



# FTT SENIOR THESIS INFORMATION MEETING

Friday, February 23, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
DPAC, Room B043

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# Senior Thesis Information Session

Department of Film, Television, and Theatre

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“Writing a senior thesis in FTT was one of the best decisions I could have made while at Notre Dame. My experience affirmed my passion for film and media studies, particularly textual analysis and academic writing. I was able to use a portion of my thesis as the writing sample for my graduate school applications, ultimately leading to a fully-funded offer with the University of Southern California’s Cinema and Media Studies MA program.”

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- Submit a completed draft of the senior thesis project before April 25-27 and present the work in front of faculty and peers in early May (typically on Friday on the last week of class). The senior thesis committee decides if the project is designated as a Senior Thesis with Honors.

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- All FTT juniors are eligible to apply for the Senior Thesis Program. However, it is expected that only those students who are capable of completing an intensive research project of high quality across their senior year will apply. Also, we strongly discourage students who plan to complete a Senior Thesis in another department or program from applying.

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For any proposed project, it is expected that the student will by the start of his/her senior year have exhausted all course offerings related to the thesis topic or project. In other words, *you cannot write a play without first taking all possible playwriting courses; you cannot make a documentary or a short film unless you have taken relevant courses*. This means that if you want to do a thesis, you should have focused your courses as much as possible toward that goal.

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