

FSU Film School is one of Nation's Best

Florida State University has one of the nation's top film schools with the most graduated students to win the largest amount of awards.

In 2004, FSU Film School students won five awards from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (ATAS). This is the most awards ever earned by one film school in a single year. Recently, three more students who graduated from the Film School won ATAS for two films that they produced.

"These are three remarkably talented graduate students whose careers have just been jump-started by a distinguished recognition from the Television Academy," said Film School Dean Frank Patterson. "These latest awards give our school a total of 21 top honors from the Academy in 15 years, providing yet another indication that Florida State is clearly a leader in U.S. film education."

FSU Film School Receptionist, Natalie Collins, is proud to work for the school. Collins mentioned, "In 2004, we were recognized by the Directors Guild of America for our contributions to American filmmaking education."

FSU Film School Administrative Coordinator, Linda Hensley, explained that even though they stopped giving official rankings, she definitely considers the FSU Film School to fall within the top five in the nation based on the number of student awards and recognitions. According to Hensley, the biggest competing film schools are UFC, UCLA, and NYU. Hensley said, "Our students tend to win more awards than the other schools. This could be because the other universities tend to accept more students while we are more selective."

The FSU Film School was established in 1989 and it is officially known as the College of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts. The school offers a bachelor's and a master's degree in motion picture and it is by far the most selective school at FSU.

Typically the Film School receives more than 750 applications with about 250 from freshmen, 250 from transfer students and 250 from graduates. Out of these applicants, 50 freshmen, 15 transfers and more than 90 graduate students are interviewed. Finally they accept only 25 freshmen, five transfers and 30 graduates (24 for production and six for writing). The administration changed their selection process this year because they previously accepted the same number of undergraduate students but 15 were transfers and 15 were freshmen.

FSU Film student, Carlos Rivera, was very happy last spring when he was accepted into the elite Film School. According to Rivera, "This is one of the best film schools in the country, if not the world. We have Academy Award-winning professors and top of the line equipment that you would find on Hollywood sets. Everything that they do on Hollywood sets we do here at the Film School."

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