia address generational loss or repression of archived information and reinvigorate dialogues across the distance of time. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Questions of Third Cinema (FAIC-415)	FAIC-415	The concept of 'Third Cinema', coined in Latin America by filmmakers Fernando Solanas and Octavio Getino, implies a critical reappraisal of the national or cultural specificity, post-colonial identity, the dialectical connection between domination/subordination, centre/periphery and resistance/hegemony. While First Cinema is Hollywood, Second Cinema is Western 'auteur' cinema, Third Cinema is resolutely non-capitalist and non-Western. We will look at films from Africa, the Arab World, East India, Latin America, Taiwan...but also films that assert a cultural/political resistance within Western industrialized countries, such as African American cinema, the Black British workshops and the 'Beur' films in France. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Film History I - 1895-1950 (FAIC-420)	FAIC-420	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Film History is a two semester survey of cinema from its origins in the late 19th century to the present day. The course emphasizes the development of cinema aesthetics through the study of works by major filmmakers and national cinemas. The Fall semester covers the period from 1895 to 1950, focusing on both the evolution of narrative filmmaking and challenges to that style. The Spring semester is concerned with work from 1950 to today, with particular attention paid to the impact of neo-realism and the proliferation of new national cinemas and alternative approaches. The course is designed as a yearlong sequence and is best experienced that way, but students can begin the sequence in Spring, take a single semester, or repeat semesters to see alternate programming. Auditing is encouraged depending on class size. The class consists of lectures and screenings; after each session a voluntary (but highly recommended) discussion group meets to talk about that week's films. Requirements include strict regular attendance, weekly readings, weekly short papers and a final research paper. Purchase of a course reader is mandatory each semester. Offered by Program in Film and Video. Required of PFV BFA1 and EA BFA1. May be repeated for credit.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Film History II - 1950-PRESENT (FAIC-421)	FAIC-421	Course available by permission of instructor only. Film History is a two semester survey of cinema from its origins in the late 19th century to the present day. The course emphasizes the development of cinema aesthetics through the study of works by major filmmakers and national cinemas. The Fall semester covers the period from 1895 to 1950, focusing on both the evolution of narrative filmmaking and challenges to that style. The Spring semester is concerned with work from 1950 to today, with particular attention paid to the impact of neo-realism and the proliferation of new national cinemas and alternative approaches. The course is designed as a yearlong sequence and is best experienced that way, but students can begin the sequence in Spring, take a single semester, or repeat semesters to see alternate programming. Auditing is encouraged depending on class size. The class consists of lectures and screenings; after each session a voluntary (but highly recommended) discussion group meets to talk about that week's films. Requirements include strict regular attendance, weekly readings, weekly short papers and a final research paper. Purchase of a course reader is mandatory each semester. Offered by Program in Film and Video. Required of PFV BFA1 and EA BFA1. May be repeated for credit. Attendance required during Interim and Practicum.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Sexuality, Gender, Destruction in Cinema (FAIC-424)	FAIC-424	This course will provide a forum to view and discuss films and readings which problematize traditional constructions of gender and sexuality on multiple levels. The selected works also have a special emphasis on trajectories of violence and destruction that involve sexuality, with an emphasis on works in which the knife, so to speak, is pointed in the 'wrong direction'. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context

Cinema of Exile (FAIC-426)	FAIC-426	The course will view films and read texts that address the experience of exile and displacement understood both as a physical and psychic condition. In response to recent world events, the course will focus strongly, though not exclusively, on films concerning the Middle East, and/or from directors now living elsewhere who were originally from this area. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Prostitution in Film (FAIC-428)	FAIC-428	Course available by permission of instructor only. The course will view films and read texts that center on the prostitution, 'the world's oldest profession'. Prostitution has been a subject of singular fascination since biblical times. We will consider the construction of prostitution in a range of cinema, including mainstream work, alternative experimental fiction, as well as documentary films. Our investigation will necessarily intersect with questions of the representation of sexuality, and exploitation in a more global sense. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
History of Video Art (FAIC-430)	FAIC-430	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course will survey video art and alternative media practice following the introduction of portable video recording equipment in 1967-68. It will examine early video projects responding to a radical late 60s shift in cultural strategies where perceptual process and performance were often valorized over art product; artists explored properties of the electronic signal; and media consumers and grassroots documentarians were approached as potential producers in efforts to democratize telecommunications. The course will examine video work from the 1980s through mid 90s that registered theoretical shifts from post-minimalism to post-modernism together with the impact of new subjectivities. And an examination of the impact of digital technology in the mid90s will introduce new media and the net cultural environment. Readings will focus on critical texts and writings by artists. A few short writing projects will be assigned. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Women in Cinema: Femininity /Performance (FAIC-432)	FAIC-432	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Using feminist film criticism, film and cultural theory, psychoanalytic and post-colonial texts, we will explore how the advent of cinema has changed the symbolic and visual representation of sexual difference, how the images of men and women in film have been constructed as signifiers of that sexual difference. Different films will be shown in Fall 2014 than were shown in Fall 2013. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Cinema Against the Grain (FAIC-442)	FAIC-442	Now that the cinematic present is dominated by previews for video games and theme park rides, and the cinematic past threatens to congeal into AFI's greatest hits lists, it is particularly important to examine under-appreciated, even disreputable films that have gotten lost in the shuffle. 'Cinema Against the Grain' presents (mostly) independent films in historical context and deals with the themes and formal strategies of works that have thus far been refused a secure place in the canon. Screenings include films directed by Oscar Michaeux, Rowland Brown, James Bidgood, Fred Halsted, Doris Wishman and others. The requirements for the course are a paper per week, attendance at lectures and readings from photocopied articles and books on reserve. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Undergraduate	
Special Topics: Realist Style (FAIC-450)	FAIC-450	An investigation into the formal means that narrative filmmakers (from the Italian neo-realists to Dogme95, Renoir to Cassavetes) have used to achieve a heightened sense of "reality" in their work. Topics include the incorporation of documentary technique into fictional films, "improvisation," performance styles and the relationship between these "naturalist" filmmakers and the mainstream cinema. The class consists of a lecture/discussion and a screening each week. Students are required to present a one hour seminar based on a 15 to 20 page paper or a short original film.	Undergraduate	
Spec Topic: Curious Art of Autobiography (FAIC-451)	FAIC-451	This is a critical examination of first-person films drawn from personal experience, literature and history, as well as a practicum for students' own autobiographical work. We will be concerned with a wide variety of autobiographical sources including memoir, testimony, diary and historical record as we consider strategies for using one's own experience to tell cinematic stories. Works considered will be fictional, documentary, personal and hybrids of these, and will offer an opportunity to trace the shifting qualities of a story as it travels from one form to another, and raises questions of reference, location, time, audience, structure and authenticity. Students will complete several short video sketches and a final project consisting of a research paper or autobiographical work.	Undergraduate	
Special Topics: Rock & Roll Movies (FAIC-452)	FAIC-452	Rock & Roll & Movies is a history of Popular Music from 1955 to the present, as seen through its representation in cinema. We will see key works in the history of Rock & Roll movies and read a number of the important critical texts on the music. Issues covered will include the role of race and class in popular music, the paradox of 'radical' culture distributed through corporate capital, amateurism, 'authenticity' as a cultural value, and the interplay of history and pop culture.	Undergraduate	

Special Topics: The Western (FAIC-453)	FAIC-453	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A survey of the richest, most inexhaustible genre in the American cinema. We will approach the Western as genre, as history and as mythology. Particular attention will be paid to questions of authorship, the roles of race and gender and the recurring death - and rebirth - of the genre.	Undergraduate	
The Tracking Shot in Kapo (FAIC-470)	FAIC-470	The Tracking Shot in KAPO: Aesthetics and Politics In The Cinematic Representation of War, Destruction and Violence Look however in Kapo, the shot where [Emmanuelle] Riva commits suicide by throwing herself on electric barbwire: the man who decides at this moment to make a forward tracking shot to reframe the dead body - carefully positioning the raised hand in the corner of the final framing - this man is worthy of the most profound contempt. - Jacques Rivette, Cahiers du cinema, June 1961. This seminal text by Jacques Rivette marks a turning point in film theory and criticism, opening the door to a critical investigation on how the form of a film is producing as much discourse as its expressed content (leading later to some major developments, such as the political analyses of Cahiers du cinema in the 1970s; the incisive writings of Serge Daney; Jacques Ranciere's texts on history and cinema, etc.). The shot is at the center of any critical discourse on cinema - even though both film practitioners (such as Robert Bresson) and analysts (such as Jean-Pierre Oudart) have asserted that what is important in a shot is not the image within its frame, but the shot that comes before, and the shot that comes after - each new shot "denying" or "eradicating" the shot that preceded it and, in some way, enacting the death of the spectator himself/herself. By returning to the basics of what a shot can do and cannot do, as well as the theoretical and ideological applications of the way it is composed and articulated within the frame, in relation to the off-screen space and the camera movements, we will investigate what it is at the heart of the production of meaning in modern cinema. Here we will take the notion of modernity in the wake of authors such as Jean-Luc Godard (for whom the history of cinema is divided into two: before and after concentration camps) and Gilles Deleuze (who locates the birth of cinematic modernity in post-war Europe). A crucial combination took place (as noted by Paul Virilio) when the apparatus of cinema met with the apparatus of mass killing during WWII.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
History of Experimental Animation (FAIC-475)	FAIC-475	This course is by Permission of Instructor Only. This thematically organized trip through the history of experimental animation will look at work from pre-cinema to the present day, with an eye towards connecting disparate time periods, traditions, and techniques by finding and exploring some common threads. In our class attempt to define what "experimental animation" is, we will arrive at a more complex understanding of the concept of animation itself. By the end of the semester, students will have been exposed to a radically diverse selection of work, and ideally come away from the experience with a rich, impressionistic understanding of the history, scope, and possibilities in experimental animation. Each class session will include screenings of multiple works, as well as contextualizing and supplemental information. Discussion will be greatly encouraged in class.	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
The Art of Intuition (FAIC-485)	FAIC-485	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course is aimed at enhancing and building creative instincts toward the making of new original works. In this course we will strive to place ourselves in positions of not knowing where our curiosity will take us. Instead of viewing historical works in animation for reference and inspiration, we will instead throughout the course screen several experimental live action and found footage non-animation films and videos, examining in particular the conceptual and intuitive construction of avant-garde works past and present in an effort to expand the students' awareness of montage, poetic assembly, sound and image constructs, and the overall impressions and meanings these films convey. We will produce sequences which may include photographs, found footage, drawing under the camera, cut-outs, objects, perhaps 16mm, stream of consciousness writing, and other experimental techniques which seem appropriate to each filmmaker's interest. Audio elements will be an ongoing part of	Undergraduate	Arts in Context
Seminar in Animation History (FAIC-570)	FAIC-570	Seminar in Animation History is a course for graduate students focusing on animation history and related research. The course includes related readings and seminar discussions on a range of topics, in-depth research on a topic of the student's choosing, a resulting 15-page paper utilizing multiple sources, a class presentation, a research interview, and development of writing skills. Course topics include historical research techniques, interviewing, conference papers, and publication strategies, and other graduate-level issues related to writing.	Graduate	
Comics World: History and Art (FAIC-596)	FAIC-596	An introductory tour through 100 years of prints, newspaper comic strips, comic books, and other forms of 'sequential' mixed media. Classes will focus on the medium's history, especially as seen in work by iconoclasts committed to breaking taboos and embracing their own vision. Work to be studied includes early precursors; pioneers of the 19th century; comics as popular entertainment, first as newspaper	Graduate	

strips and then as comic books; the rise of Underground Comix; RAW and international comics in the 1980's; graphic novels; and small press, self-published and Internet designed graphic art. The history of commercial comics will frequently be touched upon, especially as practiced by artists and publishers interested in expanding popular genres. However, the main focus will be on artists who made significant contributions to the broad field. Two short papers and one longer one will be due, in addition to one quiz in the middle of the semester. Papers will critique or analyze an artist covered in class. Students will be asked to spend \$52 on one book and reproduced artwork to be handed out in class. * Approved for Critical Studies credit

Film Today (FAIC-600)	FAIC-600	This course is available online. It will also be open by Permission of Instructor at Advising Day for additional enrollment. A screening/discussion course examining social and aesthetic issues on current filmmaking practice. Recent films that may be regarded as ground-breaking or exemplary will be screened, and the basic issues of composition and content they raise will be discussed. Students will have to write one paper (1-2 pages, 12 points, double interline) per film shown and fill out a questionnaire in the first few weeks of the semester. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Graduate
History of Experimental Film (FAIC-605)	FAIC-605	A survey of experimental a.k.a. avant garde film from the 1920's to the 1970's. Dominant traditions to be examined include: Dadaist and Surrealist cinema of the 1920's, Trance films and Psychodramas of the 1940's and 50's, the Mythopoetic cinema of the 1960's, and the Structuralists of the 1970's. Eroticism, narrativity, urban portrait, collage, and the impulse toward subjectivity and diary are additional themes forms and genres we will investigate. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Graduate
History of Documentary Film (FAIC-610)	FAIC-610	An historical survey of the documentary (or nonfiction) tradition in motion pictures and its major genres: the exploration film, the ethnographic reconstruction, the agitprop film, the observational ethnographic film, the touristic film, the historiographic reconstruction, the essayistic film. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Graduate
Documentary Inquiries (FAIC-612)	FAIC-612	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will investigate a broad range of media art and documentary projects, with attention to the performative act of witnessing, the creative address of media archives by artists, and the aspiration to negotiate new social relations with collaborators and audiences. Drawing from work in film, video, and new media, this course will explore time-based projects informed by documentary gestures such as journaling, cinema-verite recording, surveillance, re-performance, and non-linear structuring of information. Narrative and performative projects resulting from creative detours in documentary exercises will also be screened. The course will additionally examine collections of work from specific historical moments that aspired to strategic cultural interventions, including a range of provocative work across genre on incarceration in the U.S., samizdat and media arts projects produced during late 1980s, dramatic cultural shifts in east central Europe, and collective experiments with new technologies and audiences from the U.S. in the 1960s/early 70s. Media projects from Chile, Nunavut, and South East Asia address generational loss or repression of archived information and reinvigorate dialogues across the distance of time. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Graduate
Questions of Third Cinema (FAIC-615)	FAIC-615	The concept of 'Third Cinema', coined in Latin America by filmmakers Fernando Solanas and Octavio Getino, implies a critical reappraisal of the national or cultural specificity, post-colonial identity, the dialectical connection between domination/subordination, centre/periphery and resistance/hegemony. While First Cinema is Hollywood, Second Cinema is Western 'auteur' cinema, Third Cinema is resolutely non-capitalist and non-Western. We will look at films from Africa, the Arab World, East India, Latin America, Taiwan...but also films that assert a cultural/political resistance within Western industrialized countries, such as African American cinema, the Black British workshops and the 'Beur' films in France. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Graduate
Film History I - 1895-1950 (FAIC-620)	FAIC-620	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Film History is a two semester survey of cinema from its origins in the late 19th century to the present day. The course emphasizes the development of cinema aesthetics through the study of works by major filmmakers and national cinemas. The Fall semester covers the period from 1895 to 1950, focusing on both the evolution of narrative filmmaking and challenges to that style. The Spring semester is concerned with work from 1950 to today, with particular attention paid to the impact of neo-realism and the proliferation of new national cinemas and alternative approaches. The course is designed as a yearlong sequence and is best experienced that way, but students can begin the sequence in Spring, take a single semester, or repeat semesters to see alternate programming. Auditing is encouraged depending on class size. The	Graduate

class consists of lectures and screenings; after each session a voluntary (but highly recommended) discussion group meets to talk about that week's films. Requirements include strict regular attendance, weekly readings, weekly short papers and a final research paper. Purchase of a course reader is mandatory each semester. Offered by Program in Film and Video. PFV MFA are required to take one semester of FAIC620 or FAIC621. Required of FDP MFA1. May be repeated for credit.

Film History II - 1950-PRESENT (FAIC-621)	FAIC-621	Course available by permission of instructor only. Film History is a two semester survey of cinema from its origins in the late 19th century to the present day. The course emphasizes the development of cinema aesthetics through the study of works by major filmmakers and national cinemas. The Fall semester covers the period from 1895 to 1950, focusing on both the evolution of narrative filmmaking and challenges to that style. The Spring semester is concerned with work from 1950 to today, with particular attention paid to the impact of neo-realism and the proliferation of new national cinemas and alternative approaches. The course is designed as a yearlong sequence and is best experienced that way, but students can begin the sequence in Spring, take a single semester, or repeat semesters to see alternate programming. Auditing is encouraged depending on class size. The class consists of lectures and screenings; after each session a voluntary (but highly recommended) discussion group meets to talk about that week's films. Requirements include strict regular attendance, weekly readings, weekly short papers and a final research paper. Purchase of a course reader is mandatory each semester. Offered by Program in Film and Video. PFV MFA are required to take one semester of FAIC620 or FAIC621. Required of FDP MFA1. May be repeated for credit. Attendance required during Interim and Practicum.	Graduate
Sexuality, Gender, Destruction in Cinema (FAIC-624)	FAIC-624	This course will provide a forum to view and discuss films and readings which problematize traditional constructions of gender and sexuality on multiple levels. The selected works also have a special emphasis on trajectories of violence and destruction that involve sexuality, with an emphasis on works in which the knife, so to speak, is pointed in the 'wrong direction'. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Graduate
Cinema of Exile (FAIC-626)	FAIC-626	The course will view films and read texts that address the experience of exile and displacement understood both as a physical and psychic condition. In response to recent world events, the course will focus strongly, though not exclusively, on films concerning the Middle East, and/or from directors now living elsewhere who were originally from this area. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Graduate
Prostitution in Film (FAIC-628)	FAIC-628	Course available by permission of instructor only. The course will view films and read texts that center on the prostitution, 'the world's oldest profession'. Prostitution has been a subject of singular fascination since biblical times. We will consider the construction of prostitution in a range of cinema, including mainstream work, alternative experimental fiction, as well as documentary films. Our investigation will necessarily intersect with questions of the representation of sexuality, and exploitation in a more global sense. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Graduate
History of Video Art (FAIC-630)	FAIC-630	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course will survey video art and alternative media practice following the introduction of portable video recording equipment in 1967-68. It will examine early video projects responding to a radical late 60s shift in cultural strategies where perceptual process and performance were often valorized over art product; artists explored properties of the electronic signal; and media consumers and grassroots documentarians were approached as potential producers in efforts to democratize telecommunications. The course will examine video work from the 1980s through mid 90s that registered theoretical shifts from post-minimalism to post-modernism together with the impact of new subjectivities. And an examination of the impact of digital technology in the mid 90s will introduce new media and the net cultural environment. Readings will focus on critical texts and writings by artists. A few short writing projects will be assigned. Offered by Program in Film and Video.	Graduate
Women in Cinema: Femininity/Performance (FAIC-632)	FAIC-632	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Using feminist film criticism, film and cultural theory, psychoanalytic and post-colonial texts, we will explore how the advent of cinema has changed the symbolic and visual representation of sexual difference, how the images of men and women in film have been constructed as signifiers of that sexual difference. Different films will be shown in Fall 2014 than were shown each semester. Offered by Program in Film and Video. May be repeated for credit.	Graduate
Cinema Against the Grain (FAIC-642)	FAIC-642	Now that the cinematic present is dominated by previews for video games and theme park rides, and the cinematic past threatens to congeal into AFI's greatest hits lists, it is particularly important to examine under-appreciated, even disreputable films that have gotten	Graduate

lost in the shuffle. 'Cinema Against the Grain' presents (mostly) independent films in historical context and deals with the themes and formal strategies of works that have thus far been refused a secure place in the canon. Screenings include films directed by Oscar Michaeux, Rowland Brown, James Bidgood, Fred Halsted, Doris Wishman and others. The requirements for the course are a paper per week, attendance at lectures and readings from photocopied articles and books on reserve. Offered by Program in Film and Video.

Special Topics: Realist Style (FAIC-650)	FAIC-650	An investigation into the formal means that narrative filmmakers (from the Italian neo-realists to DogmeE95, Renoir to Cassavetes) have used to achieve a heightened sense of "reality" in their work. Topics include the incorporation of documentary technique into fictional films, "improvisation," performance styles and the relationship between these "naturalist" filmmakers and the mainstream cinema. The class consists of a lecture/discussion and a screening each week. Students are required to present a one hour seminar based on a 15 to 20 page paper or a short original film.	Graduate	
Spc Topics: Curious Art of Autobiography (FAIC-651)	FAIC-651	This is a critical examination of first-person films drawn from personal experience, literature and history, as well as a practicum for studentsE own autobiographical work. We will be concerned with a wide variety of autobiographical sources including memoir, testimony, diary and historical record as we consider strategies for using oneEs own experience to tell cinematic stories. Works considered will be fictional, documentary, personal and hybrids of these, and will offer an opportunity to trace the shifting qualities of a story as it travels from one form to another, and raises questions of reference, location, time, audience, structure and authenticity. Students will complete several short video sketches and a final project consisting of a research paper or autobiographical work.	Graduate	
Special Topics: Rock & Roll Movies (FAIC-652)	FAIC-652	Rock & Roll & Movies is a history of Popular Music from 1955 to the present, as seen through its representation in cinema. We will see key works in the history of Rock & Roll movies and read a number of the important critical texts on the music. Issues covered will include the role of race and class in popular music, the paradox of 'radical' culture distributed through corporate capital, amateurism, 'authenticity' as a cultural value, and the interplay of history and pop culture.	Graduate	
Special Topics: The Western (FAIC-653)	FAIC-653	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A survey of the richest, most inexhaustible genre in the American cinema. We will approach the Western as genre, as history and as mythology. Particular attention will be paid to questions of authorship, the roles of race and gender and the recurring death - and rebirth - of the genre.	Graduate	
The Tracking Shot in Kapo (FAIC-670)	FAIC-670	The Tracking Shot in KAPO: Aesthetics and Politics In The Cinematic Representation of War, Destruction and Violence Look however in Kapo, the shot where [Emmanuelle] Riva commits suicide by throwing herself on electric barbwire: the man who decides at this moment to make a forward tracking shot to reframe the dead body - carefully positioning the raised hand in the corner of the final framing - this man is worthy of the most profound contempt. - Jacques Rivette, Cahiers du cinema, June 1961. This seminal text by Jacques Rivette marks a turning point in film theory and criticism, opening the door to a critical investigation on how the form of a film is producing as much discourse as its expressed content (leading later to some major developments, such as the political analyses of Cahiers du cinema in the 1970s; the incisive writings of Serge Daney; Jacques Ranciere's texts on history and cinema, etc.). The shot is at the center of any critical discourse on cinema - even though both film practitioners (such as Robert Bresson) and analysts (such as Jean-Pierre Oudart) have asserted that what is important in a shot is not the image within its frame, but the shot that comes before, and the shot that comes after - each new shot "denying" or "eradicating" the shot that preceded it and, in some way, enacting the death of the spectator himself/herself. By returning to the basics of what a shot can do and cannot do, as well as the theoretical and ideological applications of the way it is composed and articulated within the frame, in relation to the off-screen space and the camera movements, we will investigate what it at the heart of the production of meaning in modern cinema. Here we will take the notion of modernity in the wake of authors such as Jean-Luc Godard (for whom the history of cinema is divided into two: before and after concentration camps) and Gilles Deleuze (who locates the birth of cinematic modernity in post-war Europe). A crucial combination took place (as noted by Paul Virilio) when the apparatus of cinema met with the apparatus of mass killing during WWII.	Graduate	Arts in Context
History of Experimental Animation (FAIC-675)	FAIC-675	This course is by Permission of Instructor Only. This thematically organized trip through the history of experimental animation will look at work from pre-cinema to the present day, with an eye towards connecting disparate time periods, traditions, and techniques by finding and exploring some common threads. In our class attempt to define what "experimental animation" is, we will arrive at a more complex understanding of the concept of animation itself. By the end of the semester, students will have been exposed to a radically diverse	Graduate	Open to the Institute

selection of work, and ideally come away from the experience with a rich, impressionistic understanding of the history, scope, and possibilities in experimental animation. Each class session will include screenings of multiple works, as well as contextualizing and supplemental information. Discussion will be greatly encouraged in class.

