

Loyola Marymount University
School of
Film and Television

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Screenwriting Major Guide

Screenwriting Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate an **understanding of the dynamics of storytelling** required for film, television, and new and emerging media by developing a **portfolio of screenplays and teleplays** in which structure, character development, dialogue, tone, and theme are clearly demonstrated.
- Students will demonstrate an **understanding of industry standard communication** through the practice and execution of pitching and oral/written presentation.
- Students will demonstrate an **understanding of why diverse stories matter**, the **value of ethical and humanistic themes**, and the **importance of constructive collaboration** in the writer's room.

Screenwriting 4-Year Plan:

Based on 2023-2024 Bulletin Year

Major Requirements (42 semester hours total)

Recommended Timeline

<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 120 Storytelling for the Screen	Complete courses during first year
<input type="checkbox"/> FTVS 1010 Art of Cinema	
<input type="checkbox"/> PROD 101 Production Bootcamp: The Film Crew at Work	
<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 220 Feature Story Development ¹	Complete courses during second year
<input type="checkbox"/> FTVS 2117 World Cinema 2 (1955-1990) OR any FTVS 2000- , 3000- , or 4000- level course	
<input type="checkbox"/> Any UD FTVS course	
<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 320 Feature Screenplay: Writing the First Draft ²	Complete courses during third year
<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 325 Writing the Comedy TV Series Spec ² OR SCWR 326 Writing the Drama TV Series Spec ²	
<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 321 Rewriting the Feature Screenplay ³	
<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 329 Directing for Screenwriters ²	Complete courses during fourth year
<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 420 Writing the Senior Project: Feature Screenplay or TV Pilot ⁴	
<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 421 Rewriting the Senior Project: Feature Screenplay or TV Pilot ⁵	
<input type="checkbox"/> SCWR 428 Adaptation: Source to Screen ³	

¹ Prereqs: SCWR 120

² Prereqs: SCWR 220

³ Prereqs: SCWR 320

⁴ Prereqs: SCWR 320 & SCWR 321

⁵ Prereqs: SCWR 420

Build your 4-year plan:

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR

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