

MFA Culmination Project

MFA students are required to complete TVFT 5995, the MFA Culmination Project.

The MFA Culmination Project consists of a Project and Project Report. Each Culminating Project must be approved by a Culminating Project Committee (hereafter referred to as the "Project Committee"). A Project Committee shall include, as a minimum, a Thesis Committee Chair and two other members.

The Chair of the committee must be a full-time faculty member in the Department of Theatre & Dance or the Department of Television, Film and Media Studies. The other two members of the committee may be faculty from other departments at Cal State LA or other recognized higher education institutions, part-time faculty, or professionals in the field.

Acting Option:

The MFA Acting Culminating Project showcases the student in a major, challenging role across any of the three mediums of production (television, film or theatre) produced in the final year of the candidate's program. The project work must be presented publicly in a venue and format to be determined in consultation with the student's Project Committee.

Content Creation Option:

The MFA Content Creation Culminating Project is a short film project, an original multiepisode Webseries, halfhour or hour television program, or a stage play produced in the final year of the candidate's program. The project work must be presented publicly in a venue and format to be determined in consultation with the student's Project Committee.

Writing Option:

The MFA Writing Culminating Project is a play, an original half-hour or one-hour television script, or a feature film script written in the final year of the candidate's program. The project work must be presented publicly in a venue and format to be determined in consultation with the student's Project Committee.

General Parameters

1. Students need to adhere to the three sets of deadlines;
 - Project deadlines specific to option
 - Project report deadlines, and
 - Deadlines imposed by the University Library.
2. Collaborative Culminating Projects are encouraged among colleagues within the cohorts.
3. Culminating projects cannot consist of projects written or performed previous to the student's enrollment within the TVFT program.
4. The student's Project Committee must approve any projects that intend to fall outside of the parameters listed above.

Project Report

Each Culminating Project will be accompanied by a project report (minimum 30 pages) submitted to the student's Project Committee and, ultimately, to the library. See the TVFT Guidebook section on Project Report for further details. It is recommended that students attend a thesis preparation workshop provided by the University.