The Art of Intuition (FAIC-685)	FAIC-685	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course is aimed at enhancing and building creative instincts toward the making of new original works. In this course we will strive to place ourselves in positions of not knowing where our curiosity will take us. Instead of viewing historical works in animation for reference and inspiration, we will instead throughout the course screen several experimental live action and found footage non-animation films and videos, examining in particular the conceptual and intuitive construction of avant-garde works past and present in an effort to expand the students' awareness of montage, poetic assembly, sound and image constructs, and the overall impressions and meanings these films convey. We will produce sequences which may include photographs, found footage, drawing under the camera, cut-outs, objects, perhaps 16mm, stream of consciousness writing, and other experimental techniques which seem appropriate to each filmmaker's interest. Audio elements will be an ongoing part of	Graduate
Flash (FCOM-364)	FCOM-364	Fundamental of Adobe Flash, for digital art and animation, as well as the study of digital art-making online. Adapted for students of varying experience levels with Flash, including those who haven't used the program before.	Undergraduate
Flash (FCOM-564)	FCOM-564	Fundamental of Adobe Flash, for digital art and animation, as well as the study of digital art-making online. Adapted for students of varying experience levels with Flash, including those who haven't used the program before.	Graduate
Story (FFDP-150S)	FFDP-150S	This intensive class will focus on all aspects of Story, as it relates to animation. Students will get a real immersion into the process of how stories are generated and developed at the major animation studio level. We will cover all aspects of Storytelling for animation, including: How to pick a concept that lends itself well to animation; How to develop that idea, both visually, and from a screenwriting standpoint; and how to create believable and interesting animated film characters. The course will delve into many of the basics of storyboarding, such as staging, cutting and continuity. Students will also learn about the different types of Storyboarding, and what their functions and considerations are. Many examples of professional concept drawings, storyboards, and story reels will be brought in for review and discussion. We will also spend time going over how to pitch and present your ideas effectively, using techniques that are taught at the studios.	Undergraduate
Cinema Panic (FFDP-304)	FFDP-304	Cinema is a remarkable blend of vision, technology, inspiration, craft, imagination and practical realities. But, what is a filmmaker to do when they lack resources? How do you accomplish your vision without the perfect camera or special lens? Will the struggle to cast remarkable actors, provide wardrobe or other production elements sabotage a project? CINEMA PANIC immerses the filmmaker/film director in an environment where story is primary and the ability to coalesce a cinematic event is as accessible as your smart phone or antiquated brownie camera. The CINEMA PANIC workshop is comprised of exercises designed to teach several essential elements of narrative filmmaking including, but not limited to: Discover and develop unique cinematic stories, teach how to direct actors toward true and compelling performances, and develop an expanded appreciation for cinematic forms and genres. The 5 week session will result in a portfolio comprised of minimum 3 short film treatments, minimum 1 developed short film screenplay, and minimum 1 edited short film. Each exercise will represent a unique filmmaking practice ranging from traditional dramatic narrative work to docu-drama hybrids. Making diverse projects will allow the student to explore their artistic voice and personal aesthetics. Workshop projects will employ an array of film equipment including personal recording devices ranging from cellular phones and electronic tablets to semi-sophisticated consumer cameras. The equipment and stories made in this workshop will ultimately demonstrate how wonderful cinematic work can be made under the most basic conditions. Artists need never PANIC! The realization of an artistic impulse is infinitely accessible when accompanied by a strong imagination and willing artistic spirit. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor required. To be considered please submit a typed, one-page statement explaining your film knowledge, experience and goals to Hilary Darling at summer@calarts.edu . Participants in CINEMA PANIC must have fundamental knowledge of film grammar and basic cinematic practices. Participants in Cinema Panic must have fundamental knowledge of film grammar and basic cinematic practices. We recommend you bring your own camera-doesn't have to be fancy-but if you do not have your own equipment please do not hesitate to apply.	Undergraduate

Independent Project (FFDP-399)	FFDP-399	Course available by permission of instructor	Undergraduate	
Acting Workshop (FFDP-404)	FFDP-404	Acting Workshop: The focus is on the craft of acting and the examination of multiple methodologies. Character development is arrived at through script analysis, exercises, monologues, writing and scene work. This class works to create true & credible performance, and to be able to recognize it as well. Work also includes honing observational skills and the investigation of self, space & others. Will craft behavior that illustrates the world of the story through specific intentions/actions, gesture & physicality. All participants should expect to work on a weekly basis. Recommended highly for all artists across all disciplines. Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An in-depth investigation of the acting process through exercises using improvisation, prepared scene work, and some acting for the camera. This class takes an in-depth approach to the creation of a true and credible performance. Work will focus on how to develop a character through text analysis, research methodologies, and the exploration of human behavior through dynamic action and intention. Acting Workshop 2 builds on fundamentals established in beginning acting courses bringing the artist to a deeper appreciation of how to use this delicate craft in achieving true and honest storytelling. Recommended highly for artists across all disciplines.	Undergraduate	
Advanced Acting Workshop (FFDP-405)	FFDP-405	Course available by permission of instructor only. An in-depth investigation of the acting process through exercises using improvisation, prepared scene work. This class takes an in-depth approach to the creation of a true and credible performance. Work will focus on how to develop a character through text analysis, research methodologies, and the exploration of human behavior through dynamic action and intention. Acting Workshop 2 builds on fundamentals established in beginning acting courses bringing the artist to a deeper appreciation of how to use this delicate craft in achieving true and honest storytelling. Recommended highly for artists across all disciplines.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Cinematheque (FFDP-406)	FFDP-406	A student curated screening course; a student teacher is selected each year from proposals submitted by students and selected by the FDP faculty. Precise topics and concentrations vary by year. Recommended for MFA One FDP students, but open to all.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Rehearsal Crews & Performance (FFDP-407)	FFDP-407	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Students will rehearse and otherwise prepare and present, in other classes or labs, scenes for Stage and Screen. Required of FDP MFAs1 and MFAs2s.	Undergraduate	
Scene Study (FFDP-412)	FFDP-412	The collaborative work between an actor and director is critical to dramatic narrative storytelling. Many essential fundamentals are shared between the two disciplines including, but not limited to, basic story/text analysis, research skills, the art of rehearsal, and a shared vocabulary centered on action-intention. Students will participate as both actors and directors throughout the course of the workshop; fundamentals will be developed through scene work both improvised and scripted, and by breaking down material on paper, on stage and through critical analysis of film clips. Performance in class work encourages the director to challenge their vulnerability and willingness to risk. Scene study teaches the director to evaluate the events materializing in front of them and make effective adjustments to the scene while working on the floor.	Undergraduate	
Advanced Scene Study (FFDP-413)	FFDP-413	Advanced Scene Study: Available by permission of instructor only This course advances principles addressed in Scene Study I: text analysis, working with actors, staging and dramatic construction. Exercises apply a variety of methodologies to the development of scene work and cinematic storytelling. Directors rehearse and/or produce adapted or self-generated material for in-class presentations. Critiques are guided by the Instructor with participation from the full class. Pre-Requisite: FDP Scene Study 1 or comparable course.	Undergraduate	
One Act to Cinematic Event (FFDP-416)	FFDP-416	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Working in the live performance-theatrical medium contributes to the film directorEs exploration of storytelling with rigorous attention to text analysis and casting. This course offers directors opportunities to collaborate with artists across disciplines including actors, and possibly puppeteers, designers, musicians, and dance/movement. Each director will explore the intricate relationship between actors, space and text by helming a ten to fifteen minute play or section of a play, presented in a short run of public performances. Plays will be chosen with a specific theme determined by the instructors and students to coalesce the presentation. In the second semester, the plays will be adapted into a cinematic treatment or step outline. Students are encouraged to film the adaptation, although not required.	Undergraduate	
One Act to Cinematic Event: Adaptation (FFDP-417)	FFDP-417	Course available by permission of instructor only. Working in the live performance-theatrical medium contributes to the film directorEs exploration of storytelling with rigorous attention to text analysis and casting. This course offers directors opportunities to collaborate with artists across disciplines including actors, and possibly puppeteers,	Undergraduate	

designers, musicians, and dance/movement. Each director will explore the intricate relationship between actors, space and text by helming a ten to fifteen minute play or section of a play, presented in a short run of public performances. Plays will be chosen with a specific theme determined by the instructors and students to coalesce the presentation. In the second semester, the plays will be adapted into a cinematic treatment or step outline. Students are encouraged to film the adaptation, although not required.

Finding Your Story (FFDP-423)	FFDP-423	Exercises and lectures designed to discover sources, processes and methodologies that lead to the development of story ideas and scripted dramatic events. Treatments, step outlines and short scripts will be crafted by the students from a variety of inspirations including, but not limited to, publications, literature, diary and journal work, observations of public spaces and events. Many of these pieces will be workshopped in the class setting and may form the basis for future CalArts projects. Emphasis is given to clear, effective storytelling and the ability to articulate cogent critique of class presentations.	Undergraduate	
Cinematic Storytelling (FFDP-424)	FFDP-424	Course available by permission of instructor only. Fashioning cinematic stories from the artistEs developing ideas while exploring the storytelling strategies of influential cinema artists. The use of film clips,screenplays and other tools are used to inspire and inform decisions in sculpting the story idea,culminating in a short script. Second course in Film Directing Program Writing sequence.	Undergraduate	
Advanced Scripting (FFDP-425)	FFDP-425	Advanced work in screenwriting. Operates as both a lecture on narrative form and a workshop to create and critique advanced student work. Can be taken more than once.	Undergraduate	
Cinematography for Directors (FFDP-430)	FFDP-430	Course open to MFA1 Film Directing students only, by Permission of Instructor only. An introduction to film and video techniques, this is a practical course on the concepts and uses of the various elements of filmmaking; both technical and conceptual. Students will learn fundamental technical concerns of video and film production including both camera operation and the fundamentals of technical cinematography. The course will include discussions of basic ideas of camera use, file flow and management, lab practices, lighting, grip and gaffing demands and production methodologies. The course will also discuss various modes and models of production and distribution, and the ways that each implements and affects the development of story, process, and politics. The course will be a technical class geared towards directors, with the idea that an understanding of camera technologies and production practicalities aid are essential to the artistic work of any filmmaker. Required for FDP MFA 1's.	Undergraduate	
Advanced Staging (FFDP-432)	FFDP-432	Course available by permission of instructor only. This workshop explores the aesthetics and methodologies of complex and non-traditional approaches to narrative staging. The class consists of in-class shoots that should expand the student's recent directing and shooting methods, several field trips beyond the studio, and hands-on experimentation with techniques such as off-screen space, layered and limited space, kinetic ensemble staging, the moving master, live locations, direct address, and use of multiple cameras. We will look specifically at issues of framing, composition, blocking, and in particular, staging of the camera and the dramatic moment. Assignments include a small research project, in-class exercises, and a short work that reflects engagement in advanced staging techniques.	Undergraduate	
Real World Survival Skills (FFDP-433)	FFDP-433	Course available by permission of instructor only. The goals of this class are to give the student practical knowledge and skills to succeed at sustaining their art practice post CALARTS. The art of making films continually evolves with different technologies and modalities, as do the myriad delivery systems and approaches to monetizing the work. It is crucial for early career artists to learn skills that will help them continue developing artistically and practically. To accomplish this, the class covers topics such as: Film financing from equity to crowdfunding. Film festival strategy. "Independent and/or Personal Filmmaking" vs. "Film Industry" and other types of film production. Agents, Managers, Lawyers. How to pitch a project. Emphasis will be on new forms of career development strategies focusing on audience development, personal branding, and new distribution and marketing models.	Undergraduate	
Visual Design (FFDP-435)	FFDP-435	This directing workshop draws on ideas and investigations about filmmaking that were introduced in first semester, asking you to consider how concept relates to image and meaning. Our main task will be a hands-on investigation of visual strategies for narrative directing, specifically focused on the translation from concept to cinema. In a series of labs and workshops, students will experiment with text analysis, visual design, mise-en-scene, staging, composition, movement, angle, focal length, rhythm, continuity, coverage and most of all, visual meanings. Students will prepare a portfolio of visual designs for a series of scenes, and act as a key collaborator in the design, production and editing of one scene, to be shot in class.	Undergraduate	
Guest Artist Workshop (FFDP-440)	FFDP-440	Course available by permission of instructor only. Meeting once a week, students are introduced to artists from a variety of worlds	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute

including film, theater, video, music, still photography, etc. Workshops vary: some are dedicated to conversation with an artist, others to working in a hands-on situation. The GAW is designed to stimulate, provoke and open the student to different professional and aesthetic models.

Special Topics: Survey of Hist Directors (FFDP-456)	FFDP-456	Survey of Historical Directors: Through the examination of seminal directors, their work and creative practices, this course takes an in-depth look at diverse filmmaking methodologies. In-class exercises model various processes. Additionally, each student will present a lecture focused on a director/filmmaker chosen from a broad list of artists. Research around the histories and political environment of each subject encourages the student to examine their own lived experience as it influences their work. The course culminates with students making a creative project: film, live performance or other art form. Highly recommended for artists interested in self-generated work. Also, for those interested in developing effective artistic collaborations, and/or teaching.	Undergraduate
Special Topics: Love Stories (FFDP-457)	FFDP-457	This class will focus on stories of love as told on film; love is a word that means everything and nothing at all. Love is politic, desire, obsession, belief; it is a paradox, one that continually contradicts its expectations. The class will examine how one describes the indescribable, films unique ability to speak to the ineffable. Most of all, love is dynamic, and requires a description of the exchange between people. It is seen in the most unlikely of gestures and exchanges. The class will focus on the ways a filmmaker depicts the substance of human relations, and how one articulates such moments. It will also focus on the dynamics and politics of human interactions, and the exchange of love and sex, especially as depicted in film. The class will be small and seminar based; students will be responsible for presentations throughout, organized around discussion topics. Films watched and discussed will draw on both fiction and documentary work; screening will be supp	Undergraduate
Special Topics: Coming of Age Stories (FFDP-458)	FFDP-458	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course proposes a broad reading of the coming of age story, framing it not just as a specific moment of adolescent development, but as a narrative of personal transformation most often concerned with transgression and epiphany. Through an examination of classic, independent and avant-garde examples of this vast genre, we will investigate thematic questions of sex and sexuality, the body, spiritual awakening, ethics, race, gender, nationality and community, autobiography, anger and violence. We will also be concerned with a range of production issues that arise in the making of such films, such as working with child actors, staging sex scenes, visual and dramatic treatments of rites of passage, and the presence of nostalgia and episodic structure in writing coming of age stories. Assignments include several short personal writings or cinematic essays, and either a one-hour seminar based on a germane topic or a substantial, relevant artistic work.	Undergraduate
Special Topics: History/Narrative (FFDP-459)	FFDP-459	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A practical analysis and methodologies course for the development of work based upon past events, or what some might call history. The writing of history in many ways mirrors the aims of dramatic film; the way events, document, archive, experience are constructed reveals similar questions of reality, authorship, subjectivity, and position. The course will examine the way that film grammar and narrative structure affects our understanding of past events. Through a survey of various works in the hopes of beginning to understand how form can sculpt an awareness of the often dichotomous phenomena and events in both cultural and personal memory. Films will range from classical dramatic features to more radical filmic gestures and movements. The aim of the seminar is both creative and analytic, the work of analysis ultimately feeding into the understanding and implementation of new models of storytelling and depiction.	Undergraduate
Thesis Workshop (FFDP-475)	FFDP-475		Undergraduate
Narrative Editing (FFDP-477)	FFDP-477	A practical workshop in editing the narrative film, emphasizing post-production strategies, narrative structure, editing rhythms, and cutting for performance. Students must be in post-production on a substantial narrative project in order to take the course. The class is built around critique; each student must screen at least three times over the semester and participate actively in discussions.	Undergraduate
Project Development (FFDP-482)	FFDP-482	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An advanced theoretical and practical workshop to generate advanced projects, and foster a critical and creative community amongst second and third year students. This will be a development class, though the paths towards developing narrative work will be expansive, self motivated and, hopefully, challenging to the assumptions about process and methodology for narrative filmmaking. Students must make substantial progress towards a major work; this may be demonstrated in modes as diverse as traditional scriptwriting to documentary	Undergraduate

research, staging and performance exercises to theoretical writings.

Independent Project (FFDP-499)	FFDP-499	Course available by permission of instructor	Undergraduate	
Graduate Critique (FFDP-502)	FFDP-502	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Workshop course for preparation of second year and thesis film projects.	Graduate	
Acting Workshop I (FFDP-504)	FFDP-504	Acting Workshop: The focus is on the craft of acting and the examination of multiple methodologies. Character development is arrived at through script analysis, exercises, monologues, writing and scene work. This class works to create true & credible performance, and to be able to recognize it as well. Work also includes honing observational skills and the investigation of self, space & others. Will craft behavior that illustrates the world of the story through specific intentions/actions, gesture & physicality. All participants should expect to work on a weekly basis. Recommended highly for all artists across all disciplines. Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An in-depth investigation of the acting process through exercises using improvisation, prepared scene work, and some acting for the camera. This class takes an in-depth approach to the creation of a true and credible performance. Work will focus on how to develop a character through text analysis, research methodologies, and the exploration of human behavior through dynamic action and intention. Acting Workshop 2 builds on fundamentals established in beginning acting courses bringing the artist to a deeper appreciation of how to use this delicate craft in achieving true and honest storytelling. Recommended highly for artists across all disciplines.	Graduate	
Cinematheque (FFDP-506)	FFDP-506	A student curated screening course; a student teacher is selected each year from proposals submitted by students and selected by the FDP faculty. Precise topics and concentrations vary by year. Recommended for MFA One FDP students, but open to all.	Graduate	Open to the Institute
Rehearsal Crews & Performance (FFDP-507)	FFDP-507	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Students will rehearse and otherwise prepare and present, in other classes or labs, scenes for Stage and Screen. Required of FDP MFAs and MFA2s.	Graduate	
Scene Study (FFDP-512)	FFDP-512	The collaborative work between an actor and director is critical to dramatic narrative storytelling. Many essential fundamentals are shared between the two disciplines including, but not limited to, basic story/text analysis, research skills, the art of rehearsal, and a shared vocabulary centered on action-intention. Students will participate as both actors and directors throughout the course of the workshop; fundamentals will be developed through scene work both improvised and scripted, and by breaking down material on paper, on stage and through critical analysis of film clips. Performance in class work encourages the director to challenge their vulnerability and willingness to risk. Scene study teaches the director to evaluate the events materializing in front of them and make effective adjustments to the scene while working on the floor.	Graduate	
Advanced Scene Study (FFDP-513)	FFDP-513	Advanced Scene Study: Pre-Requisite: FDP Scene Study 1 or comparable course. Available by permission of instructor only. This course advances principles addressed in Scene Study 1: text analysis, working with actors, staging and dramatic construction. Exercises apply a variety of methodologies to the development of scene work and cinematic storytelling. Directors rehearse and/or produce adapted or self-generated material for in-class presentations. Critiques are guided by the Instructor with participation from the full class.	Graduate	
Narrative Fundamental (FFDP-520)	FFDP-520	Course open to MFA1 Film Directing students only, by Permission of Instructor only. This course is taught by core FDP faculty as a hands-on, exploratory introduction to narrative filmmaking. Over the move through five modular block sessions, each several weeks long. In each they will complete a cinematic assignment, including a 52 second silent "Lumiere" film, a cinematic landscape project, an observation exercise, a collaborative narrative work, and the depiction of an event that provokes an emotional and visceral response. The final "block" is the completion of a three to five minute film, which each student prepares and completes independently. The course explores different methods and approaches towards making narrative work, positing the idea that process and form are inextricably linked. Its intention is to begin the dialogue about form focused on critique and exploration of the student's own voice, method and body of work.	Graduate	
Narrative Structure and Form (FFDP-521)	FFDP-521	Narrative Structure and Form Course open to MFA1 Film Directing students only, by Permission of Instructor only. This course is an examination of narrative film structure and form. The course examines the construction of narrative works ranging from dramatic narrative to epic, episodic and anecdotal forms. These lectures will draw on the practical ideas introduced in your production classes, and ask you to interrogate your assumptions about construction of events in time, and the making of images and meaning. It is meant to question such basic assumptions as cinema and narrative, while developing an understanding of the material and language of both. Assignments will include analysis, writing and shooting assignments.	Graduate	

