

# Carleton

Cinema and Media Studies

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Welcome Friend,

Congratulations on being accepted to Carleton! As chair of [Cinema and Media Studies](#) (CAMS), I'm delighted that you are interested in CAMS and write to welcome you to the college and to the department. We are a lively community of filmmakers, historians, editors, theorists, film essayists, sound designers, and screenwriters. We love to talk, think, research, write about, and make films and media of all kinds. Please check out our [departmental Instagram](#) account to get a sense of our community.

Our department is housed in the [Weitz Center for Creativity](#), which includes a 200-seat cinema, film and television production studios, two audio recording studios, cinema classrooms, and editing labs. The CAMS Production Office is stocked with cameras, lights, audio recording equipment, and the latest production accessories for students enrolled in our courses. As well, the [Gould Library](#) contains an extensive film and media collection including specialized historical and industrial documents not typically accessible to the general public. Guided by the faculty, CAMS majors are getting their films into festivals, papers published in undergraduate film journals, grants for continuing their creative work after graduation, and admissions to top MFA and PhD programs. We could not be prouder of our students and their accomplishments.

In addition, CAMS regularly sponsors off-campus studies programs exploring global film and media cultures and industries. Professors Jay Beck and Cecilia Cornejo lead a [December-break program to Santiago and Buenos Aires](#) to meet with filmmakers and study the film industries of Chile and Argentina. Professor Catherine Licata and I are excited to launch our new [term-long CAMS Production in Los Angeles](#) program, starting spring 2025.

You do not need to have any special expertise or experience to major in CAMS—just an insatiable desire to learn. If you have questions about CAMS or Carleton, please don't hesitate to reach out via phone 507-222-5312 or email ([ljimsen@carleton.edu](mailto:ljimsen@carleton.edu)). I look forward to working with you in the very near future.

All my best,



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