

Los Angeles Certificate Program: Acting in Hollywood

Graduates of professional theatre training programs in the US and abroad who have a strong interest in pursuing a career in Hollywood are invited to participate in the Boston University Los Angeles Acting in Hollywood graduate internship semester. The course is structured as intensive four-month 'bridge to the profession,' and the enormous breadth and depth of the Boston University alumni presence in Hollywood has allowed us to secure top-quality internships, teachers, guest lecturers and connections for the students in this first-of-its-kind program. We consider the semester to be 'vocational' in the best sense of the word—participants are working in a high-level professional environment, with access to the information and contacts they need to truly jump-start a career in film and television, in which 'Right Now' is always the most important time-frame. By the time they finish the semester students have all have been showcased to agents and casting directors and have already worked on professional productions. Students receive a certificate of completion and a B.U. transcript upon completion of this eight-credit program (12 credits for international students).

The program has attracted the participation of some of Hollywood's top professionals such as Nina Tassler, President of CBS Entertainment; Joe Roth, President of Revolution Studios (named as one of the '10 most important people in Hollywood'); Jason Alexander (star of "Seinfeld" as well as scores of other stage, film and television projects), and many others.



PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Honorary Deans

Jason Alexander, Nina Tassler

Resident Faculty

Robert Shampain is a graduate of the Boston University College of Fine Arts in acting, and has worked extensively as an actor, director and teacher around the US and UK. Since 1990 he has been Director of BAYFEST (British-American Youth Festival Theatre), and has taught at BU's Summer Theatre Institute, New York University's Summer Theatre Institute, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and Lincoln Center Institute to name a few. He works as an actor in film and TV and is a member of Tim Robbin's acclaimed theatre company, The Actors Gang.

Housing

Safe and centrally located housing will be provided at the beautiful Park LaBrea complex in Hollywood. Students will share accommodations with others who are in the Boston University Los Angeles Internship Program. www.parklabrea.com

Program Includes:

- Focused class study
- Internships in Hollywood agent and casting offices
- Industry professionals speaking to and coaching students on a regular basis
- Collaborative projects with students in other tracks of the LA Internship Program
- Working on professional TV/Film projects
- Showcasing to casting directors, agents and managers

COURSES

CFA DR 582E Internship in Hollywood (4 cr.) Internships at casting, agent and management offices are assigned and supervised by LA internship staff. Participants have an invaluable opportunity to learn first-hand how the business works on a day-to-day basis.

CFA DR 581E Acting in Hollywood (4 cr.) This course is taught by Robert Shampain and other guest teachers, and includes on-camera audition seminars, as well as coaching sessions focusing on TV, film, and commercials. Ongoing "self-imaging" work and in-depth examination of the mechanics of the business -- photos/resumes, how to get an agent, on-line resources, expectations at casting sessions, demo reels, etc. -- are an important part of the course of study. Students are showcased to the Hollywood casting and representation community at the end of the semester. In addition, students will attend other evening class sessions when guests or topics of particular interest are featured.

International students must also take an additional four-credit course from the roster of offerings in the B.U. Los Angeles Internship Program, which range from "The Creative Life of Television" to "Entertainment Marketing," for a total of 12 credits earned for the semester.

Admissions

- Exact requirements are posted at www.bu.edu/abroad/special/ (click on Los Angeles Certificate Program: Acting in Hollywood)

Program Dates

Fall Semester: late August–mid-December

Spring Semester: early January–late April

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: April 15, 2008

Spring Semester: November 15, 2008

Program Cost

2007/2008 Tuition and Fees: \$9,600 per semester for US students (approx. cost for UK students is £5000). Cost includes housing, classes, lectures and special projects, internship placement, certificate of program completion, and emergency travel assistance coverage. Cost does not include transportation to/from Los Angeles. The costs for 2008/2009 have yet to be announced and will be subject to approval by the Board of Trustees at Boston University. **Financial aid is available.**