Finding Your Story (FFDP-523)	FFDP-523	Course open to MFA1 Film Directing students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Exercises and lectures designed to discover sources, processes and methodologies that lead to the development of story ideas and scripted dramatic events. Treatments, step outlines and short scripts will be crafted by the students from a variety of inspirations including, but not limited to, publications, literature, diary and journal work, observations of public spaces and events. Many of these pieces will be workshopped in the class setting and may form the basis for future CalArts projects. Emphasis is given to clear, effective storytelling and the ability to articulate cogent critique of class presentations.	Graduate
Cinematic Storytelling (FFDP-524)	FFDP-524	Course available by permission of instructor only. Fashioning cinematic stories from the artistEs developing ideas while exploring the storytelling strategies of influential cinema artists. The use of film clips,screenplays and other tools are used to inspire and inform decisions in sculpting the story idea,culminating in a short script. Second course in Film Directing Program Writing sequence.	Graduate
Post-Production for Directors (FFDP-529)	FFDP-529	Course available by permission of instructor only. Students will learn fundamental technical concerns of video production including video cameras and signal flow information. In conjunction with FD 579A Production Workshop, students will complete several small exercises in shooting and editing to help practice and integrate material covered in class.	Graduate
Cinematography for Directors (FFDP-530)	FFDP-530	Course open to MFA1 Film Directing students only, by Permission of Instructor only. An introduction to film and video techniques, this is a practical course on the concepts and uses of the various elements of filmmaking; both technical and conceptual. Students will learn fundamental technical concerns of video and film production including both camera operation and the fundaments of technical cinematography. The course will include discussions of basic ideas of camera use, file flow and management, lab practices, lighting, grip and gaffing demands and production methodologies. The course will also discuss various modes and models of production and distribution, and the ways that each implements and affects the development of story, process, and politics. The course will be a technical class geared towards directors, with the idea that an understanding of camera technologies and production practicalities aid are essential to the artistic work of any filmmaker. Required for FDP MFA 1's.	Graduate
Digital Editing & Delivery (FFDP-534)	FFDP-534	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Basic editing and digital workflow essentials from transcoding to delivery. Learn, or improve your knowledge of, fundamental post-production software such as Avid Media Composer and Compressor.	Graduate
Visual Design (FFDP-535)	FFDP-535	This directing workshop draws on ideas and investigations about filmmaking that were introduced in first semester, asking you to consider how concept relates to image and meaning. Our main task will be a hands-on investigation of visual strategies for narrative directing, specifically focused on the translation from concept to cinema. In a series of labs and workshops, students will experiment with text analysis, visual design, mise-en-scene, staging, composition, movement, angle, focal length, rhythm, continuity, coverage and most of all, visual meanings. Students will prepare a portfolio of visual designs for a series of scenes, and act as a key collaborator in the design, production and editing of one scene, to be shot in class.	Graduate
Guest Artist Workshop (FFDP-540)	FFDP-540	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Meeting once a week, students are introduced to artists from a variety of worlds including film, theater, video, music, still photography, etc. Workshops vary: some are dedicated to conversation with an artist, others to working in a hands-on situation. The GAW is designed to stimulate, provoke and open the student to different professional and aesthetic models.	Graduate
Production Sound (FFDP-580)	FFDP-580	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course covers field and studio recording and mic techniques. If students can achieve good production sound, they have beaten the toughest part of post-production sound. Gives access to field recorders and microphones.	Graduate
Independent Projects (FFDP-599)	FFDP-599	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate
Advanced Acting Workshop (FFDP-604)	FFDP-604	Course available by permission of instructor only. An in-depth investigation of the acting process through exercises using improvisation, prepared scene work. This class takes an in-depth approach to the creation of a true and credible performance. Work will focus on how to develop a character through text analysis, research methodologies, and the exploration of human behavior through dynamic action and intention. Acting Workshop 2 builds on fundamentals established in beginning acting courses bringing the artist to a deeper appreciation of how to use this delicate craft in achieving true and honest storytelling. Recommended highly for artists across all disciplines.	Graduate

One Act to Cinematic Event (FFDP-616)	FFDP-616	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Working in the live performance-theatrical medium contributes to the film directorEs exploration of storytelling with rigorous attention to text analysis and casting. This course offers directors opportunities to collaborate with artists across disciplines including actors, and possibly puppeteers, designers, musicians, and dance/movement. Each director will explore the intricate relationship between actors, space and text by helming a ten to fifteen minute play or section of a play, presented in a short run of public performances. Plays will be chosen with a specific theme determined by the instructors and students to coalesce the presentation. In the second semester, the plays will be adapted into a cinematic treatment or step outline. Students are encouraged to film the adaptation, although not required.	Graduate
One Act to Cinematic Event: Adaptation (FFDP-617)	FFDP-617	Course available by permission of instructor only. Working in the live performance-theatrical medium contributes to the film directorEs exploration of storytelling with rigorous attention to text analysis and casting. This course offers directors opportunities to collaborate with artists across disciplines including actors, and possibly puppeteers, designers, musicians, and dance/movement. Each director will explore the intricate relationship between actors, space and text by helming a ten to fifteen minute play or section of a play, presented in a short run of public performances. Plays will be chosen with a specific theme determined by the instructors and students to coalesce the presentation. In the second semester, the plays will be adapted into a cinematic treatment or step outline. Students are encouraged to film the adaptation, although not required.	Graduate
Advanced Scripting (FFDP-625)	FFDP-625	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Advanced work in screenwriting. Operates as both a lecture on narrative form and a workshop to create and critique advanced student work. Can be taken more than once.	Graduate
Advanced Staging (FFDP-632)	FFDP-632	Course available by permission of instructor only. This workshop explores the aesthetics and methodologies of complex and non-traditional approaches to narrative staging. The class consists of in-class shoots that should expand the student's recent directing and shooting methods, several field trips beyond the studio, and hands-on experimentation with techniques such as off-screen space, layered and limited space, kinetic ensemble staging, the moving master, live locations, direct address, and use of multiple cameras. We will look specifically at issues of framing, composition, blocking, and in particular, staging of the camera and the dramatic moment. Assignments include a small research project, in-class exercises, and a short work that reflects engagement in advanced staging techniques.	Graduate
Real World Survival Skills (FFDP-633)	FFDP-633	Course available by permission of instructor only. The goals of this class are to give the student practical knowledge and skills to succeed at sustaining their art practice post CALARTS. The art of making films continually evolves with different technologies and modalities, as do the myriad delivery systems and approaches to monetizing the work. It is crucial for early career artists to learn skills that will help them continue developing artistically and practically. To accomplish this, the class covers topics such as: Film financing from equity to crowdfunding. Film festival strategy. "Independent and/or Personal Filmmaking" vs. "Film Industry" and other types of film production. Agents, Managers, Lawyers. How to pitch a project. Emphasis will be on new forms of career development strategies focusing on audience development, personal branding, and new distribution and marketing models.	Graduate
Special Topics: Survey of Hist Directors (FFDP-656)	FFDP-656	Survey of Historical Directors: Through the examination of seminal directors, their work and creative practices, this course takes an in-depth look at diverse filmmaking methodologies. In-class exercises model various processes. Additionally, each student will present a lecture focused on a director/filmmaker chosen from a broad list of artists. Research around the histories and political environment of each subject encourages the student to examine their own lived experience as it influences their work. The course culminates with students making a creative project: film, live performance or other art form. Highly recommended for artists interested in self-generated work. Also, for those interested in developing effective artistic collaborations, and/or teaching.	Graduate
Special Topics: Love Stories (FFDP-657)	FFDP-657	This class will focus on stories of love as told on film; love is a word that means everything and nothing at all. Love is politic, desire, obsession, belief; it is a paradox, one that continually contradicts its expectations. The class will examine how one describes the indescribable, films unique ability to speak to the ineffable. Most of all, love is dynamic, and requires a description of the exchange between people. It is seen in the most unlikely of gestures and exchanges. The class will focus on the ways a filmmaker depicts the substance of human relations, and how one articulates such moments. It will also focus on the dynamics and politics of human interactions, and the exchange of love and sex, especially as depicted in film. The class will be small and seminar based; students will be responsible for presentations throughout, organized around discussion topics. Films	Graduate

		watched and discussed will draw on both fiction and documentary work; screening will be supp	
Special Topics: Coming of Age Stories (FFDP-658)	FFDP-658	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course proposes a broad reading of the coming of age story, framing it not just as a specific moment of adolescent development, but as a narrative of personal transformation most often concerned with transgression and epiphany. Through an examination of classic, independent and avant-garde examples of this vast genre, we will investigate thematic questions of sex and sexuality, the body, spiritual awakening, ethics, race, gender, nationality and community, autobiography, anger and violence. We will also be concerned with a range of production issues that arise in the making of such films, such as working with child actors, staging sex scenes, visual and dramatic treatments of rites of passage, and the presence of nostalgia and episodic structure in writing coming of age stories. Assignments include several short personal writings or cinematic essays, and either a one-hour seminar based on a germane topic or a substantial, relevant artistic work.	Graduate
Special Topics: History/Narrative (FFDP-659)	FFDP-659	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A practical analysis and methodologies course for the development of work based upon past events, or what some might call history. The writing of history in many ways mirrors the aims of dramatic film; the way events, document, archive, experience are constructed reveals similar questions of reality, authorship, subjectivity, and position. The course will examine the way that film grammar and narrative structure affects our understanding of past events. Through a survey of various works in the hopes of beginning to understand how form can sculpt an awareness of the often dichotomous phenomena and events in both cultural and personal memory. Films will range from classical dramatic features to more radical filmic gestures and movements. The aim of the seminar is both creative and analytic, the work of analysis ultimately feeding into the understanding and implementation of new models of storytelling and depiction.	Graduate
Thesis Workshop (FFDP-675)	FFDP-675	Permission of instructor required. A seminar intended to be a creative and practical environment designed to facilitate the completion of the students thesis film. While much of the work will center around group critiques and discussions of the editing of each students individual film, the class will also include discussions about sound design, sound mixing, postproduction, festival preparation and materials and postgraduate fellowships and opportunities. The instructor will also work individually with students to help them facilitate their individual technical concerns. Though the course is designed for third year thesis students, second year students completing significant projects will be considered. * Can be used towards fulfillment of the metier course requirements for FDP MFA2 and MFA3 students.	Graduate
Narrative Editing (FFDP-677)	FFDP-677	Course available by permission of instructor only. A practical workshop in editing the narrative film, emphasizing post-production strategies, narrative structure, editing rhythms, and cutting for performance. Students must be in post-production on a substantial narrative project in order to take the course. The class is built around critique; each student must screen at least three times over the semester and participate actively in discussions. Prerequisite could be FFDP-534 or equivalent. To be taken for FDP metier credit.	Graduate
Post Production Sound (FFDP-680)	FFDP-680	This course is by Permission of Instructor. It is required of MFA1 Film Directing students. Covers all aspects of post-production and basic sound design, editing and mixing concepts. Gives access to individual Pro Tools rooms and E 105 basic studio.	Graduate
Project Development (FFDP-682)	FFDP-682	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An advanced theoretical and practical workshop to generate advanced projects, and foster a critical and creative community amongst second and third year students. This will be a development class, though the paths towards developing narrative work will be expansive, self motivated and, hopefully, challenging to the assumptions about process and methodology for narrative filmmaking. Students must make substantial progress towards a major work; this may be demonstrated in modes as diverse as traditional scriptwriting to documentary research, staging and performance exercises to theoretical writings.	Graduate
Independent Project (FFDP-699)	FFDP-699	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate
Independent Project (FFDP-799)	FFDP-799	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate
Film/Video - Internship (FINT-199)	FINT-199		Undergraduate
Film/Video - Internship (FINT-299)	FINT-299		Undergraduate

Film/Video - Internship (FINT-399)	FINT-399		Undergraduate
Film/Video - Internship (FINT-499)	FINT-499		Undergraduate
Film/Video - Internship (FINT-599)	FINT-599		Graduate
Film/Video - Internship (FINT-699)	FINT-699		Graduate
Film/Video - Internship (FINT-799)	FINT-799		Graduate
Filmmaking Fundamentals I (FPFV-101)	FPFV-101	Course open to Film/Video Program only, by Permission of Instructor only. An investigation of the aesthetics and language of film and video. Students will be encouraged to make personal works. Class will include analysis and the beginning of a critical dialogue. Required of all PFV BFAs and incoming transfer students.	Undergraduate
Filmmaking Fundamentals II (FPFV-102)	FPFV-102	Course open to Film/Video Program only, by Permission of Instructor only. An examination of contemporary visual culture and production techniques. Participants are expected to finish several short projects. Required of all PFV BFAs and incoming transfer students	Undergraduate
Video Production Workshop (FPFV-126)	FPFV-126	Course open to Film/Video Program only, by Permission of Instructor only. Must also take FPFV-134. Required of and limited to all incoming undergraduate Program in Film and Video students. This course is required for video field production equipment and video editing access. Basic NTSC signal information, and operation of dub and edit suites. Short works produced in class will be featured in an end-of-semester screening in the Bijou.	Undergraduate
Digital Editing (FPFV-134)	FPFV-134	Basic editing and digital workflow essentials from transcoding to delivery. Learn, or improve your knowledge of, fundamental post-production software such as Avid Media Composer and Compressor. Required of and limited to all incoming PFV students. A Digital Editing Lab is being provided on Wednesdays 7-10pm in E60.	Undergraduate
Structuring Strategies- Artists Present (FPFV-153)	FPFV-153	Course available by permission of instructor only. A screening and analysis class in which members of the Film/Video faculty and visiting artists show and discuss their work. The class is intended to acquaint students with the faculty as well as different kinds of independent film and video. Students are expected to participate in the critiques and analysis. There will be reading requirements and students will be expected to write two short papers. Required of all PFV incoming students for both Fall and Spring semesters. May be repeated for credit.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FPFV-199)	FPFV-199	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Undergraduate
Cinematography (FPFV-203)	FPFV-203	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A lecture course exploring the basic concepts of film photography. Required of and limited to all incoming PFV transfer students and continuing PFV BFA 2 students	Undergraduate
Film Production Workshop I (FPFV-204)	FPFV-204	Course available by permission of instructor only. Two-semester sequence. Students will learn all phases of 16mm production and post-production, including working with telecine and Avid Media Composer/FilmScribe. Each student will shoot, edit and complete to answer print a 16mm film and collaborate on a class 16mm synch-sound film which will finish on digital. Lab time is required. Required of and limited to continuing PFV BFA 2 students.	Undergraduate
Film Production Workshop I (FPFV-205)	FPFV-205	Course available by permission of instructor only. Two-semester sequence. Students will learn all phases of 16mm production and post-production, including working with telecine and Avid Media Composer/FilmScribe. Each student will shoot, edit and complete to answer print a 16mm film and collaborate on a class 16mm synch-sound film which will finish on digital. Lab time is required. Required of and limited to continuing PFV BFA 2 students.	Undergraduate
Intermediate Digital Editing (FPFV-234)	FPFV-234	This course is Permission of Instructor only. This is an intermediate editing course that will expand on topics covered in FPFV 134/534: Digital Editing. Through lecture, demonstration, and work on individual projects, students will learn intermediate editing techniques and post-production workflows, as well as explore strategies and aesthetics of editing in documentary, experimental, narrative, and hybrid forms. Students will be required to bring in a current work-in-progress or be prepared to begin post-production on a new project.	Undergraduate
Production Sound (FPFV-285)	FPFV-285	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course covers field and studio recording and mic techniques. If students can achieve good production sound, they have beaten the toughest part of post-production sound. Gives access to field recorders and microphones. Required of all PFV BFA 2 students.	Undergraduate

Post Production Sound (FPFV-286)	FPFV-286	Course available by permission of instructor only. Covers all aspects of post-production and basic sound design, editing and mixing concepts. Gives access to individual Pro Tools rooms and E105 basic studio. Required of all PFV BFA 2 students.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FPFV-299)	FPFV-299	Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Undergraduate
Filmmaking Fundamentals (FPFV-301)	FPFV-301	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An investigation of the aesthetics inherent to low cost production equipment. Students will be encouraged to make personal, experimental works from the point of view of the individual. Class analysis of these works will be directed toward the development of a critical model.	Undergraduate
Undergraduate Critique (FPFV-340)	FPFV-340	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A forum for undergraduates to produce and present work. Students working on projects outside of class will show their work in various stages of pre- and post-production for group discussion and critique. Two semester are required of PFV students during their BFA3 and/or BFA4 semester.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FPFV-399)	FPFV-399	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Undergraduate
Intermediate Digital Production/Post (FPFV-401)	FPFV-401	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Students will be exposed to video production and post-production methodologies necessary for becoming self-sufficient video makers within the CalArts environment. Various methods of digital production and post-production will be covered, with special focus on best practices for production with Sony EX and Canon DSLR cameras, as well as finishing within the CalArts post path. Both the technical and aesthetic ramifications of video production and post will be covered. Limited to upper level PFV students.	Undergraduate
Light and Lighting (FPFV-402)	FPFV-402	Course available by permission of instructor only. A practical and aesthetic introduction to light in all its forms, from natural radiations to darkness and the many worlds of artificial light, including its use in moving image works, still works and light art. The first half of the class will be dedicated to observing and analyzing the qualities and mood of light in artistic expression as well as lived experience. The second part of the class will be dedicated to the craft of designing and using artificial light. Technical workshops will be supplemented with screenings and field trips.	Undergraduate
Adv Digital Production and Post (FPFV-403)	FPFV-403	Students will be exposed to various methods of HD and Digital Cinema production and postproduction, with special focus on the Sony EX3 workflow. Both the technical and aesthetic ramifications of HD production will be covered, including the best practices for cinematography, on set data wrangling, editing, and output, among other topics. Limited to upper level PFV and FDP students.	Undergraduate
Writing About Film (FPFV-405)	FPFV-405	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The class will teach students how to write about film (as well as video and other media using the moving image) in a variety of forms, genres, and contexts: writing about one's work, about the work of peers, reviews of films seen in commercial theater, critical essays, academic papers, filmmaker's interviews, press releases, grant proposals etc. Examples of writing about film will be handed out and discussed. Sequences of classical, contemporary, foreign and experimental film and videos will be screened in class and analyzed using the proper descriptive and critical vocabulary. Major critical approaches to film and video will also be discussed. In addition each student is expected to complete a full-length critical essay on a topic decided after discussion with the instructor. Through-out the semester students will bring samples of their writing in class and will get feedback from the instructor and from their peers. * Open to the Institute but you must have completed a minimum of one short film or video (under 30 minutes) to be eligible. *Priority given to Film/Video students.	Undergraduate
Optical Printing (FPFV-409)	FPFV-409	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This class offers an introduction to the method, magic and madness of optical printing: the wonderful possibilities of re-filming film. Students will learn how to perform time manipulations, multiple exposures, format transfers, and matte and title making, with training in the use of the Acme Optical Printer & the Oxberry Animation Stand. Intense workshops will be supplemented with screenings of films displaying printing virtuosity: from Hollywood spectaculars to B-movie mayhem to avant-garde wonders. Students will be required to complete a series of short assignments and produce a short film.	Undergraduate
Documentary Production (FPFV-410)	FPFV-410	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Documentary Production: Claiming the Commons -- "The commons" refers to a long-standing tradition of shared use of land for subsistence purposes. In most societies in the world, the right to grow food, hunt, forage, and make use of natural resources was unquestioned until fairly recent times. Today, environmentalists and advocates of social justice are	Undergraduate

reclaiming the traditions of shared commons as models for a just and sustainable relationship to natural resources. In this course, we will survey works by filmmakers, artists, writers, and social activists who have engaged with the idea of the commons, questioning the status quo and proposing creative transformations of reality. The course requires a substantial amount of reading and writing, as well as the production of a short film related to the themes of the course.

Devices of Illusion (FPFV-413)	FPFV-413	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This is a hands-on course in which students adapt, modify, reconfigure and boulderise optical and mechanical devices, creating mysterious machines for recording the ephemeral. Projects include but are not restricted to the creation of stereographic images and anamorphic distortions, dissection of cameras and projection of ghostly illusions. Our investigations will be supplemented by historical lectures, technical demonstrations and philosophical discussions concerning the extraordinary aesthetic possibilities of perceived motion and space. Students will create projects using still and motion picture film.	Undergraduate
Production Crews (FPFV-415)	FPFV-415	Hands-on experience for students serving on production crews of projects initiated by fellow students. Credit can be received for substantial contributions in areas such as: cinematography, sound recording and production design. Must be supervised by appropriate faculty.	Undergraduate
Post Production Crews (FPFV-416)	FPFV-416	Hands-on experience for students serving on production crews of projects initiated by fellow students. Credit can be received for substantial contributions in areas such as: editing, sound editing and sound design. Must be supervised by appropriate faculty member.	Undergraduate
Videographics (FPFV-417)	FPFV-417	Course available by permission of instructor only. Electronic image acquisition, generation and manipulation are the focus of this class aimed at experimentation. Combining the image processing and production power of the video studio and the videographics lab, students will learn the basic building blocks of analog and digital video. Students are encouraged to expand that knowledge toward their own personal vision. Topics include voltage image control, blue screen techniques, video to film transfer, video synthesis and more. Required for independent access to video graphics.	Undergraduate
Teaching, Research & ... (FPFV-420)	FPFV-420	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course is to provide Graduate Students with an opportunity to gain valuable teaching experience. Each student will prepare a two-hour teaching presentation and each week a different student will perform/teach their presentation. The course will pursue both innovative and creative ways of disseminating information and ideas. Students will be encouraged to consider the research they are currently undertaking for their thesis projects, but presentations will not only be limited to such research. Research in general is an essential element of this course. The demands for research and alternatives will be extensive. The final hour of each class will be used for general group critique of the teaching and presentation techniques. Graduate students only.	Undergraduate
Film to Video Production (FPFV-422)	FPFV-422	Course available by permission of instructor only. A film-making and video production course. Film will be shot on students own preexisting film, then transferred to video to be reworked using a digital editing system. Ambitious projects will be encouraged.	Undergraduate
Aesthetics of Sound and Image (FPFV-424)	FPFV-424	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An exploration of the aesthetic concerns when combining sound with the image. This class will explore the aural dimension and its profoundly psychological role in cinematic work. Sound is a vital component in filmmaking and this class will examine aesthetic concerns regarding the use of voice-over, musical composition and sound design. A broad range of work will be presented plus lots of listening in the dark. May be repeated for credit.	Undergraduate
Video Studio Teaching Assistant Class (FPFV-428)	FPFV-428	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A technical course expanding on basic video equipment, knowledge, practice and theory. Emphasis on transfers between formats, both analog and digital time code and compression principles, equipment safety issues, special techniques in production and problem solving. Video Studio TAs will have access to the Video Studio.	Undergraduate
Video Installation (FPFV-430)	FPFV-430	Course available by permission of instructor only. The objectives of this course are to learn how to work with moving image and sound in the form of installation. We will contemplate the essential component of video (time), the definitive condition of installation (space), and their combined physical output in the form of video installation. Beginning with an overview of the unique properties of video/film installation, the projected image, and multi-channel works, we will study how concepts of kinesthetic insight, perception, space, and duration affect ways of working with content in installation form. There are screenings, assigned readings and written responses, and each student will produce one sustained installation. Students will be given substantial time to present ideas and content, receive feedback, and learn to write and present proposals for video projects. * Open to Institute with priority given to Film Students and Integrated Media	Undergraduate

students.

