

**School of Theatre, Film & Television**  
**Film & Television Program, BFA Degree Portfolio Information**

Classwork in the BFA degree trains film and video makers to graduate with the skills and creative experiences to help them secure work in the entertainment industry and independent production communities.

The BFA degree in Film & Television:

- Provides an intensive experience in the production of fiction and non-fiction film.
- Fosters the development of original work that reflects a personal artistic voice.
- Provides experience in directing, screenwriting, cinematography, editing, and sound.
- Prepares students for careers as professional film and video makers by fostering an environment that rewards and cultivates collaborative practices and the ability to integrate critical feedback.
- Provides a strong foundational understanding of film and television industries, aesthetics and criticism.

BFA degree admission is based upon a portfolio review that takes place during the fall semester. Students must already be admitted to the BA degree in Film & Television prior to applying, and must be on track to complete the following four courses by the *end* of Fall 2018: FTV 100A, 100B, 200 and 210.

Successful applicants must have a 2.5 GPA to enter the BFA degree in Spring 2019.

**Applicants *must* attend ONE of the following four BFA Information Workshops prior to applying:**

- Friday, April 6, 2018 – 9 to 9:50 am, Marshall 221
- Friday, April 27, 2018 – 11 to 11:50 am, Marshall 221
- Friday, August 24, 2018 – 9 to 9:50 am, Marshall 221
- Friday, August 31, 2018 – 10 to 10:50 am, Marshall 221

**BFA Portfolio Timeline, Fall 2018:**

- Friday, Sept 7, 2018 – 12 noon: Portfolio due - Marshall 220
- Fri. Sept 21 or Sat. Sept 22, 2018: Personal interviews (TBD) – save the dates
- Fri. Sept 28 or Sat. Sept 29, 2018: Callback interviews (TBD) – save the dates
- Thursday, October 4, 2018: Results e-mailed to applicants
- Friday, October 12, 2018 – 9am: New BFA student meeting, Marshall 221
- Friday, November 2, 2018: Deadline to meet with BFA Faculty Coordinator to discuss unsuccessful application (*not* mandatory)

### IMPORTANT POINTS TO UNDERSTAND:

1. Applicants are required to attend a BFA Information Workshop prior to applying; a portfolio submitted by a student who did not attend one of the four information workshops will not be reviewed.
2. Applicants must be available for a 15-minute personal interview with the Portfolio Committee on the dates given. No exceptions are made.
3. The BFA degree is a 5-semester program, which cannot be completed early.
4. To enter the BFA degree, students must have a cumulative UA G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher by the beginning of the Spring 2019 semester following Portfolio Review.
5. Students who do not maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. or higher *may* lose their BFA status.
6. Decisions made by the Portfolio Committee are final; there are no appeals.
7. Students not admitted to the BFA degree *may* apply again the following year; however, students may only re-apply *once*.
8. Do not include additional material, such as DVDs or letters of recommendation, with this application. They will not be viewed, nor returned.
9. All *written* portfolio material submitted needs to be typed, 12-point font, and doubled-spaced.
10. **Three hard copies** of the *written* portfolio materials must be delivered to Marshall 220 by **12 noon on Friday, September 7, 2018.**
  - o Staple each of the three hard copies, then put all three copies into a 8.5 x 11” envelope with your name and “BFA portfolio 2018” on front
11. The Photo Portrait digital images must be uploaded to the MARPL Server by **12 noon on Friday, September 7, 2018.**
12. **No portfolio material will be accepted after 12 noon on Friday, September 7, 2018**

Students Studying Abroad: If you will be abroad during Fall 2018 but still want to apply to the BFA degree, make sure we have your application by the deadline, **noon on Friday, September 7, 2018**. The application may be mailed to us, or turned in to the office before you leave Tucson. Before you leave, you must send us an email notifying us of your travels. Please include your contact information as well as information regarding time/date change in relation to Tucson MST.

If you are applying from abroad, you must be potentially available sometime during **Friday, September 21 or Saturday, September 22, and Friday, September 28 or Saturday, September 29** for a 15-minute phone interview with one of the production faculty. Please be sure we have the correct phone number to reach you, and that you know the time difference between Tucson and wherever you are. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ALL YOUR INFORMATION.

Authorship: Applicants must develop and write original ideas for the written submissions. However, applicants may collaborate with others on their Photo Portrait. For instance, an applicant may direct a collaborator to take photographs for the Photo Portrait. In general, however, the jury encourages applicants to perform all tasks in the creation of the Photo Portrait, otherwise their ability to judge the applicant on his/her skill becomes limited.

