

1. Having your expectations well laid out and your goals clearly defined is the best way to start any endeavor. Therefore, for your first written assignment, write a 1-2 page paper detailing what you want out of the program, what you want to eventually do in the film industry, and how you plan on getting there. Be as detailed as possible. Be specific. This will allow us to help structure your education around your individual needs. No detail is too small.

I want to become a director. Not just any director, an auteur director. I am looking to get out of the program exactly what was promised. Professionally I am looking to gain the skills and knowledge needed to begin my journey as a filmmaker in this industry. Eventually my goal is to become an entrepreneur and open my own production studio. I am going to write, direct, and produce everything from short films, documentaries, commercials, independent films, and web series. As of right now I have no idea how I am going to achieve any of these goals but I think joining this program has given me a foundation that I can build upon.

2. Take three ideas that you have for movies and write your own synopsis for each. This is a very important step towards ultimately deciding what the project that you're going to be working on throughout the program will be. Don't write a seven-page paper on each of our ideas. Make these synopses like the ones you read. Short, sweet, and to the point. Get in, describe what happens in one or two sentences, and get out. After you've completed this, we will assist you in choosing your strongest concept. We will also help you in rounding out your idea.
  - a. No Pain, No Gain - A gay young man faces a quarter life crisis as he adjusts to life at home after his college graduation.
  - b. After the Pain - Not long after his first suicide attempt a young man must fight to put the pieces of his life back together.
  - c. Pa Moses and the Talley Family Reunion - The story of Pa Moses and his founding of one of the oldest still surviving African American family reunion in the country.