**REQUIREMENTS**

**Directors**

Directors are required to direct one **15** minute or less **film** that demonstrates an advanced level of craft and technique. Music videos and advertisements are not permitted. **You must turn your script in for Thesis Committee approval at least 3 weeks prior to principal photography to the email address filmthesis@sva.edu.** Screenplays submitted with less than a 3-week window will not be approved. **The email submissions MUST include the information from the top of the Thesis Approval Form**.

**Editors**

Editors are in general required to edit two SVA Thesis projects. However, one project will be considered based on length and complexity - only the Thesis Committee can decide if the project qualifies. Editors are responsible for supervising and planning all stages of the post-production. **If an editor is directing a film to fulfill Thesis, then they must follow ALL of the guidelines and deadlines stated in the Directors category.**

**Cinematographers**

Cinematographers must function as Director of Photography on two SVA Thesis Projects. As such, they are responsible for the visual interpretation of the project, lighting, the camera crew, camera equipment selection, and operation. Cinematographers are also required to collaborate on the color grading of films they have shot.  **If a cinematographer is directing a project to fulfill Thesis, then they must follow ALL of the guidelines and deadlines stated above in the Directors category.**

**Sound Recordists & Designers**

Sound majors must record and mix production sound on at least three thesis films and must do post-production sound on at least one thesis film**. If sound majors are directing a film to fulfill their Thesis requirement, they must follow ALL of the deadlines and guidelines for directors.**

**Screenwriters**

Screenwriters must complete a polished final draft of a full–length 90 to 120 page screenplay or pilot +2 episodes of TV or web series**. If a screenwriter is directing a film then they must follow ALL of the guidelines and deadlines stated above in the Directors category.  However screenwriting majors are still required to fulfill the screenwriting requirements**