

SCREENWRITING MINOR

SCHOOL OF MEDIA STUDIES

OVERVIEW

The minor in Screenwriting is designed to train students in the challenging field of creating stories for the screen (film, TV, web, etc.). Students learn to write feature-length screenplays, both comedic and dramatic teleplays, and explore specialized areas while learning the fundamentals of character, conflict, and scene structure. By the successful completion of this minor, a student should be able to demonstrate:

- Comprehension of the elements of screenwriting, story structure, and the techniques essential for writing in a variety of narrative mediums: feature-length narrative screenplay, TV shows, webseries and new media.
- An ability to use those elements and techniques in practice to begin, complete and rewrite a project a full-length screenplay for at least one medium.
- Refined critical skills and language to assess and discuss elements of scripting.
- An ability to apply critical tools for analysis to consider and offer constructive feedback on a peers' creative work in progress.
- Proficiency in use of technical screenwriting terminology and formatting.
- Understanding of best practices for presenting screenplays in a professional context.

Note: Course availability may vary from semester to semester. Students seeking to pursue alternative coursework to fulfill the minor should consult with their advisors.

REQUIREMENTS

Content Area	Course Options	Requirements
Core Courses	NSRW2800: Script Analysis (3 credits) NSRW3810: Screenwriting 1 (3 credits) NSRW3820: Screenwriting 2 (3 credits) NSRW3830: Screenwriting 3 (3 credits)	12 Credits
Elective Courses	NFLM3565: What Buyers Want: Writing Scripts that Sell (3 credits) NSRW3837: Writing for the Web (3 credits) NSRW 3842: TV Sitcom Writing (3 credits) NSRW 3852: Episodic and Procedurals: Crafting the Original One-Hour Pilot (3 credits) NSRW 3853: Sitcom Writing 2: Writing a Full Script (3 credits)	6 Credits

* Students who maintain a grade of B or better in all of their required courses will also be eligible for a Certificate in Screenwriting.

ELIGIBILITY

Minors are available to undergraduate students across The New School **except** those students at Lang and the Bachelors Program for Adults and Transfer Students who are completing a self-designed BA or BS in Liberal Arts, who are not permitted to declare minors. For students at Lang or the Bachelors Program for Adults and Transfer Students interested in pursuing a deeper study of this subject area, opportunities are available through the self-designed major in Liberal Arts. To explore this, contact an academic advisor or read more information about self-designed liberal arts degree options at Lang and the Bachelors Program for Adults and Transfer Students.

Total: 18 credits