

Development



The Development Certificate is ideal for those interested in becoming development or acquisitions executives and creative producers. After taking a series of 4 foundation courses students learn specific skills that can prepare them for entry-level positions in the industry. They gain an understanding of how to write coverage, develop compelling stories, and make a project attractive to potential buyers.

Application & Candidacy Fee: \$200*

Estimated Program Tuition: \$8,400

Estimated Cost of Textbook/Materials: \$550

Duration: 1 year (Full-Time pace) to 3 years

Unit Requirement: 48

Minimum GPA Requirement for Certificate Completion: 3.0

*This program is open admission. The Application & Candidacy fee establishes your candidacy in a certificate for a period of time covering normal progress toward completion and allows you access to a variety of program benefits.

The program is open for enrollment in any quarter for both domestic and F-1 Visa students.

To apply for and establish your candidacy in the Development Certificate [click here!](#)

















Course scheduling and fees subject to change without notice.

Please note that required courses will only count once toward the overall unit requirement for the certificate program.











Click on a selection from the right navigation menu for complete program requirements and quarter by quarter enrollment recommendations.







Program at a Glance

4 Foundation Courses (16 units)

Course No. Title	Units	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
FILM TV X 404 Pre-Production and Production for Film and Television +	4				
FILM TV X 404A Post-Production for Film and Television	4				
MGMT X 403.31 The Business of Entertainment	4				
FILM TV X 476.581 The Language of Filmmaking	4				





5 Required Development Courses (20 units)

MGMT X 403.61 Marketing and Distributing Independent Films across All Platforms	4				
FILM TV X 476.22 Story Analysis for Film and Television *	4				
FILM TV X 476.242 Understanding Genre: How to Develop a Hollywood Classic	4				

FILM TV X 476.244 Story Development Workshop: Crafting Your Original Story	4				
FILM TV X 476.894 Introduction to Feature Film Development *	4				






Select 3 Electives (12 units)

Students must complete 3 electives (12 units) from courses numbered X 400-499 in [Entertainment Development](#), [Producing](#), [Business and Management of Entertainment](#), [Post-Production](#), [Acting](#), [Cinematography](#), [Directing](#), [Writers' Program/Feature Film](#), [Writers' Program/Television](#), [Writers' Program/Special Topics in Film & TV](#), or [Music](#). New electives are added regularly.

X 400-X 499 Various Entertainment Courses	4				
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+ Should be completed within the first 2 quarters of study.

* Should be taken prior to X 476.244 Story Development Workshop: Crafting Your Original Story.

Charts Legend:  Fall  Winter  Spring  Summer 
 Section Offered Online

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