Shame and Trauma in Cinema (FPFV-433)	FPFV-433	This course is available online. It will also be open by Permission of Instructor at Advising Day for additional enrollment. A course in which we look at Trauma on two levels 1) how it has been represented cinematically, and 2) how we, as artists, transform our own traumas into our art practice. To this end we will watch filmic representations of abuse and trauma, as well as read and discuss ways in which we, as artists, work with our traumatic experiences in our art practice. Can creative work heal, or is it self-expression without healing power?	Undergraduate
Sound T.A. Course (FPFV-435)	FPFV-435	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Class coincides with work/study in Film/Video Sound Department and provides an intensive introduction to the theory and practice of the modern post-production sound facility. The class covers principles of the sound facility and its components and systems used for transfers, mixing, telecine, sound effects, digitizing, sample-rate conversion, etc.	Undergraduate
Experimental Film Techniques I (FPFV-436)	FPFV-436	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Advanced explorations into various aspects of the filmmaking process. Topics will include thorough examinations of different film stocks and image manipulation techniques. This class seeks to inspire and encourage alternative cinematic visions. Advanced Cinematography with an experimental bent. Students must shoot a minimum 3 rolls of film.	Undergraduate
Experimental Film Techniques 2 (FPFV-437)	FPFV-437	This class is a continuation of Experimental Film Techniques I and priority will be given to students who were previously enrolled. However, this class is open to all and should be taken by any PFV student who is planning to finish a film on film. Experimental Film Techniques II will continue to explore and experiment with methods for manipulating the film image, but will also include a series of in-depth presentations concerning laboratory procedures and the technical steps involved in completing a film on film. Equal emphasis on shooting and completion processes with lots of experimental film viewing as well. Students will be encouraged to shoot and complete a short 16mm film. Students must shoot a minimum of 3 rolls of film..	Undergraduate
Post-Prod With Resolve & FCPX (FPFV-438)	FPFV-438	Course available by permission of instructor only. This class will teach the fundamentals of Final Cut Pro X and DaVinci Resolve. We will spend significant time on ingest of 2k/4k camera files, developing workflows, and color grading. Our goal, as always, will be to make the technical familiar, so creative use of these artistic tools can be explored and fostered. Limit 12. Permission of Instructor. Open to upper level FDP & PFV students only. Prerequisites: FFDP534 or FPFV 534 or FPFV134.	Undergraduate
Finding Money (FPFV-440)	FPFV-440	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Wonder where and how to look for funding, prepare and present your work and yourself when applying for grants or pitching a project for industry consideration? You will learn this, as well as how to prepare a budget, production book, and look book, understand copyrights, contracts, business plans, and fiscal sponsorship. When possible, there will be presentations by industry professionals. Recommended for MFAs and BFA3s & BFA4s.	Undergraduate
Pre-Production/Visualization (FPFV-441)	FPFV-441	Pre-Production/Pre-Visualization explores concept development through story analysis, and the conceptual and visceral intent of your vision, as it is affected by camera choice, film grammar techniques, environmental considerations such as the controlled environment of a studio, and/or alternative interior and exterior locations analyzing space, light, sound, and choreography of movement. All film genres, from experimental, to exploratory narrative in various stages of development, from idea, story, or script will be considered. Lectures, practice and location field trips will take place during the class period, except for one evening lecture. Pre-production/Pre-visualization, is a prerequisite for the Advanced Production Class.	Undergraduate
Radicalizing Vision (FPFV-442)	FPFV-442	Course available by permission of instructor only. This class will present a survey of recent and historical avant-garde films that stretch the limits of cinematic expression. Equal time will be dedicated to innovative works of sound, music and the spoken word, either in combination with or separate from the visual form. The class will present a range of work in different formats that are radical in both form and content, and will examine how and if unconventional approaches are able to translate between mediums.	Undergraduate
Editing Aesthetics (FPFV-444)	FPFV-444	The class focuses on the aesthetics and practical techniques of film editing, including an exploration of structure and formats in experimental, documentary and narrative forms, sound elements, film maker's POV, performance, and post-production management. Students are required to bring a work or works in progress that they will be editing over the semester. The class functions as an editing workshop with critique and feedback, as well as studying existing works.	Undergraduate
Art and Ethnography (FPFV-445)	FPFV-445	What exactly is 'ethnography'? Even anthropologists argue among themselves about what is and is not ethnographic, especially when it comes to media. Ethnographic film practice used to mean making a	Undergraduate

non-fiction film through participant observation, and communicating that locally gathered knowledge about that culture. But cultures are in fact neither discrete nor isolable from one another, and over the last generation, anthropologists have also 'come home' to study their own cultures. If anthropologists have traditionally sought to render the unfamiliar familiar, this complementary endeavor poses a reciprocal provocation: to render the apparently familiar strange, and to allow us to engage with it anew, to apprehend it with fresh eyes or ears. This course will look at key moments in the history of ethnographic film as well as consider contemporary creative responses to that history with an emphasis on the work of Jean Rouch. The films in this course are not made exclusively by anthropologists -in fact many were not made self-consciously as ethnographic documents. The films are highly varied in approach and in intention but they all seek to represent the diversity of lived experience. In this class we will look at what the debates around ethnographic film in anthropology have to offer a wider range of media practices, and what we as mediamakers have to offer to the debates ourselves.

The Film Essay (FPFV-446)	FPFV-446	Permission of Instructor required. This production class will explore the essay-film. Film critic Alexandre Astruc created the term camera-stylo in 1948 to suggest a new means of writing through cinema, in which the camera would serve as a pen, creating arguments, meditation and inquiries. Film essays are neither straight documentaries nor fictional narratives but are usually a hybrid of different forms and tend to be driven by theme rather than plot. We will screen film essays and read written essays paired to compliment the films. We will consider how these media can inform each other. Students will produce three short videos over the course to the semester in response to course directives. Priority give to MFA studnets and upper level undergraduates.	Undergraduate
Under 15 Min. Workshop (FPFV-447)	FPFV-447	Course available by permission of instructor only. The class will provide a structure and a workshop for students who wish to create a short work (under fifteen minutes) of their choosing. We will work on each stage of the production process, including script/concept, production planning, casting, shooting, cutting and finishing the film or video. Each student is expected to fully complete one piece by the end of the semester. Students who are currently in process on a short film are also welcome.	Undergraduate
Advanced Production (FPFV-448)	FPFV-448	Course available by permission of instructor only. Every student will have the opportunity to direct their own project in the location and time of their choice, as well as, learn key crew roles as they support fellow students throughout the course of the semester. Project may be in any chosen genre, including, but not limited to, abstract imagery, narrative, documentary and experimental forms.	Undergraduate
On the Edge of Narrative (FPFV-449)	FPFV-449	This course is available online. It will also be open by Permission of Instructor at Advising Day for additional enrollment. A production workshop for students working on films of any length that could be called "experimental narrative". These films can be in any format, but will typically be concerned with distinct, developed characters and some form of a story-line. The course will function both as a forum for critique of student work-in-progress, as well as a workshop where we will cover all aspects of shooting/working with actors, including alternative audition techniques, casting, how to handle a set, how to select and work with a crew, how to customize a set, building tension in unconventional ways, etc.	Undergraduate
Visiting Filmmaker Workshop (FPFV-450)	FPFV-450	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Intensive small workshops with visiting filmmakers. There will be individual sign-ups per Visiting Artist.	Undergraduate
Cinema of Transformation (FPFV-452)	FPFV-452	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The course will view films that are, in very different ways, centrally concerned with inner life, faith/lack of faith, and various forms of transformation. Although film is a visual medium, and these films are without exception beautiful and powerful visually, they point to experiences which touch the deepest core of our invisible spirit. We will view work by Tarkovsky, Bresson, Parajanov, Cocteau, Bergmann...and many others. The reading combines theoretical/critical texts, fiction, and Jungian theory of transformation.	Undergraduate
Cinema: East Central Europe (FPFV-453)	FPFV-453	This course will examine narrative films from Czechoslovakia [now Czech Republic and Slovakia] and Hungary from post-WWII to the present, including the remarkably inventive and often banned films of the 1960s Czech New Wave ('diamonds of the everyday'); the often dark and experimental 'documentary fictions' of 1970s-80s Hungary; and probing work of the transitional period (1988-91) including samizdat media and video art from societies experiencing dramatic cultural and political changes. The ongoing impact of surrealism (and animation) in the region, ethnic tensions reflected in art and media before and during the wars in Yugoslavia (1990s), reflections of a post-socialist societies that is 'hard to live in' but 'spectacular to render' in New Romanian Cinema (2000s), and work from other countries that contributes insights to contemporary directions in the 'former East'	Undergraduate

will also be explored.

Listening/Seeing (FPFV-456)	FPFV-456	Each week a different location (either urban, rural, or wilderness) will be visited for the purposes of listening and seeing. At the end of the visit the class will meet within the location to discuss what each has individually experienced. Attention will be given to how the experiences of listening and looking can translate into the making of images and sound. A written journal is required to document what has been heard and seen, and each student will be required to do extensive research on one of the locations visited. Some of the specific sites are: an oil field, emergency hospital waiting room, Death Valley, the Los Angeles Port in Long Beach, San Fernando Road, and 29 Palms military base.	Undergraduate
Shooting Landscapes (FPFV-460)	FPFV-460	Students will visit and film six different landscapes in Southern California. Emphasis will be given on capturing the unique essence of place. The class will meet for a full day each week. Each student is required to complete one landscape film.	Undergraduate
Screenwriting (FPFV-470)	FPFV-470	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A two-pronged approach to screenwriting for both fictional & non-fictional (documentary) narratives-utilizing the construction of a solid narrative (this can also be in documentary form) combined with the creation of believable, compelling characters who propel that narrative forward. Primarily a workshop, with the guidance of the instructor and open class discussion, each student will write a first-draft feature-length screenplay over the course of the semester. Writing begins immediately. Additionally, we will explore what makes movies work (or not) by viewing and analyzing films that are examples of great or not-so-great screenwriting. Priority given to upper level PFV students.	Undergraduate
Writing for Alternative Cinema (FPFV-471)	FPFV-471	This course is Permission of Instructor only. Writing for Alternative Cinema is a writing workshop in which students will have an opportunity to challenge traditional techniques in screenwriting for any moving image medium, including experimental documentary, non-narrative, experimental narrative, video installation, web-based non-linear media, etc. Students will learn how to construct and deconstruct screenplays that are based on criteria other than that of conventional narrative, such as: manipulating the rhythm and pacing of descriptive imagery without the boundaries of linear structure, the layering of narratives, word and image montage, text on screen, and other conventions that may challenge linear story-telling. Traditional screenplay format will be discussed in depth, and will be challenged. This class can be used as a mechanism for creating malleable blueprints for film art that will also stand alone as unique, literary works.	Undergraduate
Acting Bad (FPFV-473)	FPFV-473	A course to de-construct acting and narration. The main goal will be to define performance in new, non-traditional ways. Students will develop dialogues and/or narrations taken from real life (court transcripts, overheard conversations) to fictional (soap operas, novels) and poetic texts. These texts will then be performed in class emphasizing a multitude of executions. Each performance will be recorded on video, studied and then re-performed.	Undergraduate
Los Angeles: A City on Film (FPFV-475)	FPFV-475	Los Angeles, it seems, continues to fascinate people around the world although its time as 'the city of the future' has long passed. Is it simply because of the movies? Because it has been the production center of the American motion picture industry for almost one hundred years, images of the city have been projected into the minds of many million people throughout the world. In the early days of the movies, these images were used to promote a city that had nothing to sell except itself. When the city lost its self-confidence in the 1960s, these images turned darker but they became even more fascinating. If the city of the future had failed, how could the cities of the past survive? So Los Angeles has become a proving ground for the intersection of movies with the real world. This two-semester course will survey how the city and its people have been represented on film from the 1920s to the present, offering a case study in the relations between representation and reality. Hollywood film-makers have often misread and misrepresented the city and its history in various ways. Most 'true', valid, and useful images' (to quote Wim Wenders on Ozu) of the city come from marginal practices of film and video making. The possible explanations for this situation are worth pondering. Film-makers will discuss the works presented whenever possible. Course credit available for each semester separately.	Undergraduate
Sound Mixing & Editing (FPFV-481)	FPFV-481	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course covers practical and aesthetic surround sound design and technical issues. Students will be able to see how their edits translate to a mixing facility. Covers intermediate sound design and high-end Pro Tools editing, including use of plug-ins to premix a soundtrack.	Undergraduate
Creative Sound Design (FPFV-483)	FPFV-483	How sound is a catalyst for the imagination, master/slave relationship of picture/sound, sound and memory, psychological implications of sound. Psycho-acoustics and the physics of sound. Critical evaluation of student and established work.	Undergraduate

Dangerous Filmmaking: A Production Wksh (FPFV-485)	FPFV-285	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A production workshop. The course is called "dangerous" because we will be delving deep within ourselves to look at our maybe not-so-comfortable family relationships and ourselves from a deeply interior perspective. Each student will produce a work or works dealing with: 1)MOTHER; 2)FATHER ; 3)SEX ; 4)MYSELF. As a sub-plot, the class is also open to students whose "dangerous" topics involve international issues -- questions of exile, displacement and disconnection. Grading: To receive a HP a student must complete Three out of Four short films on the topics above OR--a longer work on one of the topics, or any combination thereof. As time permits, we will also be viewing films that deal with these topics.	Undergraduate
Post-Production (FPFV-488)	FPFV-488	A practical methodology and technology course designed to take the student through the post-production process to the completion of a finished work. Continued exploration of software introduced in CalArts Film/Video introductory courses such as FPFV134 Digital Editing, and additional software tools and techniques which aid in the visual post-production process will be covered. This class serves as the access pathway to advanced post-production stations in the Digital Editing and Post area such as the Avid Symphony suite, the Apple Color suite, the Ultra Studio 4K w/ Resolve suite and the Avid Media Composer w/ Mojo DX suites. Students will be required to bring current work in progress. Additional lab time will be required for anyone seeking independent access to advanced post-production suites. * Prerequisite: FPFV205 or FPFV305, FPFV126 and FPFV134. * Required for advanced editing suite access. * Recommended for PFV MFA2/3 students and PFV BFA3/4 students. * Permission of instructor required. * May be repeated for credit.	Undergraduate
Graduate Seminar: Deleuze & Cinema (FPFV-490)	FPFV-490	Course available by permission of instructor only. Gilles Deleuzes' philosophical reflections on the cinema, which he characterizes as a taxonomy, an attempt at the classification of images or signs rather than a history, will serve as the basis for an inquiry into the composition of basic cinematic forms. This course is approved for Critical Studies credit.	Undergraduate
Graduate Seminar: Film & Politics (FPFV-491)	FPFV-491	Mao Tse-tung once said, 'Not being politically correct is like having no soul.' In a society that values 'political incorrectness' above all-even after the irony that briefly invigorated that phrase has completely vanished-it may be hard to understand what he had in mind, but we will propose that the recent revival of political film-making, particularly in documentaries intended for theatrical release, has suffered from both a lack of political correctness and a lack of soul. That is, these films lack a utopian vision, an ideal of a better social order and a sense of how it might come about. So a bit of political theory is necessary. And a bit of history. How did conservatism turn into neoliberalism? How did utopian socialism turn into scientific socialism? We can blame Karl Marx for the latter transformation, but we need to consider what can be saved from this mode of thinking Marx was so eager to jettison. More concretely, the course will explore the relations between journalism and film-making, beginning from Kieslowski's theory of description: it is necessary to describe what has not yet been described or acknowledged because without description, it doesn't officially exist and thus we can't refer to it, we can't speculate about it, and we can't alter it. This necessity applies to ideas as well as to situations. Written texts will include Kieslowski on Kieslowski, The Need for Roots by Simone Weil, The Cultural Front by Michael Denning, To the Finland Station by Edmund Wilson, and The Coast of Utopia by Tom Stoppard. Screenings will include works by Kieslowski, Emile de Antonio, Jon Jost, Jean-Luc Godard, Chris Marker, and Adam Curtis. This course has been approved for Critical Studies credit.	Undergraduate
Graduate Seminar: Narrative Theory (FPFV-492)	FPFV-492	A course on means of story-telling for film integrating practical handbook rules with theoretical models based on literary constructions. There will be readings from Eugene Vale, Gerard Genette, and Northrop Frye and screenings of excerpts from classic and symptomatic films.	Undergraduate
Grad Seminar: Artist & The Archive (FPFV-493)	FPFV-493	In this course we will consider the archive as a repository for cultural and historical artifacts. We will also explore the archive as a conceptual framework for thinking about the historical record. How have artists used, created and disrupted actual archives? How have they been inspired by the idea of the archive? Can we think of the internet as a kind of boundless archive? Can we think of film itself as an archive? Emphasis will be on film and video, but we will also look at artists' projects across a wide range of media. Coursework will include readings, screenings and 2 field trips to LA area archives. Students will be asked to produce a creative final project in response to the issues raised in the seminar.	Undergraduate
Alchemical Cinema (FPFV-497)	FPFV-497	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course offers an introduction to the mysteries of photographic film-its properties, processes, and potentials. Technique is introduced as an organic component of the expressive arsenal. Everything is DIY and low-tech, as students hand-process films utilizing a variety of easily available	Undergraduate

tools and chemicals. B/W and color developing, reversal and negative, and high and low contrast emulsions will be explored from an artistEs perspective. After learning the basic principles of photochemistry, students will be presented with an array of non-standard techniques, ranging from cross-processing to Rayographs and different methods of film distress-all transforming commonplace materials into cinematic magic.

Independent Project (FPFV-499)	FPFV-499	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Undergraduate
Filmmaking Fundamentals (FPFV-501)	FPFV-501	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An investigation of the aesthetics inherent to low cost production equipment. Students will be encouraged to make personal, experimental works from the point of view of the individual. Class analysis of these works will be directed toward the development of a critical model.	Graduate
Cinematography (FPFV-503)	FPFV-503	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A lecture course exploring the basic concepts of film photography. Required of and limited to all new PFV incoming students.	Graduate
Film Production Workshop (FPFV-504)	FPFV-504	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Must also take FPFV-503. Two-semester sequence. Students will learn all phases of 16mm production and post-production, including working with telecine and Avid Media Composer/FilmScribe. Each student will shoot, edit and complete to answer print a 16mm film and collaborate on a class 16mm synch-sound film which will finish on digital. Lab time is required. Required of all PFV MFA 1s.	Graduate
Film Production Workshop (FPFV-505)	FPFV-505	Course available by permission of instructor only. Two-semester sequence. Students will learn all phases of 16mm production and post-production, including working with telecine and Avid Media Composer/FilmScribe. Each student will shoot, edit and complete to answer print a 16mm film and collaborate on a class 16mm synch-sound film which will finish on digital. Lab time is required. Required of all PFV MFA 1s.	Graduate
Video Production Workshop (FPFV-526)	FPFV-526	Course open to Film/Video Program only, by Permission of Instructor only. Must also take FPFV-534. Required of and limited to all incomingProgram in Film and Video graduate students. This course is required for video field production equipment and video editing access. Basic NTSC signal information,and operation of dub and edit suites. Short works produced in class will be featured in an end-of-semester screening in the Bijou.	Graduate
Digital Editing (FPFV-534)	FPFV-534	Basic editing and digital workflow essentials from transcoding to delivery. Learn, or improve your knowledge of, fundamental post-production software such as Avid Media Composer and Compressor. Required of and limited to all incoming PFV students. A Digital Editing Lab is being provided on Wednesdays 7-10pm in E60.	Graduate
Structuring Strategies-Artists Present (FPFV-553)	FPFV-553	A screening and analysis class in which members of the Film/Video faculty and visiting artists show and discuss their work. The class is intended to acquaint students with the faculty as well as different kinds of independent film and video. Students are expected to participate in the critiques and analysis. There will be reading requirements and students will be expected to write two short papers. Required of all PFV incoming students for both Fall and Spring semesters. May be repeated for credit.	Graduate
Production Sound (FPFV-585)	FPFV-585	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course covers field and studio recording and mic techniques. If students can achieve good production sound, they have beaten the toughest part of post-production sound. Gives access to field recorders and microphones.Required of all incoming PFV students.	Graduate
Post Production Sound (FPFV-586)	FPFV-586	Course available by permission of instructor only. Covers all aspects of post-production and basic sound design, editing and mixing concepts. Gives access to individual Pro Tools rooms and E105 basic studio. Required of all PFV incoming students.	Graduate
Independent Project (FPFV-599)	FPFV-599	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate
Intermediate Digital Production/Post (FPFV-601)	FPFV-601	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Students will be exposed to video production and post-production methodologies necessary for becoming self-sufficient video makers within the CalArts environment. Various methods of digital production and post-production will be covered, with special focus on best practices for production with Sony EX and Canon DSLR cameras, as well as finishing within the CalArts post path. Both the technical and aesthetic ramifications of video production and post will be covered. Limited to upper level PFV students.	Graduate
Light and Lighting (FPFV-602)	FPFV-602	Course available by permission of instructor only. A practical and aesthetic introduction to light in all its forms, from natural radiations to darkness and the many worlds of artificial light, including its use in	Graduate

moving image works, still works and light art. The first half of the class will be dedicated to observing and analyzing the qualities and mood of light in artistic expression as well as lived experience. The second part of the class will be dedicated to the craft of designing and using artificial light. Technical workshops will be supplemented with screenings and field trips.

