

COM / FTV Directed Study Proposal Guidelines

WHAT IS A DIRECTED STUDY?

Directed Studies are considered opportunities for advanced students who have completed a major portion of their degree requirements to engage in in-depth tutorial study with specific faculty.

A student may choose to undertake a Directed Study for the following reasons:

- 1) to pursue in greater depth an area covered more broadly in a course, or
- 2) to explore a topic not normally covered in the curriculum.

The Film & Television Department (FTV) Directed Study covers topics pertaining to media such as film, television, digital media, interactive media, etc.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a FTV Directed Study, the student must come up with their proposal, find their faculty supervisor and discuss their proposal with that supervisor **during the semester prior** to the one in which the Directed Study will be taken.

The FTV Directed Study Request Form must be completed, signed and include a formal proposal.

RESTRICTIONS & GUIDELINES

- ✘ A Directed Study may not be used to replace a course currently offered in COM's Film & Television Department.
- ✘ A Directed Study may not be or involve a film production that requires equipment even if the student has access to that gear outside of COM Field Production Services (FPS).
- ✘ A Directed Study cannot fulfill a Hub requirement.

A student may pursue only one Directed Study per semester.

Requests to have a Directed Study also fulfill the COM CO575 requirement will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

AFTER APPLYING

The chair of the department will make every effort to approve or decline the request **no later than the last day to add classes**, typically two weeks into the semester in which the Directed Study will be undertaken.

Please note: If taking a Directed Study places a student into an overload, the student is responsible for paying overload charges at the current tuition credit rate.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE

The Directed Study proposal must be submitted to the Film & TV Department (filmtv@bu.edu) **no later than the last day of class of the semester prior** to the semester in which the Directed Study will be conducted.

In other words, Fall Directed Study proposals must be received by the Department by the last day of classes of the Spring semester. Spring Directed Study proposals must be received by the Department by the last day of classes of the Fall semester.

After that deadline, credit will not be given for the Directed Study.