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Statement of Accreditation Status
New York Film Academy

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Current Accreditation Status: Accredited
Most Recent Commission Action: June 27, 2025
First Accredited: 2019

Undergraduate FTE: 686
Graduate FTE: 196
Financial Structure Type: For-Profit
Sponsorship: Proprietary with parent/board
Academic Calendar: Semester
Distributes Federal Finanicial Aid: Yes

Commission Actions

*Commission Action Letter, Reaffirmation, June 2025 action
*Commission Action Letter, Special Visit, June 2023 action
*Commission Action Letter, Special Visit, June 2021 action
*Commission Action Letter, Seeking Accreditation Visit 2, June 2019 action
*Commission action letter, Seeking Accreditation Visit 1, Feb 2018 action
*Team Report, Reaffirmation, June 2025 action
*Team Report, Special Visit, June 2023 action
*Team Report, Special Visit, June 2021 action
*Team Report, Seeking Accreditation Visit 2, June 2019 action
*Team report, Seeking Accreditation Visit 1, Feb 2018 action

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Locations

OPEID	Location Name	City	Location Type	Status
	NYFA Kazakhstan	Kaskelen, Almaty Region	Additional	active
	New York Film Academy – Florence, Italy	Florence	Branch Campus	active
04118800	New York Film Academy – Los Angeles	Burbank	Main Campus	active
	New York Film Academy – New York City	New York	Branch Campus	active

Degrees

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
4 certificates: One-Year Screenwriting; Producing; Game Design; Photography	Non-degree	2026	On-Site
AFA in Acting for Film	Associate	2008	On-Site
AFA in Filmmaking	Associate	2008	On-Site
AFA in Game Design	Associate	2010	On-Site
AFA in Producing	Associate	2010	On-Site
AFA in Screenwriting	Associate	2010	On-Site
After Effects: Animation and Title Design	Non-degree	2017	On-Site
BA in Media Studies	Bachelors	2013	On-Site
BFA in 3-D Animation & Visual Effects	Bachelors	2011	On-Site
BFA in Acting for Film	Bachelors	2011	On-Site
BFA in Entertainment Media	Bachelors	2023	On-Site
BFA in Filmmaking	Bachelors	2010	On-Site
BFA in Game Design	Bachelors	2011	On-Site
BFA in Musical Theatre	Bachelors	2023	On-Site
BFA in Photography	Bachelors	2012	On-Site

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
BFA in Producing	Bachelors	2012	On-Site
BFA in Screenwriting	Bachelors	2011	On-Site
Eight-Week Acting for Film	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Eight-Week Broadcast Journalism	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Eight-Week Filmmaking	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Eight-Week Music Video	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Eight-Week Musical Theater	Non-degree	2018	On-Site
Eight-Week Narrative Virtual Reality	Non-degree	2017	On-Site
Eight-Week Photography	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Eight-Week Producing	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Eight-Week Production Design	Non-degree	2017	On-Site
Eight-Week Screenwriting	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Eight-Week Sound Design	Non-degree	2017	On-Site
Eight-Week Television Writing	Non-degree	2026	On-Site
Four-Week 3-D Animation	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Four-Week Acting for Film	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Four-Week Broadcast Journalism	Non-degree	2008	On-Site
Four-Week Digital Editing	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Four-Week Fashion Photography	Non-degree	2017	On-Site
Four-Week Filmmaking	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Four-Week Music Video	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Four-Week Musical Theater	Non-degree	2009	On-Site
Four-Week Photography	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Four-Week Producing	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Introduction to Interactive Virtual Reality	Non-degree	2017	On-Site
MA in Film & Media Production	Masters	2012	On-Site
MA in Producing	Masters	2015	On-Site
MA in Screenwriting	Masters	2015	On-Site
MFA in Acting for Film	Masters	2007	On-Site

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
MFA in Cinematography	Masters	2010	On-Site
MFA in Documentary Filmmaking	Masters	2010	On-Site
MFA in Filmmaking	Masters	2006	On-Site
MFA in Game Design	Masters	2011	On-Site
MFA in Photography	Masters	2008	On-Site
MFA in Producing	Masters	2007	On-Site
MFA in Screenwriting	Masters	2007	On-Site
Master of Arts in Entrepreneurial Producing and Innovation	Masters	2023	Distance Education
Master of Fine Arts in 3-D Animation and Visual Effects	Masters	2020	On-Site
Maya Certification Completion	Non-degree	2016	On-Site
Musical Theatre Conservatory Ensemble	Non-degree	2016	On-Site
One-Week Acting for Film	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
One-Week Filmmaking	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
One-Week Musical Theater	Non-degree	2013	On-Site
One-Week Photography	Non-degree	2012	On-Site
One-Year 3-D Animation	Non-degree	2013	On-Site
One-Year Acting for Film	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
One-Year Broadcast Journalism	Non-degree	2007	On-Site
One-Year Cinematography	Non-degree	2010	On-Site
One-Year Documentary Filmmaking	Non-degree	2007	On-Site
One-Year Filmmaking	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
One-Year Game Design	Non-degree	2010	On-Site
One-Year Musical Theater	Non-degree	2009	On-Site
One-Year Photography	Non-degree	2008	On-Site
One-Year Producing	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
One-Year Screenwriting	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Six-Week Acting for Film	Non-degree	2007	On-Site
Six-Week Documentary Filmmaking	Non-degree	2006	On-Site

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
Six-Week Filmmaking	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Six-Week Holiday Acting for Film	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Six-Week Holiday Filmmaking	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Acting for Film	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Broadcast Journalism	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Comedy Writing	Non-degree	2026	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Comic Book Writing	Non-degree	2026	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Digital Editing	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Filmmaking	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Photography	Non-degree	2014	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Producing	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Screenwriting	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Twelve-Week Evening Television Writing	Non-degree	2026	On-Site
Two-Day Line Producing and Movie Magic	Non-degree	2016	On-Site
Two-Year Acting for Film	Non-degree	2007	On-Site
Two-Year Filmmaking	Non-degree	2007	On-Site
Two-Year Musical Theater	Non-degree	2008	On-Site
Two-Year Photography	Non-degree	2012	On-Site
Virtual Reality Game Design	Non-degree	2017	On-Site

Upcoming Reviews

Season	Year Level	Review Type
Spring	2027	Special Visit
Fall	2030	Offsite Review
Spring	2031	Accreditation Visit