CLOSE UP: ENTERTAINMENT EDUCATION

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO

Chicago

The Midwestern liberal arts school's comprehensive Cinema Art and Science program offers students a wide choice of career paths. They can also participate in Columbia's five-week Semester in Los Angeles program, where they'll establish industry connections and become exposed to the real-world business of entertainment. For many students in the program, which is situated on a historic studio lot, the networking opportunities made during this immersive course have led to post-grad jobs.

EMERSON COLLEGE DEPT. OF VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS SCHOOL

Boston

One of the first northeastern schools to establish a satellite campus in Los Angeles, the communications school's Sunset Boulevard location has allowed entertainment industry hopefuls to pursue an education in the heart of the industry. Emerson boasts an extensive internship course as the core of its L.A. curriculum. Admission into the program will grant students access to Emerson's internship database, which they can search for a placement

that supports their academic track and career goals.

ITHACA COLLEGE, ROY H. PARK SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Ithaca, N.Y.

Aiming to produce students skilled in various forms of media, Park School's film program provides education across multiple disciplines, combining traditional film production courses with instruction in photography, video editing and drawing. The East Coast school recently expanded its curriculum with the addition of a minor in animation, a graduate degree in image text and an undergraduate degree in writing for TV, film and emerging media.

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FILM AND TELEVISION

Los Angeles

SFTV hones its image as a "studio conservatory" through classroom environments that emphasize accessibility to faculty and equipment and career-oriented internship and post-grad programs with studios and production entities like Ken Burns' Florentine Films. Partnerships with the Ghetto Film School, a post-grad Incubator Lab with Film Independent, the



Hollywood Masters speaker series and the business-oriented Steed Symposium underscore SFTV's commitment to provide all students with a wealth of educational and career opportunities.

LOS ANGELES FILM SCHOOL

Los Angeles

Since 1999, the Film School has proved career-focused bachelor and associate of science degrees in film, entertainment business, animation and vfx, graphic design, recording arts and music

production. Grads have gone on to work on Oscar-winning projects like "Mad Max: Fury Road," "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and the Clio-winning virtual experience "The Walk." LAFS was also named one of the best schools for veterans for three consecutive years.

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY Los Angeles

Film, Media & Communication students have interned at Fox, and ABC News, while grad students and alumni