

FILM & DIGITAL MEDIA DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION FOR FROSH

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The Film & Digital Media Department welcomes you to the University of California, Santa Cruz. We offer a dynamic major that integrates creative work in video and digital media with classes on the history and criticism of film, video, television and digital culture.

If you are interested in our major, we suggest that you take general education classes and one of our FILM 80-series classes during your first quarter at UCSC, then begin taking introductory Film & Digital Media classes later in your first year or early in your second year. These would include FILM 20A, 20B, 20C, and 20P.

FILM & DIGITAL MEDIA PRE-MAJOR

For students who KNOW they want to major in F&DM and get involved in our program as soon as possible: students who have completed one lower-division requirement (FILM 20A, 20B or 20C) with a grade of B- or better may declare the Film & Digital Media pre-major. Pre-majors will be eligible for priority enrollment in certain upper-division classes (e.g., FILM 120, FILM 152), provided they have satisfied the necessary prerequisites. Pre-majors are expected to complete the requirements to declare the major by the end of their second year and will be automatically upgraded to major status when these requirements have been completed.

FILM & DIGITAL MEDIA MAJOR

For students who may want to explore different options as a major and will wait until completing an extra course or two: the Film & Digital Media major may be declared after completion of two of the three required lower-division courses with a minimum grade of B- or better (FILM 20A and either 20B or 20C). Many upper-division F&DM classes are restricted to majors during pre-enrollment, so we recommend that you declare your major by the end of your sophomore year at the latest. When you are ready to declare the Film & Digital Media major, you will need to attend one of the Declaration of Major Advising Sessions led by our undergraduate adviser, Tamra Schmidt, who will help you map out a study plan for finishing the major.

(Please note: Indicating a major at admission only demonstrates an interest in a field of study and is not a declaration of a major or a pre-major. You must officially declare a Film & Digital Media major or pre-major.)

FILM & DIGITAL MEDIA ORIENTATIONS

Staff from our department will be available for advising at each of the summer orientations.

Please join us for a department orientation at 10AM, September 22, in Studio C of the Communications Building. Faculty will be present to speak about the classes they teach, their areas of research, and will be available to answer questions.

Film & Digital Media Department
Communications 101
Monday-Friday 9-12 and 1-4