Adv Digital Production and Post (FPFV-603)	FPFV-603	Students will be exposed to various methods of HD and Digital Cinema production and postproduction, with special focus on the Sony EX3 workflow. Both the technical and aesthetic ramifications of HD production will be covered, including the best practices for cinematography, on set data wrangling, editing, and output, among other topics. Limited to upper level PFV and FDP students.	Graduate
Writing About Film (FPFV-605)	FPFV-605	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The class will teach students how to write about film (as well as video and other media using the moving image) in a variety of forms, genres, and contexts: writing about one's work, about the work of peers, reviews of films seen in commercial theater, critical essays, academic papers, filmmaker's interviews, press releases, grant proposals etc. Examples of writing about film will be handed out and discussed. Sequences of classical, contemporary, foreign and experimental film and videos will be screened in class and analyzed using the proper descriptive and critical vocabulary. Major critical approaches to film and video will also be discussed. In addition each student is expected to complete a full-length critical essay on a topic decided after discussion with the instructor. Through-out the semester students will bring samples of their writing in class and will get feedback from the instructor and from their peers. * Open to the Institute but you must have completed a minimum of one short film or video (under 30 minutes) to be eligible. *Priority given to Film/Video students.	Graduate
Optical Printing (FPFV-609)	FPFV-609	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This class offers an introduction to the method, magic and madness of optical printing: the wonderful possibilities of re-filming film. Students will learn how to perform time manipulations, multiple exposures, format transfers, and matte and title making, with training in the use of the Acme Optical Printer & the Oxberry Animation Stand. Intense workshops will be supplemented with screenings of films displaying printing virtuosity: from Hollywood spectaculars to B-movie mayhem to avant-garde wonders. Students will be required to complete a series of short assignments and produce a short film.	Graduate
Documentary Production (FPFV-610)	FPFV-610	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Documentary Production: Claiming the Commons -- "The commons" refers to a long-standing tradition of shared use of land for subsistence purposes. In most societies in the world, the right to grow food, hunt, forage, and make use of natural resources was unquestioned until fairly recent times. Today, environmentalists and advocates of social justice are reclaiming the traditions of shared commons as models for a just and sustainable relationship to natural resources. In this course, we will survey works by filmmakers, artists, writers, and social activists who have engaged with the idea of the commons, questioning the status quo and proposing creative transformations of reality. The course requires a substantial amount of reading and writing, as well as the production of a short film related to the themes of the course.	Graduate
Devices of Illusion (FPFV-613)	FPFV-613	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This is a hands-on course in which students adapt, modify, reconfigure and boulderise optical and mechanical devices, creating mysterious machines for recording the ephemeral. Projects include but are not restricted to the creation of stereographic images and anamorphic distortions, dissection of cameras and projection of ghostly illusions. Our investigations will be supplemented by historical lectures, technical demonstrations and philosophical discussions concerning the extraordinary aesthetic possibilities of perceived motion and space. Students will create projects using still and motion picture film.	Graduate
Production Crews (FPFV-615)	FPFV-615	Hands-on experience for students serving on production crews of projects initiated by fellow students. Credit can be received for substantial contributions in areas such as: cinematography, sound recording and production design. Must be supervised by appropriate faculty.	Graduate
Post Production Crews (FPFV-616)	FPFV-616	Hands-on experience for students serving on production crews of projects initiated by fellow students. Credit can be received for substantial contributions in areas such as: editing, sound editing and sound design. Must be supervised by appropriate faculty member.	Graduate
Videographics (FPFV-617)	FPFV-617	Course available by permission of instructor only. Electronic image acquisition, generation and manipulation are the focus of this class aimed at experimentation. Combining the image processing and production power of the video studio and the videographics lab, students will learn the basic building blocks of analog and digital video. Students are encouraged to expand that knowledge toward their own personal vision. Topics include voltage image control, blue screen techniques, video to film transfer, video synthesis and more. Required for independent access to video graphics.	Graduate

Teaching, Research & ... (PPFV-620)	PPFV-620	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course is to provide Graduate Students with an opportunity to gain valuable teaching experience. Each student will prepare a two-hour teaching presentation and each week a different student will perform/teach their presentation. The course will pursue both innovative and creative ways of disseminating information and ideas. Students will be encouraged to consider the research they are currently undertaking for their thesis projects, but presentations will not only be limited to such research. Research in general is an essential element of this course. The demands for research and alternatives will be extensive. The final hour of each class will be used for general group critique of the teaching and presentation techniques. Graduate Students only.	Graduate
Film to Video Production (PPFV-622)	PPFV-622	Course available by permission of instructor only. A film-making and video production course. Film will be shot on students own preexisting film, then transferred to video to be reworked using a digital editing system. Ambitious projects will be encouraged.	Graduate
Sound and the Image (PPFV-624)	PPFV-624	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An exploration of the aesthetic concerns when combining sound with the image. This class will explore the aural dimension and its profoundly psychological role in cinematic work. Sound is a vital component in filmmaking and this class will examine aesthetic concerns regarding the use of voice-over, musical composition and sound design. A broad range of work will be presented plus lots of listening in the dark. May be repeated for credit.	Graduate
Graduate Critique (PPFV-625)	PPFV-625	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A practical theory course providing a working environment for Program in Film and Video Graduate students to develop, discuss, theorize, and complete their work. Students will be required to spend at least 20 hours a week working outside of class on their own project. Additional time will also be required to prepare for group discussions and periodic one-on-one meetings with the instructor. Recommended for PFV 2nd and 3rd year Graduate students. May be repeated for credit.	Graduate
Video Studio Teaching Assistant Class (PPFV-628)	PPFV-628	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A technical course expanding on basic video equipment, knowledge, practice and theory. Emphasis on transfers between formats, both analog and digital time code and compression principles, equipment safety issues, special techniques in production and problem solving. Video Studio TAs will have access to the Video Studio.	Graduate
Video Installation (PPFV-630)	PPFV-630	Course available by permission of instructor only. The objectives of this course are to learn how to work with moving image and sound in the form of installation. We will contemplate the essential component of video (time), the definitive condition of installation (space), and their combined physical output in the form of video installation. Beginning with an overview of the unique properties of video/film installation, the projected image, and multi-channel works, we will study how concepts of kinesthetic insight, perception, space, and duration affect ways of working with content in installation form. There are screenings, assigned readings and written responses, and each student will produce one sustained installation. Students will be given substantial time to present ideas and content, receive feedback, and learn to write and present proposals for video projects. * Open to Institute with priority given to Film Students and Integrated Media students.	Graduate
Shame and Trauma in Cinema (PPFV-633)	PPFV-633	This course is available online. It will also be open by Permission of Instructor at Advising Day for additional enrollment. A course in which we look at Trauma on two levels 1) how it has been represented cinematically, and 2) how we, as artists, transform our own traumas into our art practice. To this end we will watch filmic representations of abuse and trauma, as well as read and discuss ways in which we, as artists, work with our traumatic experiences in our art practice. Can creative work heal, or is it self-expression without healing power?	Graduate
Intermediate Digital Editing (PPFV-634)	PPFV-634	This course is Permission of Instructor only. This is an intermediate editing course that will expand on topics covered in PPFV 134/534: Digital Editing. Through lecture, demonstration, and work on individual projects, students will learn intermediate editing techniques and post-production workflows, as well as explore strategies and aesthetics of editing in documentary, experimental, narrative, and hybrid forms. Students will be required to bring in a current work-in-progress or be prepared to begin post-production on a new project.	Graduate
Sound T.A. Course (PPFV-635)	PPFV-635	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Class coincides with work/study in Film/Video Sound Department and provides an intensive introduction to the theory and practice of the modern post-production sound facility. The class covers principles of the sound facility and its components and systems used for transfers, mixing, telecine, sound effects, digitizing, sample-rate conversion, etc.	Graduate
Experimental Film Techniques 1 (PPFV-636)	PPFV-636	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Advanced explorations into various aspects of the filmmaking process. Topics will include thorough examinations of different film stocks and image	Graduate

manipulation techniques. This class seeks to inspire and encourage alternative cinematic visions. Advanced Cinematography with an experimental bent. Students must shoot a minimum 3 rolls of film.

Experimental Film Techniques 2 (FPFV-637)	FPFV-637	This class is a continuation of Experimental Film Techniques I and priority will be given to students who were previously enrolled. However, this class is open to all and should be taken by any PFV student who is planning to finish a film on film. Experimental Film Techniques II will continue to explore and experiment with methods for manipulating the film image, but will also include a series of in-depth presentations concerning laboratory procedures and the technical steps involved in completing a film on film. Equal emphasis on shooting and completion processes with lots of experimental film viewing as well. Students will be encouraged to shoot and complete a short 16mm film. Students must shoot a minimum of 3 rolls of film..	Graduate
Post-Prod With Resolve & FCPX (FPFV-638)	FPFV-638	Course available by permission of instructor only. This class will teach the fundamentals of Final Cut Pro X and DaVinci Resolve. We will spend significant time on ingest of 2k/4k camera files, developing workflows, and color grading. Our goal, as always, will be to make the technical familiar, so creative use of these artistic tools can be explored and fostered. Limit 12. Permission of Instructor. Open to upper level FDP & PFV students only. Prerequisites: FFD534 or FPFV 534 or FPFV134.	Graduate
Finding Money (FPFV-640)	FPFV-640	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Wonder where and how to look for funding, prepare and present your work and yourself when applying for grants or pitching a project for industry consideration? You'll learn this, as well as how to prepare a budget, production book, and look book, understand copyrights, contracts, business plans, and fiscal sponsorship. Class will include presentations by industry professionals. Recommended for MFAs, BFA3s & BFA4s.	Graduate
Pre-Production/Visualization (FPFV-641)	FPFV-641	Pre-Production/Pre-Visualization explores concept development through story analysis, and the conceptual and visceral intent of your vision, as it is affected by camera choice, film grammar techniques, environmental considerations such as the controlled environment of a studio, and/or alternative interior and exterior locations analyzing space, light, sound, and choreography of movement. All film genres, from experimental, to exploratory narrative in various stages of development, from idea, story, or script will be considered. Lectures, practice and location field trips will take place during the class period, except for one evening lecture. Pre-production/Pre-visualization, is a prerequisite for the Advanced Production Class.	Graduate
Radicalizing Vision (FPFV-642)	FPFV-642	Course available by permission of instructor only. This class will present a survey of recent and historical avant-garde films that stretch the limits of cinematic expression. Equal time will be dedicated to innovative works of sound, music and the spoken word, either in combination with or separate from the visual form. The class will present a range of work in different formats that are radical in both form and content, and will examine how and if unconventional approaches are able to translate between mediums.	Graduate
Editing Aesthetics (FPFV-644)	FPFV-644	The class focuses on the aesthetics and practical techniques of film editing, including an exploration of structure and formats in experimental, documentary and narrative forms, sound elements, film maker's POV, performance, and post-production management. Students are required to bring a work or works in progress that they will be editing over the semester. The class functions as an editing workshop with critique and feedback, as well as studying existing works.	Graduate
Art and Ethnography (FPFV-645)	FPFV-645	What exactly is 'ethnography'? Even anthropologists argue among themselves about what is and is not ethnographic, especially when it comes to media. Ethnographic film practice used to mean making a non-fiction film through participant observation, and communicating that locally gathered knowledge about that culture. But cultures are in fact neither discrete nor isolable from one another, and over the last generation, anthropologists have also 'come home' to study their own cultures. If anthropologists have traditionally sought to render the unfamiliar familiar, this complementary endeavor poses a reciprocal provocation: to render the apparently familiar strange, and to allow us to engage with it anew, to apprehend it with fresh eyes or ears. This course will look at key moments in the history of ethnographic film as well as consider contemporary creative responses to that history with an emphasis on the work of Jean Rouch. The films in this course are not made exclusively by anthropologists -in fact many were not made self-consciously as ethnographic documents. The films are highly varied in approach and in intention but they all seek to represent the diversity of lived experience. In this class we will look at what the debates around ethnographic film in anthropology have to offer a wider range of media practices, and what we as mediamakers have to offer to the debates ourselves.	Graduate
The Film Essay (FPFV-646)	FPFV-646	Permission of Instructor required. This production class will explore the essay-film. Film critic Alexandre Astruc created the term camera-	Graduate

style in 1948 to suggest a new means of writing through cinema, in which the camera would serve as a pen, creating arguments, meditation and inquiries. Film essays are neither straight documentaries nor fictional narratives but are usually a hybrid of different forms and tend to be driven by theme rather than plot. We will screen film essays and read written essays paired to compliment the films. We will consider how these media can inform each other. Students will produce three short videos over the course to the semester in response to course directives. Priority give to MFA studnets and upper level undergraduates.

Under 15 Minutes: A Short Film Workshop (FPFV-647)	FPFV-647	Course available by permission of instructor only. The class will provide a structure and a workshop for students who wish to create a short work (under fifteen minutes) of their choosing. We will work on each stage of the production process, including script/concept, production planning, casting, shooting, cutting and finishing the film or video. Each student is expected to fully complete one piece by the end of the semester. Students who are currently in process on a short film are also welcome.	Graduate
Advanced Production (FPFV-648)	FPFV-648	Course available by permission of instructor only. Every student will have the opportunity to direct their own project in the location and time of their choice, as well as, learn key crew roles as they support fellow students throughout the course of the semester. Project may be in any chosen genre, including, but not limited to, abstract imagery, narrative, documentary and experimental forms.	Graduate
On the Edge of Narrative (FPFV-649)	FPFV-649	This course is available online. It will also be open by Permission of Instructor at Advising Day for additional enrollment. A production workshop for students working on films of any length that could be called "experimental narrative". These films can be in any format, but will typically be concerned with distinct, developed characters and some form of a story-line. The course will function both as a forum for critique of student work-in-progress, as well as a workshop where we will cover all aspects of shooting/working with actors, including alternative audition techniques, casting, how to handle a set, how to select and work with a crew, how to customize a set, building tension in unconventional ways, etc.	Graduate
Visiting Filmmaker Workshop (FPFV-650)	FPFV-650	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Intensive small workshops with visiting filmmakers. There will be individual sign-ups per Visiting Artist.	Graduate
Cinema of Transformation (FPFV-652)	FPFV-652	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The course will view films that are, in very different ways, centrally concerned with inner life, faith/lack of faith, and various forms of transformation. Although film is a visual medium, and these films are without exception beautiful and powerful visually, they point to experiences which touch the deepest core of our invisible spirit. We will view work by Tarkovsky, Bresson, Parajanov, Cocteau, Bergmann...and many others. The reading combines theoretical/critical texts, fiction, and Jungian theory of transformation.	Graduate
Cinema: East Central Europe (FPFV-653)	FPFV-653	This course will examine narrative films from Czechoslovakia [now Czech Republic and Slovakia] and Hungary from post-WWII to the present, including the remarkably inventive and often banned films of the 1960s Czech New Wave ('diamonds of the everyday'); the often dark and experimental 'documentary fictions' of 1970s-80s Hungary; and probing work of the transitional period (1988-91) including samizdat media and video art from societies experiencing dramatic cultural and political changes. The ongoing impact of surrealism (and animation) in the region, ethnic tensions reflected in art and media before and during the wars in Yugoslavia (1990s), reflections of a post-socialist societies that is 'hard to live in' but 'spectacular to render' in New Romanian Cinema (2000s), and work from other countries that contributes insights to contemporary directions in the 'former East' will also be explored.	Graduate
Listening/Seeing (FPFV-656)	FPFV-656	Each week a different location (either urban, rural, or wilderness) will be visited for the purposes of listening and seeing. At the end of the visit the class will meet within the location to discuss what each has individually experienced. Attention will be given to how the experiences of listening and looking can translate into the making of images and sound. A written journal is required to document what has been heard and seen, and each student will be required to do extensive research on one of the locations visited. Some of the specific sites are: an oil field, emergency hospital waiting room, Death Valley, the Los Angeles Port in Long Beach, San Fernando Road, and 29 Palms military base.	Graduate
Shooting Landscapes (FPFV-660)	FPFV-660	Students will visit and film six different landscapes in Southern California. Emphasis will be given on capturing the unique essence of place. The class will meet for a full day each week. Each student is required to complete one landscape film.	Graduate
Screenwriting (FPFV-670)	FPFV-670	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A two-pronged approach to screenwriting for both fictional & non-fictional (documentary) narratives-utilizing the construction of a solid narrative	Graduate

(this can also be in documentary form) combined with the creation of believable, compelling characters who propel that narrative forward. Primarily a workshop, with the guidance of the instructor and open class discussion, each student will write a first-draft feature-length screenplay over the course of the semester. Writing begins immediately. Additionally, we will explore what makes movies work (or not) by viewing and analyzing films that are examples of great or not-so-great screenwriting.

Writing for Alternative Cinema (FPFV-671)	FPFV-671	This course is Permission of Instructor only. Writing for Alternative Cinema is a writing workshop in which students will have an opportunity to challenge traditional techniques in screenwriting for any moving image medium, including experimental documentary, non-narrative, experimental narrative, video installation, web-based non-linear media, etc. Students will learn how to construct and deconstruct screenplays that are based on criteria other than that of conventional narrative, such as: manipulating the rhythm and pacing of descriptive imagery without the boundaries of linear structure, the layering of narratives, word and image montage, text on screen, and other conventions that may challenge linear story-telling. Traditional screenplay format will be discussed in depth, and will be challenged. This class can be used as a mechanism for creating malleable blueprints for film art that will also stand alone as unique, literary works.	Graduate
Acting Bad (FPFV-673)	FPFV-673	A course to de-construct acting and narration. The main goal will be to define performance in new, non-traditional ways. Students will develop dialogues and/or narrations taken from real life (court transcripts, overheard conversations) to fictional (soap operas, novels) and poetic texts. These texts will then be performed in class emphasizing a multitude of executions. Each performance will be recorded on video, studied and then re-performed.	Graduate
Los Angeles: A City on Film (FPFV-675)	FPFV-675	Los Angeles, it seems, continues to fascinate people around the world although its time as 'the city of the future' has long passed. Is it simply because of the movies? Because it has been the production center of the American motion picture industry for almost one hundred years, images of the city have been projected into the minds of many million people throughout the world. In the early days of the movies, these images were used to promote a city that had nothing to sell except itself. When the city lost its self-confidence in the 1960s, these images turned darker but they became even more fascinating. If the city of the future had failed, how could the cities of the past survive? So Los Angeles has become a proving ground for the intersection of movies with the real world. This two-semester course will survey how the city and its people have been represented on film from the 1920s to the present, offering a case study in the relations between representation and reality. Hollywood film-makers have often misread and misrepresented the city and its history in various ways. Most 'true', valid, and useful images' (to quote Wim Wenders on Ozu) of the city come from marginal practices of film and video making. The possible explanations for this situation are worth pondering. Film-makers will discuss the works presented whenever possible. Course credit available for each semester separately.	Graduate
Sound Mixing & Editing (FPFV-681)	FPFV-681	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course covers practical and aesthetic surround sound design and technical issues. Students will be able to see how their edits translate to a mixing facility. Covers intermediate sound design and high-end Pro Tools editing, including use of plug-ins to premix a soundtrack.	Graduate
Creative Sound Design (FPFV-683)	FPFV-683	How sound is a catalyst for the imagination, master/slave relationship of picture/sound, sound and memory, psychological implications of sound. Psycho-acoustics and the physics of sound. Critical evaluation of student and established work.	Graduate
Dangerous Filmmaking: a Production Wkshp (FPFV-685)	FPFV-685	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A production workshop. The course is called "dangerous" because we will be delving deep within ourselves to look at our maybe not-so-comfortable family relationships and ourselves from a deeply interior perspective. Each student will produce a work or works dealing with: 1)MOTHER; 2)FATHER ; 3)SEX ; 4)MYSELF. As a sub-plot, the class is also open to students whose "dangerous" topics involve international issues -- questions of exile, displacement and disconnection. Grading: To receive a HP a student must complete Three out of Four short films on the topics above OR--a longer work on one of the topics, or any combination thereof. As time permits, we will also be viewing films that deal with these topics.	Graduate
Post-Production (FPFV-688)	FPFV-688	A practical methodology and technology course designed to take the student through the post-production process to the completion of a finished work. Continued exploration of software introduced in CalArts Film/Video introductory courses such as FPFV134 Digital Editing, and additional software tools and techniques which aid in the visual post-production process will be covered. This class serves as the access pathway to advanced post-production stations in the Digital Editing and Post area such as the Avid Symphony suite, the	Graduate

Apple Color suite, the Ultra Studio 4K w/ Resolve suite and the Avid Media Composer w/ Mojo DX suites. Students will be required to bring current work in progress. Additional lab time will be required for anyone seeking independent access to advanced post-production suites. * Prerequisite: FPFV505, FPFV526 and FPFV534 or FFDP534. * Required for advanced editing suite access. * Recommended for PFV & FDP MFA2/3 students. * Permission of instructor required. * May be repeated for credit.

