Master of Arts in Cinema Studies
30 Units

The M.A. in Cinema Studies SF State offers students the opportunity to pursue graduate research in cinema and media scholarship. We believe that “cinema” refers to all moving image media, including early films and emerging digital forms. The M.A. Program emphasizes not only the study of cinema history, theory and criticism, of all “cinematic” media and the theories related to them. The curriculum allows students considerable freedom to choose among a wide variety of courses offered, building toward producing a thesis that emphasizes research on a specific topic of their interest.

The program is proud of their students’ record of achievement, with many going on to doctoral study at prestigious institutions, serving as directors of art and film festivals, working as curators and archivists, as well as becoming producers and creative executives at various media and new media organizations and companies.

Master of Fine Arts in Cinema
60 Units

Our MFA program offers rigorous, professional training in cinema production in conjunction with an understanding of cinema history, theory and aesthetics. The faculty supports production practice in diverse forms- narrative, experimental, documentary, animation, or hybrid, and our graduate writer/directors become skilled in both traditional cinematic and emerging digital technologies.

The MFA program also prepares filmmakers to teach cinema at the college or university level. Cinema’s creatively active faculty regularly share from their own production experiences, coordinate master classes with distinguished practicing professionals, arrange for independent filmmakers to screen contemporary work, and facilitate student connections with local cinema and arts organizations.

Faculty:
Daniel Bernardi
Steve Choe
Artel Great
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Jenny Kwok Wah Lau
Joseph McBride
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Faculty:
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