

# Scriptwriting (BA)

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*This program offered by School of Communications/ Communications and Journalism Department, and is only available at the St. Louis home campus.*

## Program Description

The major in scriptwriting provides students with a structured approach to understanding the craft of writing scripts for film, television and other electronic media. By analyzing scripts and producing their own creative work, students learn character development, plot, structure, suspense and tension, as well as the conventions of various genres.

## Learning Outcomes

Successful graduates of this program will be able to:

- Use appropriate industry standard for format.
- Employ the elements of storytelling for visual media (action, image, dialogue).
- Demonstrate effective structural strategies.
- Present engaging characters.
- Combine suspense, tension and other techniques to affect an audience's emotional response.

## Portfolio Review Course Requirements

- EPMD 1000 Introduction to Media Production
- MEDC 1010 Introduction to Mass Communications
- MEDC 1050 Introduction to Media Writing
- SCPT 2900 Scriptwriting
- SCPT 3500 Writing Screenplays for Film  
or SCPT 3400 Television Scriptwriting

## Degree Requirements

A minimum of 128 credit hours consisting of the following:

- 45 required credit hours
- Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- Electives

## Required Courses

- ENGL 2170 Creative Writing: Playwriting (3 hours)
- EPMD 1000 Introduction to Media Production (3 hours)
- MEDC 1010 Introduction to Mass Communications (3 hours)
- MEDC 1050 Introduction to Media Writing (3 hours)
- MEDC 2200 Ethics in the Media (3 hours)
- MEDC 2800 Cultural Diversity in the Media (3 hours)
- MEDC 4100 The Law and the Media (3 hours)
- SCPT 2900 Scriptwriting (3 hours)
- SCPT 3110 Script Analysis (3 hours)
- SCPT 3400 Television Scriptwriting (3 hours)
- SCPT 3500 Writing Screenplays for Film (3 hours)
- SCPT 4400 Advanced Television Scriptwriting: Genres (3 hours)
- SCPT 4500 Advanced Scriptwriting (3 hours)
- SCPT 4620 Senior Overview\* (3 hours)
- SCPT 4700 Professional Development in Scriptwriting (3 hours)

\*Capstone course