FILM AND TELEVISION STUDIES CERTIFICATE (15 HOURS)

This interdisciplinary certificate is intended to provide a broad background in the area of media literacy and critical thinking. The certificate is particularly appropriate for students preparing for, or currently working in, a variety of disciplines or careers in media production, broadcasting, public relations, marketing, advertising, visual arts, critical studies, politics, and literature.

Students must maintain good academic standing in the university, achieve a minimum grade of C in each certificate course, achieve a GPA of at least 2.00 in all certificate courses, and complete all certificate course work within six calendar years. Some courses may have prerequisites that are not part of the certificate curriculum. All course requirements for the certificate must be completed at NIU.

In addition to the approved elective courses listed below, any undergraduate-level special topics course focusing on film or television studies may be counted toward the certificate with the approval of the coordinator of the Film and Television Studies Certificate of Undergraduate Study. No transfer credit is allowed for the certificate.

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Required:

- □ COMS 356 - Critical Interpretation of Film/TV (3)
- □ ENGL 363 - Literature and Film (3)

THREE of the following from TWO different departments:

- □ COMS 390 - Major Directors (3)
- □ COMS 456C - History of Film before 1950 (3)
- □ COMS 456D - History of Film after 1950 (3)
- □ COMS 457 - The Documentary Tradition (3)
- □ COMS 459 - History of Broadcasting (3)
- □ COMS 460 - Television Theory and Criticism (3)
- □ COMS 462 - Film Theory and Criticism (3)
- □ COMS 466 - Narrative Scriptwriting (3) (PRQ: COMS 355)
- □ COMS 493 - Special Topics in Media Studies (3)
- □ ENGL 400 - Literary Topics (3)
- □ HIST 383 - Latin America through Film (3)
- □ HIST 390 - Film and History (3)
- □ POLS 306 - The Mass Media in American Politics (3)
- □ POLS 312 - Law and Film (3)
- □ POLS 392 - Politics and Film (3)
- □ Other: ________________________________

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