

Dear Applicants for FAMU Cinematography Program,

we genuinely appreciate your interest in studying at a prestigious film school which can give you, once you graduate, a token of achievement of the ultimate level of training in cinematography recognised and respected the world over.

I would like to inform you of the modification of the graduate (MA) part of the program based on our experience acquired from the two-year study program which we have operated so far.

Since other FAMU departments expect to introduce English language programs, too, and such programs will take three years, the program at the Department of Cinematography is being extended, too. The reason behind this solution is intercompatibility with other departments in order to create conditions for serious, good quality cooperation within complete film crews, and the fact that the continuing MA program is based on the knowledge obtained in the Bachelor program which is rather demanding at FAMU. After a few years when we evaluated the requirements and results of the students – applicants from many countries all over the world with differing cultural and educational territories, we arrived at the unambiguous conclusion that improving the quality of education of our graduates must also involve unification of the knowledge acquired in the preceding Bachelor study program.

This means extending our study program to three years to ensure compatibility of professions within the crew. This levels out not only the initial knowledge but also the acquisition of practical experience in the course of completion of the new first year exercises. The financial requirements of the study program increase proportionately to the length, i.e. by one half of the amount as defined for the two-year program.

The re-accreditation of the two-year program has been approved now so the three-year program starts in 2020/2021.

Although I understand that the financial aspect and length of your studies are far from insignificant factors in the consideration of your future, I am sure that a substantial quality improvement of the tuition even in the practical area will encourage your subsequent professional paths as cameramen, and the investment in the three-year study program will bring you multiple return.

With respect, and wishing to meet you in person,

Prof. Mgr. Jaroslav Brabec, Head of the Department of Cinematography