

Aloha ACM 255 students. We're pleased at your interest in film studies and hope you're enjoying this introduction to the field.

Some of you are, or will become, interested in majoring in Creative Media with us. We are an integrated B.A. Major of theory, writing, and production skills. You can focus on one of three tracks: Digital Cinema, Animation, or Critical Studies.

Information about the program, how to become a major, requirements to complete the ACM major, a description of our courses, computer requirements, faculty profiles, student achievements, etc. can be found on our website at [www.hawaii.edu/acm](http://www.hawaii.edu/acm)

We have adopted an important change in the requirements to become a major that affect you directly.

Students can now apply to become a major while enrolled in ACM 255. You no longer have to wait until the end of the semester to complete the course in order to apply. This will make it easier for you to register for 300 and 400 level ACM courses next semester that are restricted to majors.

The old rule required completion of ACM 255 with a B or better. Starting this semester you can apply if you are taking ACM 255. The B or better will still be required for you to take courses in the production tracks (prerequisite for ACM 310, 315, & 316).

IMPORTANT: The other requirement - to have completed 12 UHM credits with a minimum gpa of 2.5 - is still in effect.

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#### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. I'm now taking ACM 255. So I can apply to become a major, right?

A. Yes, if you've also completed 12 UH-Manoa credits with an overall gpa of 2.5.

Q. I'm taking ACM 255 and have completed 12 UHM credits with an overall gpa of 2.5 or above. I've applied and been accepted as a major and completed my mandatory academic advising. So at registration time I can register for courses like ACM 310 and 350 that are restricted to majors?

A. Yes.

Q. I'm taking ACM 255, and will complete 12 UHM credits at the end of the semester. When can I apply to become a major? Can I register this semester for next semester's ACM courses that are restricted to majors?

A. You can apply to become a major next semester. Since you won't be a major this semester, you can't register this semester for ACM courses restricted to majors. You'll have to wait for the following semester to take those courses. You'll have plenty of time to complete the program.

Q. What if I become a major this semester, register for ACM 310 or 315 or 316 or 350 for next semester, but don't get a B in ACM 255?

A. You will still be a major, but will have to dis-enroll from these courses, and retake ACM 255 to get a B or better before you can move on in the Digital Cinema or Animation production tracks, where the B is a prerequisite.

Q. Can I take any other ACM courses while I retake ACM 255?

A. Yes, as long as you earned at least a C in ACM 255. You can take any of the Critical Studies courses, which are required of all Creative Media majors. A minimum grade of C is necessary for any ACM course to count toward the major.

Q. I'm a transfer student taking ACM 255. Won't my transfer credits and gpa count in applying to become a major?

A. If you are transferring as a junior (60 or more credits), or with an AA degree from a UH community college, we will consider waiving the 12 UHM credit rule on a case-by-case basis. Under 60 credits, no.

Q. If I want to be an Animation major, do I still need to submit a portfolio?

A. Yes. Entry into animation courses requires instructor approval following an acceptable portfolio.

Q. If I have other questions, who do I ask?

A. Check first "Majoring in ACM" on our website <[www.hawaii.edu/acm](http://www.hawaii.edu/acm)>. If you still have a question, email it to <[acm@hawaii.edu](mailto:acm@hawaii.edu)>, or call the Chair, Tom Brislin, at 956-3788.