



THE  
**AMERICAN**  
Semester



# ★ LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! ★

## SUMMER SHORT COURSE JULY 3-23, 2016

As the eighth largest university in the United States, MSU provides its students leading academics at one of the top 100 universities on Earth. It doesn't stop there. Outside of the classroom students in the American Semester Program at Michigan State University have the chance to live, study, and play at a classic all-American campus with students from all over the world.

The **Lights, Camera, Action!** program is hosted by the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Students will be trained in basic single camera production techniques for professional projects. The class will focus on foundation work to professional video processes. Participants will learn how to produce professional projects from conception to delivery.

Students will work in groups and apply knowledge acquired during this course to produce a high quality, 5-minute short film project. These films will be produced at a professional level, not a student level, and the expected level of quality is such that they would be accepted into the program of a U.S.-based film festival.

Training will cover the following areas:

- Professional Camera Operation techniques
- Composition
- Basic 3-point Lighting
- Professional Audio for Video
- Importing, Editing, and Exporting projects
- Creating powerful visual stories
- Interviewing techniques
- Scripting
- Storyboarding

Class is expected to run Monday through Thursday for three (3) hours each day from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Students should also expect approximately eight (8) hours a week of homework including group and project work.

Students will live on MSU's campus at Owen Hall (<http://liveon.msu.edu/rivertrail/owen>) and make new American and international friends from Australia. A meal plan is included.

The program will include various academic excursions relevant to the course content, as well as other cultural activities and weekend excursions:

- ★ Weekend #1: Niagara Falls
- ★ Weekend #2: Chicago

When students arrive on campus, they will attend a welcome reception. At the end of the program, a special graduation banquet will take place.

## *The American Semester Program*

The American Semester Program (ASP) provides a non-degree international education experience through which students can take courses in a large research-intensive American university as a compliment to undergraduate degree studies at their home institution.



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