Accommodation for Disability: If you question about access or to request any disability-related accommodations, please contact Prof. Lisanne Skyler; skyler@email.arizona.edu

## **Application Instructions for the BFA Degree in Film & Video Production**

Complete the following written material, make three copies, staple and submit in an 8.5 x 11 envelope

1. Application Form (the last page of this packet)
2. A photograph of yourself stapled to the Application Form
3. Statement of Purpose (500-750 words, 12-point font, double-spaced, 1" margins)
  - a. The statement has two parts:
    - i. Tell us who you are; how has your social, cultural and/or economic background, family structure or other pertinent factors shaped the person you are today.
    - ii. How do you think who you are will affect the types of films you want to make? Please give us an example.
4. Photo Portrait Inspiration (250-word maximum, 12-point font, double-spaced, 1" margins)
  - a. Describe the inspiration for your 10-image Photo Portrait (below).
5. Short Film Idea (250-word maximum, 12-point font, double-spaced, 1" margins)
  - a. Think about one short film/video (3-5 minutes) you *might* want to make during the next three years. The film could be non-fiction, fiction or experimental in nature. This idea should be feasible to produce given your resources, experience and equipment.
  - b. Write a 3-5 sentence description for the idea. The description should tell a reader what the film is about, whether the film is fiction or documentary, and the style the film might employ.
6. Plan "B" (250-word maximum, 12-point font, double-spaced, 1" margins)
  - a. Not all applicants to BFA degree will gain admission; what do you plan to do if your portfolio application is unsuccessful? Please reflect as carefully and honestly as possible.

### Submit a digital Photo Portrait

1. Present 10 images that create a *portrait* of a person; you may shoot as many as you wish but you will only present 10.
2. The person can be you or anyone else, fictional or real.
3. Use the elements of composition and lighting to create a consistent visual strategy to represent your character and the world they live in.
4. There should be a clear relationship between form (your visual strategy and image order) and content (your subject).
5. Consider that an image is 'about' more than just its content, the subject it presents to the viewer.
  - a. An image creates *meaning* by the combination of its style and its content.
  - b. *Style* follows from the decisions the photographer makes about framing, angle, focus, color, tone, and contrast between highlights and shadow.
  - c. Concentrate on creating a visual *portrait* of someone, *rather* than constructing a plot and story to place that person within.
6. You may choose to acquire your images with any type of still camera; submit the final 10 images in either .tif or .jpg digital format.
7. Number your images from 01-10 in the order they should be viewed.
8. Upload your images to the MARPL server using the "Photo Portrait Submission Instructions" (below).

### Personal Interview (15 minutes with production faculty members)

1. Applicants may be asked to participate in a 15-minute interview with production faculty members. Please be available to attend either of the two days of interviews, Friday, September 21st or Saturday, September 22nd, as well as Friday, September 28th or Saturday, September 29th for potential callback interviews. You will receive an email with exact date and time within one week following the portfolio due date if you are being invited for an interview. Please note that interview requests are not indicative of your application decision.

### Photo Portrait Submission Instructions:

You will upload your photo portrait as a folder of digital images to the MARPLserver. Please follow these steps:

1. Put your 10 images, numbered 01 to 10 in the order you wish them to be viewed, into a folder:
  - a. Name this folder: **BFA Photo Portrait – Mylastname\_Myfirstname** (follow this naming format exactly)
2. Log in to a computer in the Hanson Post-Production Lab (Marshall 222):
  - a. Username: student
  - b. Password: grasshopper
3. Connect to the MARPLserver:
  - a. In the Finder menu
    - i. Go>Connect to Server
    - ii. Select Connect
    - iii. Log in to skyler-share on the MARPLserver:
      - Name: skyler-student
      - Password: grasshopper
4. Open the skyler-share icon now on the desktop.
  - a. Drag your BFA Photo Portrait folder to the BFA Apps\_2018 folder in skyler-share
5. Right-click the skyler-share icon and eject from the desktop!

### FINAL APPLICATION STEP!

1. Email Prof. Lianne Skyler (skyler@email.arizona.edu) with BFA Applicant 2018 in the subject heading once you have *submitted* your application.
  - a. You will be contacted within one week following the application deadline with information for a personal interview date and time.

**School of Theatre, Film & Television**  
**2018 BFA Film & Television Portfolio Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

UA Email: \_\_\_\_\_ UA SID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students must complete FTV 100A, 100B, 200 and 210 by the end of Fall semester, 2018**

Foundation courses currently completed: 100A \_\_\_ 100B \_\_\_ 200 \_\_\_ 210 \_\_\_

Foundation courses currently enrolled in: 100A \_\_\_ 100B \_\_\_ 200 \_\_\_ 210 \_\_\_

Overall UA G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Checklist of required application materials:

- \_\_\_ Application Form (this form)
- \_\_\_ Photograph (attached to this form)
- \_\_\_ Statement of Purpose
- \_\_\_ Photo Portrait Inspiration
- \_\_\_ Short Film Idea
- \_\_\_ Plan "B"

Checklist of application submission tasks:

- \_\_\_ Load Photo Portrait on the MARPL server
- \_\_\_ Email Professor Lisanne Skyler, subject line:  
BFA Applicant 2018
- \_\_\_ Submit **THREE separate, stapled copies** of the  
required application materials to the Film & TV  
office, Marshall 220

My signature confirms I have read and understood the BFA requirements and the information listed on this form, and that the information I have supplied is to my knowledge true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SCHOOL OF THEATRE, FILM & TELEVISION USE ONLY**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

PHOTO PORTRAIT:

PHOTO PORTRAIT INSPIRATION:

SHORT FILM IDEA:

PLAN "B":

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

**RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION TO BFA DEGREE:**                      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_