

## 5 Things to Know

### 1. What is Cinema and Media Studies?

In Cinema and Media Studies, students think critically about moving images in their historical, theoretical, and cultural contexts. The films in the movie theatre are just one of many objects of study: we also examine television, online videos, video games, and other kinds of moving images. CMS has been an academic discipline for over fifty years, but it is also responsive to changes in image technologies and modes of production and consumption.

### 2. Why study Cinema and Media Studies at Dalhousie?

You acquire discipline-specific knowledge in film history, theory, and aesthetics as well as widely applicable analytical and communication skills; you can also acquire applied skills through experiential learning. You can focus on CMS by doing a Major, Double Major (BA or BSc), or Combined Honours (BA or BSc) in the field, or you can demonstrate and enjoy your versatility by adding a Film Minor to a huge range of programs. The **Fountain School of Performing Arts** CMS program is new, and it's growing but still quite small, so you can really get to know your classmates and professors.

### 3. What courses does Cinema and Media Studies offer?

Core courses address film history and audiovisual analysis, and we have electives in national cinemas, individual directors, film genres, television, and various kinds of film and media theory. You can also take one or two experiential learning courses in film production or with a film festival or cinema.

### 4. What kind of jobs do people with a degree in Cinema and Media Studies have?

Some graduates work in fields directly related to CMS such as **filmmaking, festival organization, and film journalism**, but the critical thinking skills acquired in the program have also prepared graduates for careers in **law, social work, education, and various health sciences**.

### 5. Where to start?

Register for core courses in Film History (FILM 2301 and FILM 3301) or Film Analysis (FILM 2311). Or simply register for an elective that grabs your interest.

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