FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA

The Film and Digital Media department is an interdisciplinary response to the digital revolution, preparing our students to shape media and their world for the better. Whether it is in the fields of media writing, media business management, or film and video production, students gain expertise through classroom, practicum and internship experiences that make use of Chicago area opportunities.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIVES

- Access to fully-equipped media editing labs with the latest audio and video technology
- Monthly media experience trips to Chicago and other surrounding areas
- Every semester, the Communication Arts Conference, where students present their work to peers and faculty, offers a competitive scholarship prize
- The capstone Senior Project prepares students with the skills needed for job presentations as well as graduate-level coursework
- Study abroad opportunities and options include a semester at the LA Film Studies Center
- Our annual, week-long Imago Film Festival showcases independent films on faith and ethics from around the world
- Wanderlust Productions is a film studio on Judson’s main campus; it was founded by Darren Wilson ’98, Judson alumnus and filmmaker-in-residence
- The Reel Conversations Film Series encourages real conversations about culture, faith, and contemporary film; the film series helps us to engage contemporary films from a Christian perspective in terms of what they are saying and how they are saying it.

WANDERLUST STUDIOS

Filmmaker and Communications Art Alumnus, Darren Wilson (1998) has established Wanderlust Productions, his film studio at Judson. As a professor and Artist-in-Residence, he now teaches filmmaking and storytelling while also creating award-winning Christian films. Upperclass students have the opportunity to intern with Wanderlust to learn more about the technical aspects of filmmaking, editing, production, and marketing.

IMAGO FILM FESTIVAL

The yearly festival showcases independent film that deals with faith issues, emphasizing image and story. The festival films capture the full spectrum of human emotion, experience, and spirituality. Each year Imago hosts keynote speakers from the film industry. Past speakers have included Marshall Allman (star of Blue Like Jazz), Ralph Winter (producer of the Star Trek and X-Men film series), and David McFadzean (creator of Home Improvement). Imago is one of the premier Christian Film Festivals in the Midwest offering awards for the top four films. A panel of local university film and media professors as well as professionals in the field judge the films.

MAJORS AND MINORS

MAJORS:
- Film and Video Production
- Media Writing
- Media Business Management

MINORS:
- Film and Video Production
- Media Studies
CAREER PATHWAYS

With the academic, personal, and professional skills gained through these majors, graduates can pursue rewarding careers as:

- Photographer
- Creative Director
- Cinematographer
- Video Editor
- Digital Effects Specialist
- Media Designer
- Graphic Communication Specialist
- Screenwriter
- Business Writer
- Desktop Publisher
- Studio Manager
- Production Manager
- Public Relations Specialist
- Advertising Director

RECENT ALUMNI HAVE ATTENDED THESE GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- DePaul University
- University of Illinois (Urbana)

ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRMS WHERE ALUMNI ARE EMPLOYED

- Baird GM
- Kent Cook Aircraft International
- City of Elgin
- Sherman Hospital
- University of Oxford
- Anderson University School of Theology
- Bradly University
- Tyndale House Publishers
- Wanderwust Productions
- Urban Ministries, Administer Justice
- Character Entertainment
- Imago Community

ABOUT JUDSON

Judson University ranks consistently among the Top Tier of Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. A fully accredited, private Christian university of the liberal arts, sciences and professions, Judson offers Bachelor of Arts degrees for more than 50 majors/minors as well as adult degree programs and graduate programs. All majors offer opportunities for students to engage in internships, practicums, service-learning, or field experiences. Students also gain cross-cultural understanding through service-learning, mission trips, or studying abroad. Located just 40 minutes northwest of downtown Chicago, Judson offers a close-knit, Christian community with the benefits of a large urban setting, ideal for cultural activities, internships, and life after graduation.

FINANCIAL AID

Judson offers financial aid options for 90 percent of its students. Find out just how much value our students receive by visiting campus and meeting with our financial aid officers, who work to help students afford a Judson education. Scholarships for academics, and co-curricular activities, such as athletics, music, and theatre are available to all majors.

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