The Department of Cinema Studies in the Skirball Center for New Media prepares students for a wide variety of careers in teaching, journalism, television, filmmaking, and archival work. Comprehensive study of the history, theory, and aesthetics of film and the moving image is coupled with broad exposure to the liberal arts to train students to become creative, thoughtful practitioners in the world of media.

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Coursework in Cinema Studies is designed to provide students with a thorough grounding in the history, theory, and criticism of cinema and other related media. Students learn about the major movements, genres, and directors that have shaped the medium of film, they learn how the style and form of films contribute to their meaning, they study film and television in relationship to the social context that these media both reflect and shape, they examine the industrial and social forces that shape the transmission and reception of moving image media, and they study moving image media from a comparative, trans-national perspective.

Professional Development
Our curriculum is interdisciplinary and international in scope, and students are required to either combine their Cinema Studies major with a minor in another department or double-major in a second discipline. Some students have chosen to complete minors in film production or producing within the Tisch School of the Arts, others in business studies at the Stern School of Business or the cross-school minor in Business of Entertainment, Media, and Technology (BEMT). Students may also apply for the five-year BA/MA program in Cinema Studies, or the five-year BA/MA program in Cinema Studies and Moving Image Archiving and Preservation (MIAP).

Career Resources
The Tisch Office of Career Development strives to provide students and alumni with lifelong professional skills that help establish and sustain successful careers in the arts. TOCD’s services include: Tisch College Central, a searchable internship/job database; individualized career counseling (by appointment and weekly walk-ins); resume and cover letter reviews; career workshops and events; industry mentorship programs; access to electronic industry research tools; and a resource library stocked with trade publications and numerous career-related handouts. TOCD is located within Tisch’s Office of Student Affairs.

In conjunction with TOCD, the NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development provides career guidance and development services to NYU students and alumni. The Center hosts seminars, job fairs, and expos; schedules career counseling appointments; connects students with mentors and alumni; trains students in job interview skills and resume/cover letter writing; and compiles employer databases. The Center also maintains NYU CareerNet, an online database of both on- and off-campus job and internship listings. Students may use Wasserman’s resources to identify sustainable employment opportunities or explore additional career interests outside of the arts.

Alumni
Cinema Studies alumni maintain a lifelong affiliation with the Tisch School of the Arts and have gone on to a wide variety of careers in the arts and beyond. They include successful screenwriters, filmmakers, teachers, actors, film publicists, development executives, curators, archivists, and journalists/critics at publications such as The New York Times, The Village Voice, American Cinematographer, Entertainment Weekly and numerous international journals. All are part of a vibrant network of mentors, educators, artists, and entrepreneurs supported by the Tisch Office of Alumni Relations and the Tisch Office of Career Development. By creating interdisciplinary and cross-generational collaborations, these two offices help alumni maintain a connection to the past while growing into their future. Of particular note are two main alumni councils, Tisch East and Tisch West, whose activity is centered on metropolitan NYC and LA respectively.