Graduate Seminar: Deleuze & Cinema (FPFV-690)	FPFV-690	Course available by permission of instructor only. Gilles Deleuzes' philosophical reflections on the cinema, which he characterizes as a taxonomy, an attempt at the classification of images or signs rather than a history, will serve as the basis for an inquiry into the composition of basic cinematic forms. This course is approved for Critical Studies credit.	Graduate
Graduate Seminar: Film & Politics (FPFV-691)	FPFV-691	Mao Tse-tung once said, 'Not being politically correct is like having no soul.' In a society that values 'political incorrectness' above all-even after the irony that briefly invigorated that phrase has completely vanished-it may be hard to understand what he had in mind, but we will propose that the recent revival of political film-making, particularly in documentaries intended for theatrical release, has suffered from both a lack of political correctness and a lack of soul. That is, these films lack a utopian vision, an ideal of a better social order and a sense of how it might come about. So a bit of political theory is necessary. And a bit of history. How did conservatism turn into neoliberalism? How did utopian socialism turn into scientific socialism? We can blame Karl Marx for the latter transformation, but we need to consider what can be saved from this mode of thinking Marx was so eager to jettison. More concretely, the course will explore the relations between journalism and film-making, beginning from Kieslowski's theory of description: it is necessary to describe what has not yet been described or acknowledged because without description, it doesn't officially exist and thus we can't refer to it, we can't speculate about it, and we can't alter it. This necessity applies to ideas as well as to situations. Written texts will include Kieslowski on Kieslowski, The Need for Roots by Simone Weil, The Cultural Front by Michael Denning, To the Finland Station by Edmund Wilson, and The Coast of Utopia by Tom Stoppard. Screenings will include works by Kieslowski, Emile de Antonio, Jon Jost, Jean-Luc Godard, Chris Marker, and Adam Curtis. This course has been approved for Critical Studies credit.	Graduate
Graduate Seminar: Narrative Theory (FPFV-692)	FPFV-692	A course on means of story-telling for film integrating practical handbook rules with theoretical models based on literary constructions. There will be readings from Eugene Vale, Gerard Genette, and Northrop Frye and screenings of excerpts from classic and symptomatic films.	Graduate
Graduate Seminar: Artist & The Archive (FPFV-693)	FPFV-693	In this course we will consider the archive as a repository for cultural and historical artifacts. We will also explore the archive as a conceptual framework for thinking about the historical record. How have artists used, created and disrupted actual archives? How have they been inspired by the idea of the archive? Can we think of the internet as a kind of boundless archive? Can we think of film itself as an archive? Emphasis will be on film and video, but we will also look at artists' projects across a wide range of media. Coursework will include readings, screenings and 2 field trips to LA area archives. Students will be asked to produce a creative final project in response to the issues raised in the seminar.	Graduate
Alchemical Cinema (FPFV-697)	FPFV-697	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course offers an introduction to the mysteries of photographic film-its properties, processes, and potentials. Technique is introduced as an organic component of the expressive arsenal. Everything is DIY and low-tech, as students hand-process films utilizing a variety of easily available tools and chemicals. B/W and color developing, reversal and negative, and high and low contrast emulsions will be explored from an artistEs perspective. After learning the basic principles of photochemistry, students will be presented with an array of non-standard techniques, ranging from cross-processing to Rayographs and different methods of film distress-all transforming commonplace materials into cinematic magic.	Graduate
Independent Project (FPFV-699)	FPFV-699	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate
Independent Project (FPFV-799)	FPFV-799	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate
Visual Astronomy for Artists (FSCM-467)	FSCM-467	Urbanization and its overabundance of artificial light has left us blind to the wonders of the night sky, something our ancestors both took for granted and were profoundly influenced by. This course aims at regaining that awareness. This renewed awareness, not unlike a trip abroad or reading an inspiring piece of literature, can inform our art practice, bring a greater richness to what we produce. The primary	Undergraduate

focus of the course is observational. Employing a collection of research grade telescopes, we will learn to locate and observe the myriad of celestial objects the night sky has to offer. The course will be underpinned by the history of astronomy and its basic scientific models and theories. The student must be willing to free up two Saturdays for field trips. The regularly scheduled astronomy class for that week will be canceled. The class will normally meet at night 7-9 PM.

Visual Astronomy for Artists (FSCM-667)	FSCM-667	Urbanization and its overabundance of artificial light has left us blind to the wonders of the night sky, something our ancestors both took for granted and were profoundly influenced by. This course aims at regaining that awareness. This renewed awareness, not unlike a trip abroad or reading an inspiring piece of literature, can inform our art practice, bring a greater richness to what we produce. The primary focus of the course is observational. Employing a collection of research grade telescopes, we will learn to locate and observe the myriad of celestial objects the night sky has to offer. The course will be underpinned by the history of astronomy and its basic scientific models and theories. The student must be willing to free up two Saturdays for field trips. The regularly scheduled astronomy class for that week will be canceled. The class will normally meet at night 7-9 PM.	Graduate
Sound Mixing & Editing (FSFV-481)	FSFV-481	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course covers practical and aesthetic surround sound design and technical issues. Students will be able to see how their edits translate to a mixing facility. Covers intermediate sound design and high-end Pro Tools editing, including use of plug-ins to premix a soundtrack.	Undergraduate
Sound Mixing & Editing (FSFV-681)	FSFV-681	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course covers practical and aesthetic surround sound design and technical issues. Students will be able to see how their edits translate to a mixing facility. Covers intermediate sound design and high-end Pro Tools editing, including use of plug-ins to premix a soundtrack.	Graduate
2D Character Animation I (FVCA-100)	FVCA-100	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Introduction to hand-drawn Character Animation techniques.	Undergraduate
2D Character Animation I (FVCA-101)	FVCA-101	Course available by permission of instructor only. Introduction to hand-drawn Character Animation techniques.	Undergraduate
Life Drawing I (FVCA-110)	FVCA-110	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Life drawing of people and animals, exploring shape, form, contour, contrast, anatomy, and perspective.	Undergraduate
Life Drawing I Drawing Basics (FVCA-110S)	FVCA-110S	This is an introductory life-drawing course using the figure to develop observation, expression, and ultimately a style unique to the artist. Drawing the figure in motion and short poses to capture the feeling of movement and life, and longer poses to explore how to express drama and personality.	Undergraduate
Life Drawing I (FVCA-111)	FVCA-111	Course available by permission of instructor only. Life drawing of people and animals, exploring shape, form, contour, contrast, anatomy, and perspective.	Undergraduate
Character Design I (FVCA-130)	FVCA-130	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Introduction to character design for animation, including the study of gesture, shape, construction, drapery, texture, animal construction, composition / staging, rhythm, and design.	Undergraduate
Color and Design I (FVCA-132)	FVCA-132	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Examination of various design elements that exemplify core artistic principles applicable in a variety of artistic endeavors, including shape, proportion, line, movement and counter-movement.	Undergraduate
Design for Storytellers (FVCA-134)	FVCA-134	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. The study of using basic design principles to enhance and manipulate character, emotion and story across all of the arts.	Undergraduate
Story I (FVCA-150)	FVCA-150	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Introduction to story development, storyboard preparation, and scripting.	Undergraduate
Story I (FVCA-150S)	FVCA-150S	This intensive class will focus on all aspects of Story, as it relates to animation. Students will get a real immersion into the process of how stories are generated and developed at the major animation studio level. We will cover all aspects of Storytelling for animation, including: How to pick a concept that lends itself well to animation; How to develop that idea, both visually, and from a screenwriting standpoint; and how to create believable and interesting animated film characters. The course will delve into many of the basics of storyboarding, such as staging, cutting and continuity. Students will also learn about the different types of Storyboarding, and what their functions and considerations are. Many examples of professional concept drawings.	Undergraduate

storyboards, and story reels will be brought in for review and discussion. We will also spend time going over how to pitch and present your ideas effectively, using techniques that are taught at the studios.

Story I (FVCA-151)	FVCA-151	Course available by permission of instructor only. Introduction to story development, storyboard preparation, and scripting.	Undergraduate
Digital Methods I (FVCA-160)	FVCA-160	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Introduction to digital methods for painting, compositing, and editing.	Undergraduate
Digital Methods I (FVCA-161)	FVCA-161	Course available by permission of instructor only. Introduction to digital methods for painting, compositing, and editing.	Undergraduate
CG Character Animation I (FVCA-170)	FVCA-170	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Introduction to CG animation.	Undergraduate
CG Character Animation I (FVCA-171)	FVCA-171	Course available by permission of instructor only. Introduction to CG animation.	Undergraduate
CG Foundation I (FVCA-180)	FVCA-180	Course open to BFA1 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Introduction to CG software, concepts, and tools.	Undergraduate
CG Foundation I (FVCA-181)	FVCA-181	Course available by permission of instructor only. Introduction to CG software, concepts, and tools.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FVCA-199)	FVCA-199	Individual intensive project or study, with scheduled meetings to be arranged between faculty member and student. Tangible evidence of project or mastery of subject matter required. Individual contact required.	Undergraduate
2D Character Animation II (FVCA-200)	FVCA-200	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Study of hand-drawn animation techniques, with assignments involving scenes animated in continuity, recorded dialogue, and an emphasis on performance.	Undergraduate
2D Character Animation II (FVCA-201)	FVCA-201	Course available by permission of instructor only. Study of hand-drawn animation techniques, with assignments involving scenes animated in continuity, recorded dialogue, and an emphasis on performance.	Undergraduate
Life Drawing II (FVCA-210)	FVCA-210	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Life drawing with an emphasis on gesture, observation, fluidity, rhythm, tempo, and emotion. In-depth study of drawing concepts, anatomy, costume, character and lighting.	Undergraduate
Life Drawing II (FVCA-211)	FVCA-211	Course available by permission of instructor only. Life drawing with an emphasis on gesture, observation, fluidity, rhythm, tempo, and emotion. In-depth study of drawing concepts, anatomy, costume, character and lighting.	Undergraduate
Design for Film (FVCA-212S)	FVCA-212S	Working primarily in a sketchbook, we will work on the fundamentals of film design exploration. Assignments include character design, composing for the screen, and field studies of landscapes in color. By starting with basic design concepts we will search for your own unique way of expressing a story with appeal and clarity.	Undergraduate
Film Workshop II (FVCA-220)	FVCA-220	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed animated short film.	Undergraduate
Film Workshop II (FVCA-221)	FVCA-221	Course available by permission of instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed animated short film.	Undergraduate
Character Design II (FVCA-230)	FVCA-230	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Intermediate study of drawing and character design, focused on innovative approaches to gesture, construction, lines, composition and staging.	Undergraduate
Animation Layout (FVCA-240)	FVCA-240	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Basic composition and design of layout animation techniques.	Undergraduate
Story II: Storyboarding (FVCA-252)	FVCA-252	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Study of the theory and structure behind storytelling and its application towards the short form animated film.	Undergraduate
Story II: Storyboarding (FVCA-253)	FVCA-253	Course available by permission of instructor only. Study of the theory and structure behind storytelling and its application towards the short form animated film.	Undergraduate
Digital Methods II: Sound (FVCA-260)	FVCA-260	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. Introduction to digital methods for sound design in animated films, including recording, gathering audio, editing, mixing, and audio design principles.	Undergraduate

CG Character Animation II (FVCA-270)	FVCA-270	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. CG animation techniques, focusing on animating scenes that emphasize performance.	Undergraduate
CG Character Animation II (FVCA-271)	FVCA-271	Course available by permission of instructor only. CG animation techniques, focusing on animating scenes that emphasize performance.	Undergraduate
CG Foundation II (FVCA-280)	FVCA-280	Course open to BFA2 Character Animation students only, by Permission of Instructor only. CG modeling, focusing on concepts and techniques for designing blended surface humans, animals, or other expressive characters for animation.	Undergraduate
CG Foundation II (FVCA-281)	FVCA-281	Course available by permission of instructor only. CG modeling, focusing on concepts and techniques for designing blended surface humans, animals, or other expressive characters for animation.	Undergraduate
Acting for Animators (FVCA-290)	FVCA-290	Course available by permission of instructor only. Beginning acting class for animators, using the Meisner Technique to ignite creative instinct and excite the imagination, and offering a detailed understanding of behavior and emotion as applied to storytelling.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FVCA-299)	FVCA-299	Individual intensive project or study, with scheduled meetings to be arranged between faculty member and student. Tangible evidence of project or mastery of subject matter required. Individual contact required.	Undergraduate
2D Character Animation III (FVCA-300)	FVCA-300	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Intermediate character animation techniques, with emphasis on performance, story construction, character development and dramatic structure.	Undergraduate
2D Character Animation III (FVCA-301)	FVCA-301	Course available by permission of instructor only. Intermediate character animation techniques, with emphasis on performance, story construction, character development and dramatic structure.	Undergraduate
Advanced Painting (FVCA-311)	FVCA-311	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Painting techniques with acrylic, gouache, watercolor, glazing, texture, and mixed media. Study of models, landscape, and still life. Color theory, color relationships, examination of warm and cool, dark and light.	Undergraduate
Advanced Life Drawing: Sculpture (FVCA-312)	FVCA-312	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Armature, realistic and fantasy sculpting, mold making.	Undergraduate
Advanced Life Drawing: Illustration (FVCA-313)	FVCA-313	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Single image storytelling methods for graphic novels, book covers, children's books, posters, comics, and movie design presentations. Costume models will be used for reference in most classes.	Undergraduate
Advanced Life Drawing: Form, Structure (FVCA-314)	FVCA-314	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Three-dimensional analysis of form, design, and the structure of the human figure as it translates from careful observation to the language of drawing. Investigation of human anatomical structures, movement, distortions, composition, natural rhythm and characteristics of the figure's individual parts. Examination of the figure in garments, including the formation, behavior and the structure and of folds, wraps, draping and various fabrics, as they are affected by gravity and motion.	Undergraduate
Life Drawing for Animation (FVCA-315)	FVCA-315	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Life drawing techniques for animation, focusing on gesture and story.	Undergraduate
Film Workshop III (FVCA-320)	FVCA-320	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed animated short film.	Undergraduate
Film Workshop III (FVCA-321)	FVCA-321	Course available by permission of instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed animated short film.	Undergraduate
CG Film Workshop III (FVCA-322)	FVCA-322	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed CG animated short film.	Undergraduate
CG Film Workshop III (FVCA-323)	FVCA-323	Course available by permission of instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed CG animated short film.	Undergraduate
Professional Preparation III (FVCA-334)	FVCA-334	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Designing a professional portfolio suitable for presentation to various audiences, including potential employers, clients and gallery owners.	Undergraduate
Visual Development (FVCA-340)	FVCA-340	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Instruction in the use of visual communication to tell and support story, breaking down line value, color and composition along with subject.	Undergraduate
Cinematography (FVCA-342)	FVCA-342	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will address composition from the bottom up, with an emphasis on visual storytelling. Whether you are interested in 2D or 3D animation the final result is the projected image which both share the same potential aspects of visual communication. Together, cinematography and composition deliver vital subtext to every shot and scene. Placement, scale, shape, movement, tonal value and contrast are some of the factors that can help a shot communicate its visual message most	Undergraduate

effectively. We will cover these vital factors to demonstrate how they can improve clarity of your visual expression.

Advanced Story (FVCA-350)	FVCA-350	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Intermediate story development, storyboard preparation, scripting and story essentials. Numerous sections to choose from.	Undergraduate
CG Character Animation III (FVCA-370)	FVCA-370	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Intermediate CG animation techniques, with a focus on performance in animation.	Undergraduate
Advanced CG Lighting/Rendering (FVCA-382)	FVCA-382	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The course will focus on digital lighting and rendering techniques to allow artists to output their work in any number of ways from photo-realism to highly-stylized content such as advanced methods of toon shading. The course will offer rendering and compositing topics as well as materials/shaders and texturing methods for advanced output. Course will also offer topics on integrating digital animated components into traditional, live action, as well as CG backgrounds, as needed. The class will use mental ray and V-Ray rendering through Maya and After Effects for compositing. This class will appeal to a variety of student goals from animation to character design to visual development.	Undergraduate
Introduction to ZBrush (FVCA-384)	FVCA-384	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will teach ZBrush software and CG modeling concepts. The class will be a direct resource for producing material that the studios are looking for, such as video game characters, prop design, and styles that cannot be created by traditional material. Also, the inventiveness of our students will influence how digital characters are designed.	Undergraduate
ZBrush-Maya Character Creation (FVCA-386)	FVCA-386	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The course will focus on using digital tools to create a character and prepare it for production use. Students will begin by creating a basic character model in Maya and then move into ZBrush for sculpting details and shape. Students will then take their ZBrush output and go back into Maya to create a riggable and UV'ed model that may be used for animation production. This class will appeal to a variety of student goals from animation to character design.	Undergraduate
CG Environment Modeling (FVCA-387)	FVCA-387	The course will focus on using advanced digital tools to create models and environments for use in an animation production, whether the film is CG or traditional. The course will explore ways of creating assets that may be used in a variety of ways: props, environments, set dressings, vehicles, etc. Class will use both Maya and ZBrush techniques and will cover the UV'ing and texturing of assets and will appeal to a variety of student goals from animation to to visual development.	Undergraduate
Entrepreneurial Studies (FVCA-397)	FVCA-397	Course available by permission of instructor only. Understanding copyright laws, contracts and the basics of starting your own animation studio.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FVCA-399)	FVCA-399	Individual intensive project or study, with scheduled meetings to be arranged between faculty member and student. Tangible evidence of project or mastery of subject matter required. Individual contact required.	Undergraduate
2D Character Animation IV (FVCA-400)	FVCA-400	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Advanced character animation techniques, with emphasis on performance, story construction, character development and dramatic structure.	Undergraduate
2D Character Animation IV (FVCA-401)	FVCA-401	Course available by permission of instructor only. Advanced character animation techniques, with emphasis on performance, story construction, character development and dramatic structure.	Undergraduate
Film Workshop IV (FVCA-420)	FVCA-420	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed animated short film.	Undergraduate
Film Workshop IV (FVCA-421)	FVCA-421	Course available by permission of instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed animated short film.	Undergraduate
CG Film Workshop IV (FVCA-422)	FVCA-422	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed CG animated short film.	Undergraduate
CG Film Workshop IV (FVCA-423)	FVCA-423	Course available by permission of instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed CG animated short film.	Undergraduate
Character Design IV (FVCA-430)	FVCA-430	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The art of drawing and character design, and techniques for producing top-notch character designs.	Undergraduate
Advanced Story (FVCA-450)	FVCA-450	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Intermediate story development, storyboard preparation, scripting and story essentials. Numerous sections to choose from.	Undergraduate
CG IV (FVCA-480)	FVCA-480	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Advanced CG	Undergraduate

modeling, lighting and shading.

CG Special Effects for Animated Films (FVCA-486)	FVCA-486	Course available by permission of instructor only. The course will focus on using advanced digital tools to create special effects for CG as well as traditional animations. Special effects include lightning, rain, snow, smoke, water, fire, etc. Class will develop various effects and methods to best integrate them into an animation for use in traditional or CG productions using a variety of software tools including Maya and After Effects and will appeal to a variety of student goals from animation to visual development.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FVCA-499)	FVCA-499	Individual intensive project or study, with scheduled meetings to be arranged between faculty member and student. Tangible evidence of project or mastery of subject matter required. Individual contact required.	Undergraduate
2D Character Animation I (FVCA-500)	FVCA-500	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Introduction to hand-drawn Character Animation techniques.	Graduate
2D Character Animation I (FVCA-501)	FVCA-501	Course available by permission of instructor only. Introduction to hand-drawn Character Animation techniques.	Graduate
Advanced Painting (FVCA-511)	FVCA-511	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Painting techniques with acrylic, gouache, watercolor, glazing, texture, and mixed media. Study of models, landscape, and still life. Color theory, color relationships, examination of warm and cool, dark and light.	Graduate
Advanced Life Drawing: Sculpture (FVCA-512)	FVCA-512	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Armature, realistic and fantasy sculpting, mold making.	Graduate
Advanced Life Drawing: Illustration (FVCA-513)	FVCA-513	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Single image storytelling methods for graphic novels, book covers, children's books, posters, comics, and movie design presentations. Costume models will be used for reference in most classes.	Graduate
Advanced Life Drawing: Form, Structure (FVCA-514)	FVCA-514	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Three-dimensional analysis of form, design, and the structure of the human figure as it translates from careful observation to the language of drawing. Investigation of human anatomical structures, movement, distortions, composition, natural rhythm and characteristics of the figure's individual parts. Examination of the figure in garments, including the formation, behavior and the structure and of folds, wraps, draping and various fabrics, as they are affected by gravity and motion.	Graduate
Life Drawing I (FVCA-516)	FVCA-516	Life drawing of people and animals, exploring shape, form, contour, contrast, anatomy, and perspective.	Graduate
Life Drawing I (FVCA-517)	FVCA-517	Course available by permission of instructor only. Life drawing of people and animals, exploring shape, form, contour, contrast, anatomy, and perspective.	Graduate
Life Drawing II (FVCA-518)	FVCA-518	Life drawing with an emphasis on gesture, observation, fluidity, rhythm, tempo, and emotion. In-depth study of drawing concepts, anatomy, costume, character and lighting.	Graduate
Life Drawing II (FVCA-519)	FVCA-519	Course available by permission of instructor only. Life drawing with an emphasis on gesture, observation, fluidity, rhythm, tempo, and emotion. In-depth study of drawing concepts, anatomy, costume, character and lighting.	Graduate
CG Film Workshop IV (FVCA-522)	FVCA-522	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed CG animated short film.	Graduate
CG Film Workshop IV (FVCA-523)	FVCA-523	Course available by permission of instructor only. Instruction and guidance in the process of developing an individually conceived and executed CG animated short film.	Graduate
Character Design IV (FVCA-530)	FVCA-530	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The art of drawing and character design, and techniques for producing top-notch character designs.	Graduate
Animation Layout (FVCA-540)	FVCA-540	By permission of instructor only. Basic composition and design of layout animation techniques.	Graduate
Visual Development (FVCA-541)	FVCA-541	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Instruction in the use of visual communication to tell and support story, breaking down line value, color and composition along with subject.	Graduate
Cinematography (FVCA-542)	FVCA-542	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will address composition from the bottom up, with an emphasis on visual storytelling. Whether you are interested in 2D or 3D animation the final result is the projected image which both share the same potential aspects of visual communication. Together, cinematography and composition deliver vital subtext to every shot and scene. Placement, scale, shape, movement, tonal value and contrast are some of the factors that can help a shot communicate its visual message most effectively. We will cover these vital factors to demonstrate how they can improve clarity of your visual expression.	Undergraduate
Advanced Story (FVCA-550)	FVCA-550	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Intermediate story	Graduate

550)		development, storyboard preparation, scripting and story essentials. Numerous sections to choose from.	
Story II: Storyboarding (FVCA-552)	FVCA-552	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Study of the theory and structure behind storytelling and its application towards the short form animated film. There are two sections of this class, each with its own focus: Narrative Science and Storyboarding. Students must take one in their fall semester.	Graduate
Story II: Storyboarding (FVCA-553)	FVCA-553	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Study of the theory and structure behind storytelling and its application towards the short form animated film. There are two sections of this class, each with its own focus: Narrative Science and Storyboarding. Students must take one in their fall semester.	Graduate
Advanced CG Lighting/Rendering (FVCA-582)	FVCA-582	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The course will focus on digital lighting and rendering techniques to allow artists to output their work in any number of ways from photo-realism to highly-stylized content such as advanced methods of toon shading. The course will offer rendering and compositing topics as well as materials/shaders and texturing methods for advanced output. Course will also offer topics on integrating digital animated components into traditional, live action, as well as CG backgrounds, as needed. The class will use mental ray and V-Ray rendering through Maya and After Effects for compositing. This class will appeal to a variety of student goals from animation to character design to visual development.	Graduate
Introduction to ZBrush (FVCA-584)	FVCA-584	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will teach ZBrush software and CG modeling concepts. The class will be a direct resource for producing material that the studios are looking for, such as video game characters, prop design, and styles that cannot be created by traditional material. Also, the inventiveness of our students will influence how digital characters are designed.	Graduate
ZBrush-Maya Character Creation (FVCA-586)	FVCA-586	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The course will focus on using digital tools to create a character and prepare it for production use. Students will begin by creating a basic character model in Maya and then move into ZBrush for sculpting details and shape. Students will then take their ZBrush output and go back into Maya to create a riggable and UV'ed model that may be used for animation production. This class will appeal to a variety of student goals from animation to character design.	Graduate
CG Special Effects for Animated Films (FVCA-587)	FVCA-587	Course available by permission of instructor only. The course will focus on using advanced digital tools to create special effects for CG as well as traditional animations. Special effects include lightning, rain, snow, smoke, water, fire, etc. Class will develop various effects and methods to best integrate them into an animation for use in traditional or CG productions using a variety of software tools including Maya and After Effects and will appeal to a variety of student goals from animation to visual development.	Graduate
Entrepreneurial Studies (FVCA-597)	FVCA-597	Course available by permission of instructor only. Understanding copyright laws, contracts and the basics of starting your own animation studio.	Graduate
Independent Project (FVCA-599)	FVCA-599	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Individual intensive project or study, with scheduled meetings to be arranged between faculty member and student. Tangible evidence of project or mastery of subject matter required. Individual contact required.	Graduate
Independent Project (FVCA-699)	FVCA-699	Individual intensive project or study, with scheduled meetings to be arranged between faculty member and student. Tangible evidence of project or mastery of subject matter required. Individual contact required.	Graduate
Independent Project (FVCA-799)	FVCA-799	Individual intensive project or study, with scheduled meetings to be arranged between faculty member and student. Tangible evidence of project or mastery of subject matter required. Individual contact required.	Graduate
BFA Animation Workshop (FVEA-107)	FVEA-107	Course open to BFA1 Experimental Animation students only. The Program in Experimental Animation embraces the practice of educating students in a broad animation aesthetic. Beginning in the first year students are encouraged to expand and evolve their talents so they may bring greater expressiveness and innovation to all of their work. Over the course of the semester, meeting twice a week, visiting artists and Experimental Animation faculty specializing in key approaches to creating animation will conduct three individual workshops. These workshops will introduce major processes and additional relevant techniques inherent in the art and craft of (1.) drawn animation, timing, performance, 2D composition, character design issues, straight ahead and cycle animation; (2.) Multi-plane animation using cut-outs and objects as well as investigate specialized lighting techniques and creative possibilities; (3.) Stop-Motion animation, ranging from puppetry to found objects, set design and basic lighting. The Workshop will also include a lab element in which students can hone fundamental technology skills. Classes will	Undergraduate

employ a hands-on style workshop approach in which students will be expected to actively create during every class meeting as well as in individual assignments. This structure will help students acquire a direct understanding of each process, as well as the feel and character of each technique.

