

# Documentary Studies

## Certificate

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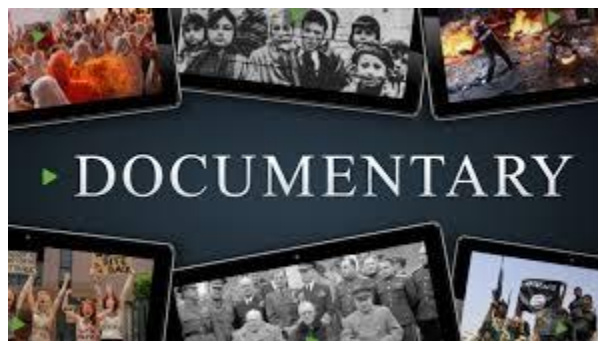
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The documentary certificate, encompasses all areas within the department of communication and associated degree programs in theatre, english and sociology, and is meant to offer students further education in community-based learning, research, field work, and storytelling.

The certificate in documentary studies establishes a process that is interdisciplinary and allows students to focus on work they care about. Students are encouraged to think broadly about their projects where discovery of important issues and topics through multiple disciplines will lead to the development, creation, and exhibition of a story in a chosen documentary form that includes but is not limited to photography, written works, performance, oral, audio, video and/or web.

Students will learn about the various types of documentaries, research methods and the legal and ethical challenges of documentary work. Student's capstone projects will focus on a specific topic, produce content, and be presented.



### Certificate Requirements

Students will complete 24 semester hours.

Nine (9) of the hours will be in the following courses which were designed specifically for the program:

#### MSCM 3335

History of Documentary

#### RHET 3355

Documentary Studies, Research Methods, and Ethics

#### MSCM 4406

Documentary Seminar

**Fifteen (15) credit hours** will be conducted in one of the following fields of study:

Mass Communication, Rhetoric, Sociology, Theatre or English.

