



orientation

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School of Film and Photography

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Agenda

- Learn about our Program
- What is Advising
- Discuss Fall Schedules
- Need to knows





The “SEF” Program

Things to know & how to be successful



Things to Know

- Our program is referred to as “SFP”
- We offer three majors
 - Film
 - Photography
 - Integrated Lens Based Media
- Film & Photo offer 60 credits, ILBM about 80
- You’ll need a 35mm camera your first year (PHOT 113)
- PHOT 113, PHOT 213, FILM 112 have fees
- Once you start taking 200 level courses, you’ll receive a fee per semester

How to be successful

- Don't procrastinate
 - Projects in our majors take time!



How to be successful

- Read the Snapshot!
 - Goes out on Fridays
- Read all emails from me/SFP
- Ask for help
- Get involved!
 - Film mixer
 - Work in Equipment Checkout
 - Snapshot opportunities
 - Clubs



**SFP MAJORS REQUIRE A C OR
HIGHER IN REQUIRED COURSES**

**A GRADE OF C- OR BETTER IS
REQUIRED IN ALL MSU CORE
COURSES**

Academic Advising

Your expectations for me:

- Engage in the advising process
 - Get to know you
 - Actively listen to your ideas and concerns
 - Guide you as you develop short and long-term goals
 - Review advising notes from prior conversations
 - Share accurate and timely information to assist in your decision-making
 - Refer to you to appropriate campus resources
 - Document advising conversations in DegreeWorks
 - Provide recommendations, but expect and encourage you to make your own decisions
- Be knowledgeable about academic policies, procedure, deadlines
- Maintain student confidentiality as specified by university policy and mandated reporting requirements
- Facilitate your understanding of the nature and purpose of your curriculum and a university education
- Use advising and registration tools
- Review first-semester registration
- Hold regular advising hours and communicate method of scheduling meetings
- Follow up as appropriate



Academic Advising

My expectations for you:

- Engage in the advising process
 - Meet with your academic advisor at least once a semester
 - Be honest and keep an open mind
 - Ask questions and seek clarity when something isn't clear
 - Discuss goals, interests, strengths, values, and challenges
 - Get to know your advisor
- Adhere to MSU policies and deadlines
- Learn and follow the degree and curricular requirements of your chosen major
- Proactively monitor your progress toward graduation through DegreeWorks
 - Check your grades and academic standing at the end of each semester
 - Confirm your registration and course schedule each semester
- Prepare for your advising meetings
 - Review DegreeWorks prior to advising meetings
 - Create a list of questions, topics to discuss
 - Identify courses for future semesters
- Follow up on advisor recommendations
 - Utilize MSU's many resources to assist in meeting goals



First-Semester Courses

In general, everyone will be taking

FILM 112

Aesthetics of Film
Production I

FILM 101IH

Understanding Film and
Media

PHOT 113RA

Magic of the Darkroom I

First-Semester Courses

- A University Seminar (US) or Writing (W) core class
- Students in Honors will register for HONR 201US Text and Critics
- Core classes
- A class of interest
- BGEN 104US-Intro to Business Fundamentals for Arts and Architecture

**If you are considering the ILBM
major, please let me know!**

**Important to start with PHOT
113RA first**

Add/Drop Deadlines



Fall 2025 Registration (Add/Drop) Schedule

Part of Term	Term Start Date	Last Day to Add Online	Last Day to Add with Approval †	Last Day to Drop Online	Last Day to Drop Without a W Grade ††	Last Day to Drop With a W Grade ††	Term End Date
Full Semester Session	20 - Aug	26 - Aug	3 - Sep	3 - Sep	10 - Sep	12 - Nov	11 - Dec
First Session	20 - Aug	22 - Aug	27 - Aug	27 - Aug	2 - Sep	6 - Oct	10 - Oct
Late Start	2 - Sep	8 - Sep	15 - Sep	15 - Sep	22 - Sep	1 - Dec	11 - Dec
Second Session	13 - Oct	15 - Oct	20 - Oct	20 - Oct	23 - Oct	4 - Dec	11 - Dec
Non-Standard Term Dates*	20 - Aug	26 - Aug	3 - Sep	3 - Sep	10 - Sep	12 - Nov	11 - Dec
Multiple Terms Combined**	20 - Aug	26 - Aug	3 - Sep	3 - Sep	10 - Sep	12 - Nov	11 - Dec

Questions?

- Appointments-Nav MSU
- Drop-in hours Mon-Thurs 1pm-2:30pm
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