BFA Animation Production (FVEA-108)	FVEA-108	Open to Experimental Animation students only. This is a follow-up to the fall semester's BFA ANIMATION WORKSHOP. Students are required to see a short project through from concept to completion, culminating in a screening of the final piece in the Bijou Theater during Bijou Week at the end of the spring semester. The class is held two days a week, and comprises a critique and discussion session one day a week and a technical lab session on the second day.	Undergraduate
Intermediate After Effects (FVEA-145)	FVEA-145	Course available by permission of instructor only. There is more to creative use of After Effects than knowing basic navigation of the user interface. We will work to build a familiarity with the inner world of After Effects. Build an elevated, sophisticated artistic control through weekly lecture/demonstrations and projects that dig into a wide range of creative techniques underlying the expansive possibilities available in After Effects.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FVEA-199)	FVEA-199	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Undergraduate
The Digital Path & Short Proj A (FVEA-202)	FVEA-202	Course open to BFA2 students only. Course will prepare students for making finished work using digital tools. Class covers digital film management as well as low and high-resolution production and workflow; and, deals with the digital post-production path when working in various formats, importing, exporting frames, output and the completion pathway on and off campus. This two-section class creates space for BFA2 and BFA3 students to work on short projects in a structured environment. The class will be customized to individual students' needs.	Undergraduate
The Digital Path & Short Proj B (FVEA-203)	FVEA-203	Course available by permission of instructor only. Course will prepare students for making finished work using digital tools. Class covers digital film management as well as low and high-resolution production and workflow; and, deals with the digital post-production path when working in various formats, importing, exporting frames, output and the completion pathway on and off campus. This two-section class creates space for BFA2 and BFA3 students to work on short projects in a structured environment. The class will be customized to individual students' needs.	Undergraduate
Sound Acquisition for Exp Animation (FVEA-240)	FVEA-240	This course that covers the process and technology for recording/acquiring soundtrack elements-effects, voice and music will cover techniques used both in the field and studio environment, as well as audio fundamentals. Gives access to non-sync field recorders and microphones. Editing and Pro Tools will be introduced.	Undergraduate
Post Production Sound for Exp Animators (FVEA-241)	FVEA-241	Course available by permission of instructor only. Second part of a two semester required sequence. Using Pro Tools for sound editing and mix preparation. Opportunity to build on and expand recordings from the fall semester. Planning and coordination of post-production sound paths, including format/finishing considerations. Post recording of effects/music. Graduate students will be expected to complete additional assignments.	Undergraduate
Hybrid Imaging (FVEA-255)	FVEA-255	Course open to BFA1 Experimental Animation students only. From the choice of pencil lead, to what output "codec" to use for screening a film at a particular venue, film/video/media making involves a heavy blend of creative and technical activity at every level of creation. Developing a fluent, robust knowledge of possibilities embedded in the marriage between contemporary image making instruments, methodologies and concepts provides expanded creative choices. In this course, study of digital cinematic possibilities and animation production utilizing current image acquisition and creation through the power of Adobe Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Illustrator, Flash and After Effects are expected to help empower greater student creative abilities.	Undergraduate
Independent Project (FVEA-299)	FVEA-299	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Undergraduate
Exp Animation: Direct Techniques (FVEA-305)	FVEA-305	This class is Open to the Institute. Students will explore a variety of animation techniques in which media are directly manipulated, such as paint on glass, sand animation, and direct filmmaking (drawing or scratching on film, for example). The course includes screenings of animation and discussion of related works. Students experiment with the techniques to create short projects.	Undergraduate
Production Design for Stop Motion (FVEA-310)	FVEA-310	This course is Permission of Instructor only. The Production Design for Stop Motion course will explore the full production process of stop motion filmmaking. Through a series of practical workshops in prop design, fabrication, storyboarding, location design, lighting and	Undergraduate

concept generation students will gain an in- depth understanding of how to create a unified design for a stop motion film and for the principles underlying visual storytelling. Students will work as the role of a Production Designer on a concept and scene from their own personal project idea and will come away with the knowledge and skills underlying the production process.

Intro to Cinema4D (FVEA-338)	FVEA-338	Permission of instructor required. Open to the Institute. Animators and artists can find a rapid entree into CG animation for a range of personal work using Cinema4D. In this course, students will develop CG animation skills with the software. They'll be introduced to central facets of CG, including modeling, surface rendering, animating, and rigging. Students will learn to use additional standard animation tools to aid workflow and streamline their development. They will also find innovative and/or original ways of using a CG software. In the second half of the semester the course will focus on strategies and techniques to assist them in their final project(s).	Undergraduate	
Independent Project (FVEA-399)	FVEA-399	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Undergraduate	
Voice and Text: A Mosaic (FVEA-408)	FVEA-408	This class is designed to realize how writing with the voice in mind is an instrument for writing. Each class is a workshop with different approaches using original writing for recording and performing. Listening to radio plays, the news, film narration, conversation-as-text, and other formats will be part of an ongoing investigation to address the structural components of what makes a good voice-over and how writing informs that. Acting, whether dramatic or minimal, will be developed in conjunction with performers from other practices in order to appreciate how collaboration may contribute to the fullest realization of the workshop investigations undertaken in this class. Technical devices (microphones, etc.) will be studied to realize how to achieve the desired outcome for voice recording. Although a series of exercises will be developed, a final project accompanied with a text version is expected as a final project. A survey of radio artists and formats, playwriting and performanceart will be discussed and reviewed. Methods for visual presentation with voice will be a continuous thread throughout the course. This class is designed for students in the Experimental Animation Program but is open to the Institute.	Undergraduate	
Experimental Animation Installation (FVEA-409)	FVEA-409	A project-based course where students experiment on a continuous basis notions of installation practice today and how it relates to the Experimental Animation artist. Lectures and presentations of installation artists are an important component of the class. The group taking the class will be given a series of dates to consider staging concepts they would like to work with in order to gain better understanding of a more completed project. In this respect there are a number of reserved spaces to support experimentation and testing of equipment. Students may collaborate but in this course collaboration refers more to students supporting each other as the course has a rigorous schedule. It is hoped all members of the class meet their own determined dates for presentation. In this class rather than a large group shows there will be a series of exhibitions allowing for a more opportunities for students to work at the level and scale they wish.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Interactive Media (FVEA-410)	FVEA-410	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An interactive boot camp, this course provides a foundation for interactive media installation, creation of art-games, and performance. Students will gain experience using Unity3D, a game engine, for creation of interactive environment. No prior programming experience is requiredWe will look at installation in diverse contexts, including as a kind of 21st Century cabinet of wonder. Introduction to interactive development tools and theories of new media.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Illuminated Language Lounge (FVEA-411)	FVEA-411	All disciplines are encouraged. This course invites and encourages aeration--a different kind of meta-process in artmaking. We will investigate the aesthetics and history of air and what it can mean for artistic practice. Through utilizing various combinations of code-templates, students will produce animation and video sequences by controlling the software from the inside. Students will develop media virtuosity by learning the art of controlling, rather than using, software. Students will modify and and originate templates that tell After Effects to do things it can't (by default) do. Weekly demonstrations will present illuminating practical illustrations. Work will circulate about and within questions of air, flight, ground, grounding, and what it means (for a work) to be a disembodied or re-embodied flying sculpture, a sculpture not limited to matter or not existing as matter at all. Illumination-as-sculpture in achingly slow (or fast or ordinary) motion will be created.We will ask, What is flying sculpture? Students will creatively interpret the concept of sculpture, projection, and surface and may realize work using various means other than projection. The industry standard tool of After Effects will be utilized in out-of-standard ways (ways almost nobody uses). Selected media frontiers will be described in some detail within a workshop, and active, collegial lounge structure. What occurs will	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute

not be "same-old". ? Examples: a piece might project onto a bed of rice from an extreme slant. A screen of gossamer might be pulled upward by helium-assist. You can do what you might imagine within the constraints of budget and safety. This course is designed from a spirit of both fun and serious, intent engagement. Class attendance will be an important factor in successful completion of this course. Good prior operational knowledge of After Effects is recommended.

Drawn Techniques for Exp Animation (FVEA-415)	FVEA-415	Each week we will take on a particular exercise to gain expertise in the skill of drawn animation with a rigor to hold on to the personal. We aim to gain control over image movement that is dynamic whether it be political, surreal, abstract, memoir driven or humorous. Drawing workshops will yield possibilities for short narratives. Workshops will yield key drawings to be explored in animation as exercises are fundamental to learning animation. Screenings, critiques and demonstrations parallel viewings of student work.	Undergraduate	
Lighting and Camera for Exp Animation (FVEA-417)	FVEA-417	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will cover the equipment available for lighting and shooting stop motion animation and animation techniques that use a DSLR Lighting techniques that will help with your story and concept will be explored. Introduction to digital SLR cameras, lenses and software will be covered. An ability to know what set up is needed for your stop motion production and how to confidently use it will be the outcome for students.	Undergraduate	
Motion Capture for Artists (FVEA-419)	FVEA-419	This course will take the form of a series of lectures, screenings, and demonstrations in support of a production workshop centered on using our eight camera PhaseSpace Impulse 3D motion capture system in concert with Autodesk's MotionBuilder and Maya software packages. The goal is to explore the potential of performance animation in extending artists direct physical gestures into expressive animation. In addition to exploring the more conventional uses of motion capture how can we reach beyond these conventions to achieve more innovative work? Some possibilities to be explored will be the incorporation of procedural animation, non-representational imagery, dense layering, and unique remapping of gestures. Students are encouraged to explore areas of personal interest and to incorporate this research into their production work.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Stop Motion Animation Basics (FVEA-420)	FVEA-420	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Course will prepare students for making work using digital tools. Semester I covers digital film management as well as low and high-resolution production and workflow. Semester II deals with the digital post-production path when working in various formats, importing, exporting frames, output and the completion pathway on and off campus.	Undergraduate	
Intuitive Animation Workshop (FVEA-423)	FVEA-423	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An advanced experimental animation class, using both Flash and drawn animation. This is not a Flash class, it is an animation class. Students will explore the use of animation as a creative tool, as an art form and a distinct and personal language. The class will include modes of representation, free associative animation, timing, use of the film frame, kinaesthetics, economy, the unfinished statement, graphic narrative devices, problem solving, use of accident; as well as covering some basic techniques such as devising a sequence, dealing with space, cutting on action etc. The class consists of a series of small assignments: the work is started in class, completed out of class, and presented the following week.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Alternative Stop Motion Techniques (FVEA-425)	FVEA-425	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course will be a platform for experimentation and play in stop motion animation and will be primarily concerned with image making. Through a series of workshops employing a number of traditional and unconventional techniques, students will shoot tests and push the boundaries of well-known processes. We will take the camera outside its box and use elements of the unpredictable, time lapse, live action, light and others as our subject. Students should come with willingness to experiment and test out new ideas. Weekly screenings of relevant work will be discussed and dissected for insight into new ways of working. Students must have a working knowledge of After Effects and Final Cut Pro.	Undergraduate	
Intermediate Interactive (FVEA-427)	FVEA-427	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This semester, students will learn and use the Unity platform in a workshop environment. Work may be installations, art games, performances with cinematic or other elements, event-based work, or film or animation. Emphasis will be on a single project to be completed by the end of spring semester. Previous experience in 3DCG or interactivity helpful but not required.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Stop Motion Puppet Design & Fabrication (FVEA-428)	FVEA-428	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Unlike live action filmmaking the "puppet" actors in a stop motion film need to be designed and constructed by the filmmaker. This class will introduce students to a variety of fabrication techniques and materials both old and new used in building puppets for animated films. Through a series of demonstrations, reference clips and assignments students will learn how different materials can be used to create flexible puppets for varied looks and function. During the process they will begin to	Undergraduate	

understand how the personality of their puppet character guides the choice of the construction technique.

Advanced Interactive Production Workshop (FVEA-430)	FVEA-430	This course, open to the institute, is for those wanting to make cinematic work for the Vortex Dome, a fifty foot diameter hemispheric dome located near downtown Los Angeles. In this course, students will create proposals for work that will be completed in the spring. Individual pieces for for the dome will be integrated by class members into a unified viewing/participatory experience. Options for the final work will include non-interactive, interactive, participatory, and performative approaches and hybrids, and any other elements/aspects as class members invent/decide upon. In other words, the course functions to assist experimental approaches to time-based art forms within a visually encompassing experience. Students will learn technical options, in addition to investigation of implications for narrative, non-narrative, documentary, cinematic, non-cinematic, sound-based, and other dome-art pieces. We are not stuck in a dogma of any kind. We will examine what can be different about dome-based work and what opportunities have not yet been explored elsewhere. Open to the Institute. For MFAs, and students at BFA3 and BFA4 year levels. For students producing advanced work, but no prerequisite is strictly required. By permission of instructor.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Advanced Interactive (FVEA-431)	FVEA-431	Course available by permission of instructor only. Second semester of a year long course. This spring, we will continue development of immersive and participatory work designed for the Vortex Dome. The Vortex Dome, located at LA Center Stage, near downtown Los Angeles, is a 50 foot diameter dome used for a range of cinematic immersion, performative, and event-based works. We will work with members of the Vortex team and function as a think-tank with a goal of developing the beginnings of a new form, format, or genre that fits well within the context of a dome. A showcase of our work is planned for the latter part of the semester within the Vortex dome. Those wishing to take this course next year are advised to consult Hillary Kapan during the advising day or immediately as the spring semester begins. By permission of instructor. Open to the institute.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Sound Body of Visions A (FVEA-434)	FVEA-434	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. "Sound Body of Visions : DRAWING FROM LIFE", with emphasis on practicing, improving, expanding, experimenting, innovating personal drawing skills. Traditional AND non traditional, Expressive drawing informed by particular experiences, live models, drawing from memory of places visited, drawing "En plein air", 3D drawing! and using a variety of tools are expected to increase students powers related to graphic expression.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Sound Body of Visions B (FVEA-435)	FVEA-435	Using the process of learning and composting guitar sound events ; introduction to Haiku poetry composing; modern dance concepts and practice will be employed for many reasons, primarily as connections to personal experimentation. This semester is a time to focus content, research and production, refine and produce one or more short film essays / designs / stories. Screening and discussing of short art films and ideas about creativity will continue to be presented through many voices, readings and videos. Numerous individual student project status presentations offer a time to discuss personal creative development.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Explorations in Stereoscopic Imaging (FVEA-442)	FVEA-442	Since 1838 when Charles Wheatstone first formulated a theory of the role of binocular vision in stereopsis, numerous techniques for the creation and display of three dimensional images have been developed. Through a series of lectures, demonstrations, and projects we will explore the theory and practical application of the art of stereoscopy leading from Wheatstone's Stereoscope up to current developments in interactive stereoscopic head mounted displays. Is there a medium specificity involved in the production of monographic contrasted with stereographic art? How have artists subverted the stereoscopic potential for an increased sense of realism by creating apparently impossible spaces? In what other ways may stereoscopy be used to challenge notions of representation and objectivity? The course will include hands-on experience with motion control stop motion stereography using the Mark Roberts S3 Stereoscopic Stepper, the conversion of 2D drawings to 3D drawings using After Effects, underwater stereography using the GoPro 3D Hero system, and immersive worlds using the Oculus Rift HMD.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
CG Character Rigging (FVEA-446)	FVEA-446	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course provides a focused exploration of 3D character rigging and animation setup techniques in Maya. Building on the previous semester's work in CG Character Modeling or CG Foundation I, students learn how to rig the model as an appealing, animatable character with intuitive controls.	Undergraduate	
Film Get-Feral Club (FVEA-447)	FVEA-447	Students will use simple programming templates to work with animation and film sequences in unexpected ways. Students will examine and produce films or portions of films that employ projections and quick programming approaches. Specifically, JavaScript will be used to control Photoshop and After Effects. This	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute

course will incorporate both on- and off-computer components. Work done in one mode will be taken into another and reworked, then potentially brought back to the first. The idea: make it fast and make it different and make it return to the wild, untamed aspects of filmmaking.

