

Career Spotlight: Director

Job Description

Directors are those in charge of turning scripts into plays, shows, music videos, ect. They must have a good grasp on what the original writing wants to convey, how to translate it, and the abilities of the technology and people around them. Directors work alongside many other specialists and have to be able to convey their creative vision in a way others can carry out. From the start they have to have an idea of the finished piece so they can lead others in that direction. Directors take part in hiring actors, the pacing of the film and the visual style. If a problem arises on set, the directors will be the ones to handle it, and their say lets the filming move forward. Successful directors trust their colleges and work together to get things done.

Why Am I Suited For This Career?

Being involved with music, drama or dance performance (including film and television)	Like very much
Organizing or supervising other people	Like very much
Persuading and motivating other people	Like
Using the technical and creative skills of photography/film	Like very much
Planning how work is to be carried out	Like very much
Explaining ideas and information to people	Like very much
Co-ordinating people and groups	Like very much

High School

Grade 11 Courses	Grade 12 Courses	Additional
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Mathematics• Science• Social Studies• Dramatic Arts• Visual Arts• Computers / Electronics & Communications Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Literature• Communications & Media Studies• Mathematics• History• Philosophy / World Issues• Dramatic Arts• Visual Arts• Computers / Electronics & Communications Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Plays• Local Theater• Photography• Video Editing

Post-Secondary Pathways

Carleton University 1125 Colonel By Drive Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6	Film Studies Bachelor Honors 4 Year Program
University of British Columbia 2329 West Mall Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4	Film Studies Bachelor 4 Year Program
Simon Fraser University 8888 University Drive Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6	Film Studies Bachelor 4 Year Program

Financials (Annually)

Tuition (for UBC)	\$5,500 (2020/2021)	Savings
Housing on Campus	\$19,200	Part-time
Communication	\$1,500	Covered by Parents
Transportation*	\$500	Part-time
Food*	\$2,000	Part-time
Additional Supplies	\$1,000	Part-time

Skills

- Organize and co-ordinate production
- Create schedules for production
- Understand scripts, select cast and cinematography to enhance their interpretation
- Direct members of their crew efficiently and effectively
- Plan, organize and direct the artistic aspects of production
- Oversee the design of sets, costumes, furnishings and props
- Understand the skills of their team and their technology and plan accordingly
- Coordinate and direct the photography of production
- Well-versed in cinematography and editing
- Able to persuade and converse easily with people

Directors in Canada

- 40 hours a week, unusual schedule
- Median \$32/h (in BC)
- Hiring depends on previous achievements
- Employment Levels (next 3 years)
 - Fair
 - Newfoundland and Labrador
 - Prince Edward Island
 - New Brunswick
 - Quebec
 - Manitoba
 - Limited
 - Nova Scotia

References

Budget Planner

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Career Cruising - Director

<https://www2.careercruising.com/schools-ca/school-programs/50.0601/Film%20Studies>

Carleton University - Film Studies Undergraduate

<https://carleton.ca/filmstudies/undergraduate/>

Directors Guild of Canada

<https://www.dgc.ca/en/ontario/>

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University of British Columbia - Film Studies Vancouver Campus

https://you.ubc.ca/ubc_programs/film-studies/