

Media Participation for Film & Media Arts Majors (updated Spring 2025)
Anyone not fulfilling these requirements will not graduate.

All FMA majors must work with campus media or departmental production activities for 75 hours each. Transfers with junior status (by transfer from another institution) must complete 50 hours.

Media participation hours are designed to:

1. enhance your resume/portfolio, increasing your marketability beyond Taylor;
2. increase involvement with our program, providing paid staff and volunteers for campus media;
3. give you opportunities to learn from older students;
4. encourage service as a lifestyle, starting with service to the dept.

You may earn hours in one of more of these ways:

- ☐ Serve in a paid staff position with Envision Productions or WTUR (automatic 25 hrs)
- ☐ Work a semester for the FMA program as a lab assistant, engineering assistant, teaching assistant or student secretary for a faculty member (automatic 25 hrs)
- ☐ Host/co-host, produce or a radio show for WTUR (log actual hours of shows)
- ☐ Produce promotional materials for WTUR or Envision
- ☐ Shoot, log or edit for Envision Productions projects
- ☐ Serve on the Envision chapel crew
- ☐ Assist with pre-production, production or post-production of an official department video/film project or project for social media (such as TU Update)
- ☐ Assist with pre-production, production or post-production of a *pre-approved, advanced* student film/video project (volunteer beyond expected class requirements, only for Narrative Filmmaking, Documentary Filmmaking, Producing for Clients, Multi-camera Live Production)
- ☐ Work on a faculty-led project by serving on the crew, shooting, editing, logging, transcribing, etc.
- ☐ Assist with a research project for a faculty member
- ☐ Work on the paid staff of one of these: the Echo as a photographer or videographer, Ilium as a photographer, Media Services, University Marketing in a video role, I.T. in a video role, Alumni Office in a video role, Admissions Office in a video role, Advancement office in a video role, Calling & Career Office in a video role, Athletics on the video crew. (These can count for ONE semester only, and only ONE of these departments/offices can count toward your 75 hours).
- ☐ Attend end of year Senior Show & Awards
- ☐ Assist with Envision Film Festival planning/preparation/hosting
- ☐ Host a prospective student overnight in your room (4 hrs automatic plus additional hours for meals/time spent with the prospective student up to 8 max)
- ☐ Participate in a prospective student event or tour hosted by the department
- ☐ Help with special events (set-up, tear down, serving punch, handing out programs, etc.)

Some examples of what does NOT count:

- ☐ Theatre ushering or photography/design work for another academic department. These are great but they're not service to FMA.
- ☐ Helping a friend on his/her Film & Video Production project for class (it's not an advanced class, so it doesn't count).

Majors must have Media Participation Verification Forms signed by the supervisor of the project or area you served in **and** by your academic advisor. The file is placed in your academic file in your advisor's office. You must have 75 hours on file by your senior spring.