Experimental Animation: Visiting Artists (FVEA-450)	FVEA-450	This course by Permission of Instructor Only. This course is comprised of presentations given by visiting artists in the form of lecture, workshop, and/or critique. These visitors, selected by student organizers, will be established independent artists and creative commercial leaders. Within the course, students learn how to handle struggles, preparing for pursuits in adventurous, artistic risk-taking throughout life. This course meets periodically through the semester depending on the availability of the artists.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Graphic Short Story (FVEA-455)	FVEA-455	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This one semester course is designed to explore the visual possibilities of the frame in the context of conceptual expression in animation. We will look at the comic book, the graphic novel, the animation storyboard and cartoons and experimental animation; studying the framing, color, style and design. We will experiment with various means of creative development including research, day-dreaming, the psychology of figuration, and in general 'thinking outside of the box' when dreaming up ideas for animation. Each student will create a finished 'graphic short story' a printed realization of an idea, situation, story or simply a series of events emphasizing the development of personal style, color, design, framing and production value. This course is designed to exercise the possibilities.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Scenic Design (FVEA-457)	FVEA-457	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. In the process of developing an animated film (storyboards, characters, concept) the creation of the actual space in which the film takes place is often left until last. This course is aimed at developing each student's sense of how and why the "setting" for the film can become intrinsic to the conceptual aim of any given works: from the lightest gestural tonalities to dark and complicated interiors, from the painterly to the realistic, from the built environment for stop motion and the backgrounds for cut-out animation, and from psychological spaces which insinuate surrealism to crisp and bright nighttime scenes, students will explore the possibilities. We may even find that an entire concept for a film can be created from the possibilities in a constructed background. From detailed architecture to the most abstract forms a scenic design can appropriately tell your story mixed with all the other elements to be considered (character design, sound, animation movement). This course is designed to develop your skills in imagining and creating illusory spaces in which your ideas can be realized. The course will include projects in color, light, depth of field, contrast, drawing, and set construction (both 2 and 3 dimensional) We will look at several scenic designs from contemporary and historic theater and opera productions and discuss their relevance to animation, and view animated films whose design is particularly original and intrinsic to the flow of the film. Students are required to complete a final project produced during the last 2-3 weeks of the course. Students are free to create new projects or develop the scenic designs for a film already in development.	Undergraduate	Open to the Institute
Direction & Performance in Stop Motion (FVEA-465)	FVEA-465	This course is by Permission of Instructor Only. A key component of a stop motion film is the quality of the animation. The success of a character's performance is not merely defined by its smoothness. The movement must communicate the physical and the emotional state of the character to the audience. This class will focus on the physical process of the "frame by frame manipulation" of a stop motion character and give students studio time to experiment with poses, timings and pacing. By testing different increment sizes and experimenting with timing and poses, students will obtain animating experience and create a visual vocabulary to improve their artistic expression. Using a clay or wire puppet and animating with DRAGONFRAME, students will receive hands on experience animating and experimenting with movement. Students will be able to test and rehearse performances for their thesis or other projects.	Undergraduate	
Art Direction & The Exp Animator (FVEA-470)	FVEA-470	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will cover, in a workshop setting, elements of design most useful to the experimental animator - for example: use of color, composition and layout, staging (for installation work), handing off, aspects of motion, editing and storyboarding.	Undergraduate	
Exp Animation Undergrad Critique A (FVEA-482)	FVEA-482	Course open to BFA4 Experimental Animation students only. This course supports 4th year BFA students in developing their graduation projects. It is structured as a collegial seminar, leveraging the expertise of each class member in the service of assisting the others with the fullest realization of their projects. Students share their work-from the initial stages of development through completion-in a series of scheduled presentations and group critiques.	Undergraduate	
Exp Animation Undergraduate Critique	FVEA-483	Open to Experimental Animation students only. Artistic growth is achieved and shaped through personal examination of art as it is being	Undergraduate	

(FVEA-483)		made and through frequent feedback from others. This course will help students to observe, read contemporary visual language and develop critical opinions about their own artwork and art made by others. Individual Students presentations of personal creative work and presentation of art by recognized international artists will provide a forum for critical discourse. This course will guide students through completion of their final project required for graduation.	
Independent Project (FVEA-499)	FVEA-499	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Undergraduate
The Digital Path for Animation (FVEA-502)	FVEA-502	Course will prepare students for making work using digital tools. Semester 1 covers digital film management as well as low and high-resolution production and workflow. Semester II deals with the digital post-production path when working in various formats, importing, exporting frames, output and the completion pathway on and off campus.	Graduate
Production Design for Stop Motion (FVEA-510)	FVEA-510	This course is Permission of Instructor only. The Production Design for Stop Motion course will explore the full production process of stop motion filmmaking. Through a series of practical workshops in prop design, fabrication, storyboarding, location design, lighting and concept generation students will gain an in- depth understanding of how to create a unified design for a stop motion film and for the principles underlying visual storytelling. Students will work as the role of a Production Designer on a concept and scene from their own personal project idea and will come away with the knowledge and skills underlying the production process.	Graduate
Drawn Techniques for Exp Animation (FVEA-515)	FVEA-515	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Each week we will take on a particular exercise to gain expertise in the skill of drawn animation with a rigor to hold on to the personal. We aim to gain control over image movement that is dynamic whether it be political, surreal, abstract, memoir driven or humorous. Drawing workshops will yield possibilities for short narratives. Workshops will yield key drawings to be explored in animation as exercises are fundamental to learning animation. Screenings, critiques and demonstrations parallel viewings of student work.	Graduate
EA Thesis Concept Seminar A (FVEA-520)	FVEA-520	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. The Thesis Concept Seminar analyzes and supports the studentEs thesis project while it goes through preliminary phases to prepare for the thesis review. The MFA student spends a fair amount of time preparing this project with at least two presentations before the class and one before the Thesis Review Committee. Critiques, writing exercises, modes of visual presentation and screenings are vital parts of this class. The discussions that develop and evolve within the class are critical as visual presentations and written treatments are quite diverse. A review of the stages the project passes through and graduation guidelines are covered as well in the class.	Graduate
Ea Thesis Concept Seminar B (FVEA-521)	FVEA-521	Course available by permission of instructor only. The Thesis Concept Seminar analyzes and supports the studentEs thesis project while it goes through preliminary phases to prepare for the thesis review. The MFA student spends a fair amount of time preparing this project with at least two presentations before the class and one before the Thesis Review Committee. Critiques, writing exercises, modes of visual presentation and screenings are vital parts of this class. The discussions that develop and evolve within the class are critical as visual presentations and written treatments are quite diverse. A review of the stages the project passes through and graduation guidelines are covered as well in the class.	Graduate
First Year Shorts A (FVEA-525)	FVEA-525	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. A two-semester class exploring the process of developing an idea to completion. The course will emphasize the process of development and production, starting with initial ideas, continuing through presentation of several finished concepts, and concluding with the completion of a short animated work.	Graduate
First Year Shorts B (FVEA-526)	FVEA-526	Course available by permission of instructor only. A two-semester class exploring the process of developing an idea to completion. The course will emphasize the process of development and production, starting with initial ideas, continuing through presentation of several finished concepts, and concluding with the completion of a short animated work.	Graduate
EA Thesis Production Seminar A (FVEA-530)	FVEA-530	Course open to MFA3 Experimental Animation students only. MFA thesis students will present their projects for discussion and analysis. A course designed to guide each student through development, production, and post-production. Students learn to develop critical skills in communicating with each other about the fundamental aspects of creating an original work in Experimental Animation and a successful thesis.	Graduate
EA Thesis Production Seminar B (FVEA-531)	FVEA-531	Open to Experimental Animation students only. MFA thesis students will present their projects for discussion and analysis. A course	Graduate

designed to guide each student through development, production, and post-production. Students learn to develop critical skills in communicating with each other about the fundamental aspects of creating an original work in Experimental Animation and a successful thesis.

Intro to Cinema4D (FVEA-538)	FVEA-538	Permission of instructor required. Open to the Institute. Animators and artists can find a rapid entree into CG animation for a range of personal work using Cinema4D. In this course, students will develop CG animation skills with the software. They'll be introduced to central facets of CG, including modeling, surface rendering, animating, and rigging. Students will learn to use additional standard animation tools to aid workflow and streamline their development. They will also find innovative and/or original ways of using a CG software. In the second half of the semester the course will focus on strategies and techniques to assist them in their final project(s).	Graduate	Open to the Institute
Sound Acquisition for Exp Animation (FVEA-540)	FVEA-540	Course open to MFA1 Experimental Animation students only. This course that covers the process and technology for recording/acquiring soundtrack elements-effects, voice and music will cover techniques used both in the field and studio environment, as well as audio fundamentals. Gives access to non-sync field recorders and microphones. Editing and Pro Tools will be introduced.	Graduate	
Post Production Sound for Exp Animators (FVEA-541)	FVEA-541	Course available by permission of instructor only. Second part of a two semester required sequence. Using Pro Tools for sound editing and mix preparation. Opportunity to build on and expand recordings from the fall semester. Planning and coordination of post-production sound paths, including format/finishing considerations. Post recording of effects/music. Graduate students will be expected to complete additional assignments.	Graduate	
Hybrid Imaging (FVEA-555)	FVEA-555	Course open to MFA1 Experimental Animation students only. MFA students know animation is a blend of creative and technical activities. From the choice of what pencil lead we use, to selecting the right "codec" to render with, technical knowledge is an important factor in successfully expressing your ideas on the screen. Building a fluent, robust knowledge of processes embedded in the marriage between contemporary image making instruments, methodologies and concepts does expands creative choices. Here in this course we shall cover instruction on creative pathways featuring methods you may be partly familiar, explore advanced processes utilizing both analogue and digital technology and when feasible, present totally new insights that may influence development of your "First Year Shot" project. Our course work this semester studying digital cinematic possibilities and animation production utilizing current image creation through the power of Adobe Photoshop, Premiere Pro and After Effects are expected to help empower greater animated art creativity. Students must attend the first class where they will gain access to the lab and may choose to test out.	Graduate	
Independent Project (FVEA-599)	FVEA-599	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate	
Exp Animation: Direct Techniques (FVEA-605)	FVEA-605	This class is Open to the Institute. Students will explore a variety of animation techniques in which media are directly manipulated, such as paint on glass, sand animation, and direct filmmaking (drawing or scratching on film, for example). The course includes screenings of animation and discussion of related works. Students experiment with the techniques to create short projects.	Graduate	Open to the Institute
Voice and Text: A Mosaic (FVEA-608)	FVEA-608	This class is designed to realize how writing with the voice in mind is an instrument for writing. Each class is a workshop with different approaches using original writing for recording and performing. Listening to radio plays, the news, film narration, conversation-as-text, and other formats will be part of an ongoing investigation to address the structural components of what makes a good voice-over and how writing informs that. Acting, whether dramatic or minimal, will be developed in conjunction with performers from other practices in order to appreciate how collaboration may contribute to the fullest realization of the workshop investigations undertaken in this class. Technical devices (microphones, etc.) will be studied to realize how to achieve the desired outcome for voice recording. Although a series of exercises will be developed, a final project accompanied with a text version is expected as a final project. A survey of radio artists and formats, playwriting and performance art will be discussed and reviewed. Methods for visual presentation with voice will be a continuous thread throughout the course. This class is designed for students in the Experimental Animation Program but is open to the Institute.	Graduate	
Experimental Animation Installation (FVEA-609)	FVEA-609	A project-based course where students experiment on a continuous basis notions of installation practice today and how it relates to the Experimental Animation artist. Lectures and presentations of installation artists are an important component of the class. The group taking the class will be given a series of dates to consider staging concepts they would like to work with in order to gain better	Graduate	Open to the Institute

understanding of a more completed project. In this respect there are a number of reserved spaces to support experimentation and testing of equipment. Students may collaborate but in this course collaboration refers more to students supporting each other as the course has a rigorous schedule. It is hoped all members of the class meet their own determined dates for presentation. In this class rather than a large group shows there will be a series of exhibitions allowing for a more opportunities for students to work at the level and scale they wish.

Interactive Media (FVEA-610)	FVEA-610	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An interactive boot camp, this course provides a foundation for interactive media installation, creation of art-games, and performance. Students will gain experience using Unity3D, a game engine, for creation of interactive environment. No prior programming experience is required. We will look at installation in diverse contexts, including as a kind of 21st Century cabinet of wonder. Introduction to interactive development tools and theories of new media.	Graduate	
Illuminated Language Lounge (FVEA-611)	FVEA-611	All disciplines are encouraged. This course invites and encourages aeration--a different kind of meta-process in artmaking. We will investigate the aesthetics and history of air and what it can mean for artistic practice. Through utilizing various combinations of code-templates, students will produce animation and video sequences by controlling the software from the inside. Students will develop media virtuosity by learning the art of controlling, rather than using, software. Students will modify and originate templates that tell After Effects to do things it can't (by default) do. Weekly demonstrations will present illuminating practical illustrations. Work will circulate about and within questions of air, flight, ground, grounding, and what it means (for a work) to be a disembodied or re-embodied flying sculpture, a sculpture not limited to matter or not existing as matter at all. Illumination-as-sculpture in achingly slow (or fast or ordinary) motion will be created. We will ask, What is flying sculpture? Students will creatively interpret the concept of sculpture, projection, and surface and may realize work using various means other than projection. The industry standard tool of After Effects will be utilized in out-of-standard ways (ways almost nobody uses). Selected media frontiers will be described in some detail within a workshop, and active, collegial lounge structure. What occurs will not be "same-old". ? Examples: a piece might project onto a bed of rice from an extreme slant. A screen of gossamer might be pulled upward by helium-assist. You can do what you might imagine within the constraints of budget and safety. This course is designed from a spirit of both fun and serious, intent engagement. Class attendance will be an important factor in successful completion of this course. Good prior operational knowledge of After Effects is recommended.	Graduate	
Lighting & Camera for Exp Animation (FVEA-617)	FVEA-617	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This course will cover the equipment available for lighting and shooting stop motion animation and animation techniques that use a DSLR. Lighting techniques that will help with your story and concept will be explored. Introduction to digital SLR cameras, lenses and software will be covered. An ability to know what set up is needed for your stop motion production and how to confidently use it will be the outcome for students.	Graduate	Open to the Institute
Motion Capture for Artists (FVEA-619)	FVEA-619	This course will take the form of a series of lectures, screenings, and demonstrations in support of a production workshop centered on using our eight camera PhaseSpace Impulse 3D motion capture system in concert with Autodesk's MotionBuilder and Maya software packages. The goal is to explore the potential of performance animation in extending artists direct physical gestures into expressive animation. In addition to exploring the more conventional uses of motion capture how can we reach beyond these conventions to achieve more innovative work? Some possibilities to be explored will be the incorporation of procedural animation, non-representational imagery, dense layering, and unique remapping of gestures. Students are encouraged to explore areas of personal interest and to incorporate this research into their production work.	Graduate	
Stop Motion Animation Basics (FVEA-620)	FVEA-620	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Course will prepare students for making work using digital tools. Semester 1 covers digital film management as well as low and high-resolution production and workflow. Semester II deals with the digital post-production path when working in various formats, importing, exporting frames, output and the completion pathway on and off campus.	Graduate	
Intuitive Animation Workshop (FVEA-623)	FVEA-623	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. An advanced experimental animation class, using both Flash and drawn animation. This is not a Flash class, it is an animation class. Students will explore the use of animation as a creative tool, as an art form and a distinct and personal language. The class will include modes of representation, free associative animation, timing, use of the film frame, kinaesthetics, economy, the unfinished statement, graphic narrative devices, problem solving, use of accident; as well as covering some basic techniques such as devising a sequence, dealing with space, cutting on action etc. The class consists of a series of small assignments: the work is started	Graduate	

in class, completed out of class, and presented the following week.

Alternative Stop Motion Techniques (FVEA-625)	FVEA-625	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course will be a platform for experimentation and play in stop motion animation and will be primarily concerned with image making. Through a series of workshops employing a number of traditional and unconventional techniques, students will shoot tests and push the boundaries of well-known processes. We will take the camera outside its box and use elements of the unpredictable, time lapse, live action, light and others as our subject. Students should come with willingness to experiment and test out new ideas. Weekly screenings of relevant work will be discussed and dissected for insight into new ways of working. Students must have a working knowledge of After Effects and Final Cut Pro.	Graduate
Intermediate Interactive (FVEA-627)	FVEA-627	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This semester, students will learn and use the Unity platform in a workshop environment. Work may be installations, art games, performances with cinematic or other elements, event-based work, or film or animation. Emphasis will be on a single project to be completed by the end of spring semester. Previous experience in 3DCG or interactivity helpful but not required.	Graduate
Stop Motion Puppet Desig and Fabrication (FVEA-628)	FVEA-628	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. Unlike live action filmmaking the "puppet" actors in a stop motion film need to be designed and constructed by the filmmaker. This class will introduce students to a variety of fabrication techniques and materials both old and new used in building puppets for animated films. Through a series of demonstrations, reference clips and assignments students will learn how different materials can be used to create flexible puppets for varied looks and function. During the process they will begin to understand how the personality of their puppet character guides the choice of the construction technique.	Graduate
Advanced Interactive Production Workshop (FVEA-630)	FVEA-630	This course, open to the institute, is for those wanting to make cinematic work for the Vortex Dome, a fifty foot diameter hemispheric dome located near downtown Los Angeles. In this course, students will create proposals for work that will be completed in the spring. Individual pieces for for the dome will be integrated by class members into a unified viewing/participatory experience. Options for the final work will include non-interactive, interactive, participatory, and performative approaches and hybrids, and any other elements/aspects as class members invent/decide upon. In other words, the course functions to assist experimental approaches to time-based art forms within a visually encompassing experience. Students will learn technical options, in addition to investigation of implications for narrative, non-narrative, documentary, cinematic, non-cinematic, sound-based, and other dome-art pieces. We are not stuck in a dogma of any kind. We will examine what can be different about dome-based work and what opportunities have not yet been explored elsewhere. Open to the Institute. For MFAs, and students at BFA3 and BFA4 year levels. For students producing advanced work, but no prerequisite is strictly required. By permission of instructor.	Graduate
Advanced Interactive (FVEA-631)	FVEA-631	Course available by permission of instructor only. Second semester of a year long course. This spring, we will continue development of immersive and participatory work designed for the Vortex Dome. The Vortex Dome, located at LA Center Stage, near downtown Los Angeles, is a 50 foot diameter dome used for a range of cinematic immersion, performative, and event-based works. We will work with members of the Vortex team and function as a think-tank with a goal of developing the beginnings of a new form, format, or genre that fits well within the context of a dome. A showcase of our work is planned for the latter part of the semester within the Vortex dome. Those wishing to take this course next year are advised to consult Hillary Kapan during the advising day or immediately as the spring semester begins. By permission of instructor. Open to the institute.	Graduate
Sound Body of Visions A (FVEA-634)	FVEA-634	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. "Sound Body of Visions : DRAWING FROM LIFE", with emphasis on practicing, improving, expanding, experimenting, innovating personal drawing skills. Traditional AND non traditional, Expressive drawing informed by particular experiences, live models, drawing from memory of places visited, drawing "En plein air", 3D drawing! and using a variety of tools are expected to increase students powers related to graphic expression.	Graduate
Sound Body of Visions B (FVEA-635)	FVEA-635	Using the process of learning and composting guitar sound events ; introduction to Haiku poetry composing; modern dance concepts and practice will be employed for many reasons, primarily as connections to personal experimentation. This semester is a time to focus content, research and production, refine and produce one or more short film essays / designs / stories. Screening and discussing of short art films and ideas about creativity will continue to be presented through many voices, readings and videos. Numerous individual student project status presentations offer a time to discuss personal creative development.	Graduate
CG Character Modeling	FVEA-636	This course provides a focused exploration of CG character modeling	Graduate

(FVEA-636)		in Maya. Production techniques and aesthetic considerations are examined in detail. Students learn the finer points of constructing clean, deformable surfaces, which can be rigged for animation in CG Character Rigging the following semester.		
Explorations in Stereoscopic Imaging (FVEA-642)	FVEA-642	Since 1838 when Charles Wheatstone first formulated a theory of the role of binocular vision in stereopsis, numerous techniques for the creation and display of three dimensional images have been developed. Through a series of lectures, demonstrations, and projects we will explore the theory and practical application of the art of stereoscopy leading from Wheatstone's Stereoscope up to current developments in interactive stereoscopic head mounted displays. Is there a medium specificity involved in the production of monographic contrasted with stereographic art? How have artists subverted the stereoscopic potential for an increased sense of realism by creating apparently impossible spaces? In what other ways may stereoscopy be used to challenge notions of representation and objectivity? The course will include hands-on experience with motion control stop motion stereography using the Mark Roberts S3 Stereoscopic Stepper, the conversion of 2D drawings to 3D drawings using After Effects, underwater stereography using the GoPro 3D Hero system, and immersive worlds using the Oculus Rift HMD.	Graduate	
Intermediate After Effects (FVEA-645)	FVEA-645	Course available by permission of instructor only. There is more to creative use of After Effects than knowing basic navigation of the user interface. We will work to build a familiarity with the inner world of After Effects. Build an elevated, sophisticated artistic control through weekly lecture/demonstrations and projects that dig into a wide range of creative techniques underlying the expansive possibilities available in After Effects.	Graduate	
CG Character Rigging (FVEA-646)	FVEA-646	Course available by permission of instructor only. This course provides a focused exploration of 3D character rigging and animation setup techniques in Maya. Building on the previous semester's work in CG Character Modeling or CG Foundation I, students learn how to rig the model as an appealing, animatable character with intuitive controls.	Graduate	
Film Get-Feral Club (FVEA-647)	FVEA-647	Students will use simple programming templates to work with animation and film sequences in unexpected ways. Students will examine and produce films or portions of films that employ projections and quick programming approaches. Specifically, JavaScript will be used to control Photoshop and After Effects. This course will incorporate both on- and off-computer components. Work done in one mode will be taken into another and reworked, then potentially brought back to the first. The idea: make it fast and make it different and make it return to the wild, untamed aspects of filmmaking.	Graduate	
Exp Animation: Visiting Artists (FVEA-650)	FVEA-650	This course by Permission of Instructor Only. This course is comprised of presentations given by visiting artists in the form of lecture, workshop, and/or critique. These visitors, selected by student organizers, will be established independent artists and creative commercial leaders. Within the course, students learn how to handle struggles, preparing for pursuits in adventurous, artistic risk-taking throughout life. This course meets periodically through the semester depending on the availability of the artists.	Graduate	
Graphic Short Story (FVEA-655)	FVEA-655	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. This one semester course is designed to explore the visual possibilities of the frame in the context of conceptual expression in animation. We will look at the comic book, the graphic novel, the animation storyboard and cartoons and experimental animation; studying the framing, color, style and design. We will experiment with various means of creative development including research, day-dreaming, the psychology of figuration, and in general 'thinking outside of the box' when dreaming up ideas for animation. Each student will create a finished 'graphic short story' a printed realization of an idea, situation, story or simply a series of events emphasizing the development of personal style, color, design, framing and production value. This course is designed to exercise the possibilities.	Graduate	Open to the Institute
Scenic Design (FVEA-657)	FVEA-657	Course available by Permission of Instructor only. In the process of developing an animated film (storyboards, characters, concept) the creation of the actual space in which the film takes place is often left until last. This course is aimed at developing each student's sense of how and why the "setting" for the film can become intrinsic to the conceptual aim of any given works: from the lightest gestural tonalities to dark and complicated interiors, from the painterly to the realistic, from the built environment for stop motion and the backgrounds for cut-out animation, and from psychological spaces which insinuate surrealism to crisp and bright nighttime scenes, students will explore the possibilities. We may even find that an entire concept for a film can be created from the possibilities in a constructed background. From detailed architecture to the most abstract forms a scenic design can appropriately tell your story mixed with all the other elements to be considered (character design, sound,	Graduate	

animation movement). This course is designed to develop your skills in imagining and creating illusory spaces in which your ideas can be realized. The course will include projects in color, light, depth of field, contrast, drawing, and set construction (both 2 and 3 dimensional) We will look at several scenic designs from contemporary and historic theater and opera productions and discuss their relevance to animation, and view animated films whose design is particularly original and intrinsic to the flow of the film. Students are required to complete a final project produced during the last 2-3 weeks of the course. Students are free to create new projects or develop the scenic designs for a film already in development.

Direction & Performance in Stop Motion (FVEA-665)	FVEA-665	This course is by Permission of Instructor Only. A key component of a stop motion film is the quality of the animation. The success of a character's performance is not merely defined by its smoothness. The movement must communicate the physical and the emotional state of the character to the audience. This class will focus on the physical process of the "frame by frame manipulation" of a stop motion character and give students studio time to experiment with poses, timings and pacing. By testing different increment sizes and experimenting with timing and poses, students will obtain animating experience and create a visual vocabulary to improve their artistic expression. Using a clay or wire puppet and animating with DRAGONFRAME, students will receive hands on experience animating and experimenting with movement. Students will be able to test and rehearse performances for their thesis or other projects.	Graduate
Art Direction & The Exp Animator (FVEA-670)	FVEA-670	This course will cover, in a workshop setting, elements of design most useful to the experimental animator - for example: use of color, composition and layout, staging (for installation work), handing off, aspects of motion, editing and storyboarding.	Graduate
Independent Project (FVEA-699)	FVEA-699	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate
Independent Project (FVEA-799)	FVEA-799	Course available by permission of instructor only. Under the direction of a specific faculty member, students complete projects defined in a contractual agreement drawn at the beginning of each semester.	Graduate