

Bachelor of Arts in Film & Television (BAFT) AFA10

Thank you for your interest in the **Bachelor of Arts in Film & Television (BAFT)**.

This is a **4-year professional degree** that integrates theoretical, conceptual and practical-creative elements of film and television studies. It introduces a number of the crafts of filmmaking and is designed to prepare you for a career in the fast-paced world of the film and television industry.

The BAFT degree is a highly competitive programme for which we receive many applications. There are a limited number of places available, and you should aim to submit your BAFT portfolio as soon as possible but by no later than **31 August 2025**. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS** will be accepted, and your application will be considered incomplete **WITHOUT A PORTFOLIO and will not be considered**.

You may be contacted for a further interview and your participation is required as part of the assessment process.

A formal academic application must be submitted to the Student Enrolment Centre (SEnC) by **30 June 2025**. No late applications will be considered. Go to www.wits.ac.za/applications to apply online

APPLICATION STAGES



PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION – A DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENT

As part of the application process for the BAFT degree, you will have to submit a **portfolio** (a creative and critical written assignment explained below) to the **Film and Television Division**. If you have any questions regarding your portfolio submission process you may contact the Film & TV Administrator - Telephone **011 717 9749** or email applications.film&tv@wits.ac.za

Please direct any other application queries to the Student Liaison Office on 011 717 4656.

WORKING ON YOUR PORTFOLIO

The **portfolio** demonstrates your ability to work creatively and communicate visually. It allows lecturers within the division to assess your suitability for the Bachelor of Film and Television programme.

You will need to prepare and submit the following items to the Film & Television Division as part of the portfolio submission and interview process (if required):

1. **Curriculum Vitae, ID photo and most recent school results** (see below)
2. **Photo sequence project** (see below)
3. **Critical reflection writing project** (see below)

1. **Curriculum Vitae and Photo**

You must prepare:

- 1) A **one-page typed curriculum vitae (CV)**. Below are the details that should be included in the curriculum vitae.
 - Personal and contact details, addresses, school/s attended.
 - A brief mention of areas of film and television you are interested in, with a clear statement of why you want to study these.
 - Present your thoughts on where you think the SA film & television industry is missing the mark and can be improved.
 - A brief mention of other career aspirations.
 - A brief mention of any achievements or awards.
 - A list of all extramural/community activities you are involved in, cultural, artistic or other.
 - A list of recent subjects studied, with a copy of your latest school results attached.
 - If you are a Past Matric applicant then include your work experience or other activities since completing your schooling to the present.
- 2) **One ID size photo** of yourself (either in black and white or colour). Please attach (staple/glue) the photo to your curriculum vitae in the top right-hand corner if you are making a hardcopy submission. Or scan the photo with your electronic submission (see below).

2. **Photo Sequence project**

Present the following 6 photographs set in a location of your choosing:

Establish the location using a master or establishing shot.

Shoot another image placing yourself in the master shot.

Shoot four more images focusing on different elements within the master/establishing shot using a range of angles and shot sizes, e.g. high/low angles, close, medium or wide shots.

We would like to see the pictures you have created so do not use images from the internet or taken from other sources. This is a chance to demonstrate your image making ability and visual language. Your location may be from the world around you or one you create using your imagination.

These photographs should reveal evidence of your intentional research, planning and creativity and in response to the brief provided. They should ideally be taken on a camera, not on a phone - If you do have to use a phone, ensure the image quality is good.

You are not allowed to download images from the Internet or use AI generators, copy them from somewhere else, use someone else's photographs, or get someone else to take any of the pictures.

3. Critical Reflection writing project

Submit a 1 – 2 page typed essay reflecting on the photographs you present and answer the following questions:

1. Describe the reason for your choice of location and what this place means to you.
2. Explain how you intended to communicate these ideas through the photograph.
3. Explain why you chose to position yourself the way you did in the frame and describe what you think the impact is of your presence on the location you chose.
4. Explain the point-of-view you intend expressing through each of the four elements you focused on in the master/establishing shot.

For example, you should examine the composition of the frame, camera angle, depth of field, field of view, colour, lighting and shot size. These are all factors that contribute to visual storytelling, and we would like to understand your interpretation of your work.

NB - Incomplete Portfolios will not be processed and your application will not be considered.

Make sure you submit all the required elements below, as per the Final Portfolio Checklist:

Please ensure you have ticked each box before submitting.

1) CURRICULUM VITAE (INC ID PHOTO & <u>LATEST RESULTS</u>)	
2) PHOTO SEQUENCE (6 PHOTOS)	
3) CRITICAL REFLECTION WRITING	

SUBMITTING YOUR PORTFOLIO

You now have to submit your portfolio to the Film and Television Division for assessment.

There are **two options** for this:

- i) Hand-delivering **hard copies** of the portfolio to the division, or
- ii) Submitting your portfolio as **digital (pdf) files** (see below).

Please note that **the final deadline for portfolio submission is 31 AUGUST 2025**, after which no further portfolio submissions can be considered.

We strongly encourage you to submit as soon as possible.

1) Hardcopy Presentation and Submission (Option 1)

Image Creation: the colour-printed photographs (gloss or matte) need to be printed and mounted on individual sheets of A4-sized cardboard with a title. Each photograph must be mounted on a *separate page*- and then collated for submission in an A4-sized file or folder.

Curriculum Vitae, Short Story and Critical Essay: these should be printed and stapled as separate documents. Each of these documents should have your name and person/student number clearly legible on the front page.

All components of the portfolio should be submitted in an A3 envelope clearly indicating your name, person/student number and contact details. ***Please confirm with the administrator that the portfolio package has been received.***

Hand deliver to:

Attention: The Administrator
WSOA Film & Television
Solomon Mahlangu House Basement 2
Wits University

2) Digital Portfolio Presentation and Submission (Option 2)

Photo Sequence: the photographic assignment for the portfolio can now be saved and submitted digitally as an alternative to submitting printed hardcopies of the portfolio. You can create a new document in a word processing application of your choice (e.g. Microsoft Word), add the JPEG pictures, 1 or 2 per page, and then insert titles– all before saving as a multi-page PDF. Please email the administrator if you would like to be sent a step-by-step guide on how to do this.

If you intend to submit digitally, send your portfolio submission, including your ***Curriculum Vitae, Narrative Interpretation and Critical Reflection Essay*** in a **single email with multiple attachments (i.e. 4 separate PDF files)** to applications.film&tv@wits.ac.za. Be sure to check that you have included everything on the checklist above. Incomplete submissions will not be assessed.

NB: Files not submitted as PDFs will not be accepted.

Please confirm with the administrator that the digital portfolio submission has been received.

To confirm receipt of the portfolio submission, you may contact the divisional administrator on **011 717 9749**, or applications.film&tv@wits.ac.za

Please note the Film & TV Department does **not** provide feedback on portfolios. This is only one of the aspects we consider along with APS and English scores. Even though portfolios are submitted to the department, all application outcomes are communicated only through official channels from the Student Enrolment Centre [SEnC].

For any queries relating to your application status beyond the Department, please contact the Student Liaison Office on 011 717 4656.