INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCUMENTARY MEDIA PRACTICES - MASTER OF FINE ARTS (MFA)

The MFA in Interdisciplinary Documentary Media Practices, a terminal degree, is a three-year program. It provides graduate students with an immersive experience in documentary media practices from a variety of philosophical and cross-disciplinary perspectives involving traditional and emerging media formats.

The program’s Documentary Lab gives students experience in all phases of production and fosters an environment of investigation and collaboration. By engaging students and DCMP faculty expertise with faculty from the departments of film, anthropology, media studies, art and art history and journalism, the program creates a distinctive interdisciplinary approach.

The interdisciplinary documentary media practices MFA is a three-year degree program requiring 60 credit hours of course work, with first-year, second-year and thesis reviews, and with public presentations of work each year.

- Seven seminars are required, including Research and Methodologies, four Documentary and two MFA Thesis seminars.

Also required:
- One Production workshop
- One Production Topic
- One Documentary fieldwork course
- One Contemporary Issues in Documentary Media course
- One Media/Culture Studies elective
- One Producing Practicum
- Three self-directed research classes, under faculty supervision
- Individual Thesis Research course

Each student’s thesis project will be presented in a third-year spring semester MFA Exhibition. A written thesis reflecting on the project is required. The MFA thesis project will focus on producing an intellectually rigorous and innovative contribution to documentary media. The MFA thesis project evolves throughout the course of the program as students develop their own distinct perspective.

Deadlines
Fall 2017 application deadline for USA master’s applicants is Jan. 15, 2017.
Fall 2017 international application deadline for master’s applicants is Dec. 1, 2016.

Application Guidelines and Resources
MFA applicants must:
- Hold at least a baccalaureate degree, or its equivalent from an accredited college or university and provide transcripts from every institution attended.

- Have an undergraduate grade-point average of at least 2.75.
- If international, provide TOEFL or IELTS scores.
- Provide three letters of recommendation.
- Provide a statement of purpose.
- Provide a portfolio of sample media work such as short video, photography, website documentary projects and audio work. Format preference is Vimeo, otherwise QuickTime files, DVD and/or links to website work.

For review and decision purposes you are required to upload an unofficial copy of your transcript(s) in the online application. We require one copy of the scanned transcript from each undergraduate and graduate institution that you attended. This includes community colleges, summer sessions, and extension programs. While credits from one institution may appear on the transcript of a second institution, unofficial transcripts must be submitted from each institution, regardless of the length of attendance, and whether or not courses were completed. Failure to list and submit transcripts from all institutions previously attended is considered to be a violation of academic ethics and may result in the cancellation of your admission or dismissal from the university.

ONLY after you are recommended for admission will you need to provide official transcripts.

Instructions for Uploading Unofficial Transcripts to Your Application (http://www.colorado.edu/GraduateSchool/academics/_docs/uploading_unofficial_transcripts.pdf)