

MOTION PICTURE/TELEVISION

Is Motion Picture/Television for me?

The field is for you if you ...

- Are a self-starter.
- Enjoy creative challenges.
- Have strong visual skills.
- Have strong communication skills.
- Can easily understand technical information.
- Have a good imagination.
- Are quick to learn new information.

What skills will I need for this field?

You will need to have ...

- Visual aptitude.
- Technical ability.
- Computer competency.
- Creative imagination.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Strong communication skills.
- The ability to work well as part of a team.

What is the work atmosphere like?

This depends largely on the type of job situation. Work can be indoors or outdoors and can range from a regular 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job to a very flexible schedule. A regular schedule is likely when working for a corporate media department, a large media conglomerate or as a technician. Flexible schedule situations would come with self-employment, freelance production and postproduction work, production assistants or other types of non-office jobs. Weekend, night and unusual work hours are very common, and deadlines are usually firm, often with short timelines. Good communication skills are critical.

What are my degree options?

Certificate

Motion Picture/Television

Associate's Degree

Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor's degrees are available by transferring to four-year colleges and universities. The Motion Picture/Television program has a transfer agreement with Chicago's Columbia College, allowing students to begin at College of DuPage and finish at Columbia.

What are my career opportunities?

Advancement in the field is usually based on both area specific skills and a broad-based background. Additionally, training in media production can lead to diverse opportunities in fields such as public relations, advertising and sales.

What can I do with these degrees?

If you have completed ...

High School Diploma

Grip/Gaffer, Production Assistant, Retail Sales

Certificate

Assistant Sound Engineer, Cable TV Producer, Freelance Video Producer, Freelance Web Developer, Grip/Gaffer, Production Assistant, Retail Sales, Script Writer, Studio Technician, Wedding Videographer

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Assistant Sound Engineer, Cable TV Producer, Freelance Video Producer, Freelance Web Developer, Grip/Gaffer, Production Assistant, Retail Sales, Script Writer/Screenplay Writer, Studio Technician, Wedding Videographer

How can I prepare now?

Recommended courses ...

Communications

Communications, English

Recommended Supporting Electives

Art, Photography, Design

What about my articulated credit?

Check with your high school coordinator to see if you are eligible for articulated credit at College of DuPage.

Bachelor's Degree

Assistant Sound Engineer, Cable TV Producer, Corporate Media Specialist, Freelance Video Producer, Freelance Web Developer, Grip/Gaffer, Production Assistant, Radio Production Assistant, Retail Sales, Script Writer/Screenplay Writer, Sound Engineer, Studio Technician, Television Production Assistant, Wedding Videographer

What should I take in my first semester at C.O.D.?

MPTV 1011: Introduction to Motion Pictures and Television
MPTV 1020: Editing for Motion Pictures and Television
English 1101: Composition I

Whom can I talk to for more information?

Liberal Arts Division
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For more information on the Associate in Applied Science Degree curriculum, see your program coordinator or go to www.cod.edu.