

Information for prospective BA Hons (Film and Visual Media) students in 2016



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ALL 2016 APPLICATIONS IS 15 SEPTEMBER 2015.

Programme code: 15600

Module codes: FVMR6800; FVMA6800 & FVMH6800

Admission requirements for BA Hons (Film & Visual Media)

General admission to the UFS

Admission to the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Film and Visual Media is subject to the General Institutional Rules and Regulations (Advanced and Postgraduate qualifications) of the University of the Free State as well as the Faculty of the Humanities' requirements.

The following specific admission requirements apply to the BA Hons (Film & Visual Media):

Candidates must have a BA qualification with an average mark of at least 65%* in drama and theatre arts, fine arts, art history, language studies, media studies or any other relevant Bachelor's degree. Applications are subject to the approval and/or supplementary learning as suggested in consultation with the Programme Director as representative of the Programme Committee. Candidates may only register after the Programme Director has approved their admission and selection of modules.

It is strongly recommended that students should also have completed certain modules in their BA qualification which will develop their critical thinking, analytical and writing skills. The following undergraduate subjects address these skills. It is thus recommended that students should have completed a minimum of three of the modules offered by the following departments with at least one of these modules on third-year level:

1. Afrikaans and Dutch, German and French
2. Art History & Image Studies
3. Drama & Theatre Arts
4. English
5. Philosophy

**However, if you do not meet this requirement but have completed other relevant learning - whether in another subject or related experience in making/writing about films - please do apply, as the programme committee will consider all the applications in terms of their merits.*

How to apply

All prospective students, should complete the following four steps to apply for the degree:

(1) A. Students from the UFS, please complete the application form available at this link: http://kovsielife.ufs.ac.za/dl/Userfiles/Documents/00000/524_eng.pdf (you do NOT have to pay the application fee).

B. Students who have not studied at the UFS before, will have to pay the application fee; see <http://kovsielife.ufs.ac.za/content.aspx?uid=119>. These students will also have to complete the time-consuming Recognition of Prior Learning process, which ideally should be started in June of the previous year. These students should please contact Tersia Kühne at the RPL office for more information: KuhneT@ufs.ac.za; 051 401 7326.

(2) Obtain an electronic copy of their academic/study record. Students from other universities who will go through the RPL process, should also attach module descriptions and module outcomes of those modules which have bearing on their application (i.e. those modules which have in some way prepared you for an honours degree in film studies, specifically as substitutes for the compulsory subjects).

(3) Write a short essay of about 600 words. You should discuss why you would like to complete this degree. You also need to tell us about one of your favourite and one of your least favourite films – what is it about these films that you specifically like or dislike?

(4) Email the SIGNED application form, along with your academic record and short essay, back to filmandvisualmedia@ufs.ac.za **BEFORE OR ON 15 SEPTEMBER.**

The committee will then contact those students who make it to the short list for an interview before the end of September. Students will be notified shortly after the interview whether their application has been successful or not.

Please note

This is a full-time qualification; meaning that you should have about 40 hours per week available to study for this qualification. If you do not have this amount of time available, it is highly recommended that you only complete one or two out of the three modules in the first year; namely Film History and/or Approaches to the Moving Image. Please indicate this in your short essay if this is the case. Please note that preference will be given to full-time students due to the limited spaces.

Regarding the cost:

The standard total tuition fee for honours degrees at the UFS applies, which in 2015 was R26,915 for the entire year for all the modules. Please see the UFS "fees yearbook" for 2016 when it becomes available online or get an online quote here: <http://kovsielife.ufs.ac.za/quote/quote.aspx>. You can also check the KovsieLife website for possibilities re. funding. <http://kovsielife.ufs.ac.za/content.aspx?uid=17>

Please email us on filmandvisualmedia@ufs.ac.za should you have any further queries.

We look forward to receiving your application!