

Department of Cinematic Arts

Interdisciplinary Film and Digital Media (IFDM)

Admission Criteria and Curriculum Information

Interdisciplinary Film and Digital Media (IFDM) at the University of New Mexico recognizes the evolution of cohesive collaboration among the worlds of art, science and technology and leads the way as a model of interdisciplinary education. IFDM gives students necessary critical, creative and technical skills to apply digital technologies in innovative and productive ways. Whether you are interested in gaming, engineering, graphic design, music, VFX or animation, commercial or documentary photography, production level courses that focus on directing, writing or producing, or a business concentration that emphasizes the legal, marketing and accounting aspects of the digital film and media industry, IFDM is structured to serve your needs.

Admission Criteria

Admission into the IFDM Program is a three-tiered process:

1. Students must apply for admission to the University of New Mexico through UNM Admissions. Visit <http://www.unm.edu/apply/> to apply online.
2. Students then apply online at <http://cinematicarts.unm.edu/> to the Interdisciplinary Film & Digital Media core. The application is now open! Updates on application deadlines will be made on the Department of Cinematic Arts website. Applicants must submit the following application materials:
 - Write a letter of intent (500 words) that meets the approval of Cinematic Arts faculty. **The letter of intent (3-4, double-spaced pages) will outline your reasons for seeking admission to the IFDM core. In it, you will discuss those aspects of film and digital media that are of most interest to you, your academic goals, and why a BFA in IFDM will help you pursue those goals.**
 - Fill out the “Application for Consideration for Admission to IFDM Core” form, available on the website.

If accepted, you will be admitted into the cohort that begins in the Fall semester immediately following admission.

3. Finally, students must apply to one of the following *IFDM Host College/School at UNM* to become a declared major. This step should occur as soon as you meet the College/School Admission Requirements. Each College/School has its own application requirements and process (see a College/School advisor below).

Anderson School of Management

-Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) with IFDM Concentration

College of Arts & Sciences

-Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BA) with Critical Studies in Mass Media Concentration

-Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Mass Communication (BA) with Digital Field Multimedia Concentration

College of Fine Arts

-Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Interdisciplinary Film & Digital Media with Critical Studies Concentration

-Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Interdisciplinary Film & Digital Media with Production Concentration

School of Engineering

-Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Science with an IFDM Fine Arts Distributed Minor

Academic Advisement

As a student in the IFDM degree, concentration, or minor, you will have a team of advisors to help you navigate through your degree. Please find the contact information for the advisement team below.

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The IFDM Host Colleges/Schools grant degrees, not the IFDM program.

All students admitted to the program have to complete the following degree requirements:

- **UNM Core Curriculum – 34hours** (*Comprised of Writing & Speaking; Mathematics; Physical & Natural Sciences; Social & Behavioral Sciences; Humanities; Foreign Language; Fine Arts*)
- **IFDM Host Colleges & Schools Major Requirements** (Students must meet with a College/School advisor for specific degree requirements each semester.)
- **IFDM Core Courses- 29hours** (Students must meet with the IFDM academic advisor each semester.)
The IFDM core is required of all students in the program. It is designed to give the student technical, critical and creative skills with the history, critical understanding and practice of digital media. The IFDM core sequence of courses will provide students with experience working individually, and in collaborative teams. ***The IFDM core classes are taken in specific order from the time a student is admitted as a pre-major into the program.*** The last core courses of the program include capstone courses, in which students work in interdisciplinary teams to complete projects relevant to their IFDM curriculum.

To satisfy the program requirements, students must complete **29 credit hours of IFDM core classes** and earn a grade of **“C” or better (grades of C- are not accepted)** in all courses. To verify that you are meeting all program requirements, review your Lobo Trax Report often (via Lobo Web) and meet with the IFDM advisor each semester.

Sem Taken	Course #	Course Title	Hrs	Grade Earned	UD* ✓
	CS 105L	Introduction to Computer Programming (Taken as a co-requisite with IFDM 205L)	3hrs		
	IFDM 241L	Studio I: Introduction to Directing Film & Video	3hrs		
	IFDM 210	Introduction to Modeling and Post Production	3hrs		
	IFDM 301	Cinematography	3hrs		✓
	IFDM 310	Studio II: Writing Digital Narrative	3hrs		✓
	IFDM 400	Ethics, Science & Technology (Taken as a co-requisite with IFDM 450)	3hrs		✓
	IFDM 450	Capstone I (Taken as a co-requisite with IFDM 400)	4hrs		✓
	IFDM 410	The Business & Law of Film and New Media (Taken as a co-requisite with IFDM 451)	3hrs		✓
	IFDM 451	Capstone II (Taken as a co-requisite with IFDM 410)	4hrs		✓

UD*= Upper Division Course 300 or 400 level course. Check with College/School about Upper-Division Requirements.

IFDM Core Course Sequence- 29hours

IFDM Core Courses must be taken in this sequence from the time a student is admitted as a pre-major into the program.

Fall Semester –1st Year (in IFDM)

CS 105L Introduction to Computer Programming - 3hrs
IFDM 241L Studio: Intro to Directing Film & Video - 3hrs

Spring Semester – 1st Year

IFDM 210 Intro to Modeling & Post Production - 3hrs

Fall Semester –2nd Year

IFDM 301 Cinematography - 3hrs

Spring Semester –2nd Year

IFDM 310 Studio II Writing Digital Narratives - 3hrs

Fall Semester –3rd Year

IFDM 400 Ethics, Science & Technology - 3hrs
IFDM 450 Capstone I Senior Projects Course- 4hrs

Spring Semester – 3rd Year

IFDM 410 Business & Law of Film & New Media - 3hrs
IFDM 451 Capstone II Senior Projects Course - 4hrs

Please Note: You, the student, must take FULL RESPONSIBILITY for meeting all graduation requirements for your degree