

# MA: Film and Media Guidelines

Fall 2015

## Final Project or Paper

Students may choose to complete a 6 credit written paper (roughly 40 pages or 10,000 words), taking 3 credits of Project Supervision with each committee member (DMS 598 Project Supervision; e.g. 3 credits with Media Study committee member; 3 credits with English Department committee member).

Alternatively, students may choose to complete a 6 credit project. The project should be significant body of work commensurate with 6 credits workload and must be accompanied by a short paper elaborating the significance of the project, placing it in historical and/or theoretical context. The project proposal must be approved in advance by the Final Project committee. The student should enroll 3 credits of Project Supervision with each committee member (e.g. 3 credits with Media Study committee member; 3 credits with English Department committee member).

6 credits of project supervision can be enrolled in portions (3 credits in one semester, 3 credits in a subsequent semester).

## Time Limit to Completion of the Degree

The degree must be completed within 4 years, but may be completed in as few as 3 semesters, depending on committee approval of proposed project or written thesis.

## Committee

The final project or written thesis should be developed in dialogue with the student's committee which shall consist of one faculty member from each of the designated partnering departments (i.e. one from the Department of Media Study, the other from the secondary concentration). The committee should be comprised of 2 faculty members. Committee members must be full-time faculty members in their respective departments.

Students are encouraged to make contact with potential committee members as soon as possible after entering the program. The best way to do this is to take classes with these faculty, alerting them in advance if you intend to take their course in a future semester. If you wish to work with a particular faculty member as a committee member for the final project or written paper you should establish contact and discuss your plans with them - the earlier, the better since they can advise you as to enrollment plans, choice of project or paper, etc.

The DMS faculty can be found on our webpage: <http://mediastudy.buffalo.edu/dms-people/faculty/full-time-faculty/>

**Elective Credits**

Elective credits may be taken in any department in the College of Arts & Sciences, including the departments with which the student completes their primary required credits (12-15 credits in each of two departments) but should be chosen carefully as they need to aid in the completion of your final project or paper.

Students may register for an internship to fulfill elective credits, but must secure approval for the proposed internship from the Director of Graduate Studies in advance.