

Cover Page Sample

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Planned Emphasis: xxxxx (if decided.) If not decided, state “Undecided”

Information about transferred credits or course substitutions that may affect your application.

My Interest in the Film and Video Production Major

Ever since my acceptance to Grand Valley, my experience in the university environment has been a whirlwind of new ideas, people, and creative energy. Unlike many students, I have willingly engaged and embraced my General Education requirements. It is from my diverse set of classes that new film ideas have come to mind. As a result, I have been prompted to express these newly understood philosophical viewpoints, psychological theories, and social issues through the artistic medium of film. In short, I want to pursue a Film and Video major, with an emphasis in fiction filmmaking, because I believe that fictional films hold a tremendous power. This power they hold is in their ability to demonstrate profound ideals to vast audiences of people. I am specifically interested in developing my fictional films from a neo-realistic approach. Upon acceptance into the Film and Video major here at Grand Valley State University, I will choose to further explore directing and producing films that reveal the social issues facing our world today.

While I am studying film and video here at Grand Valley, I hope to be a valuable resource for the entire film department. One way I can act as a valuable member of this “film family” is through my experience in the S.O.C Equipment and Resource Rooms. I often feel that there is miscommunication to students about how one can use Grand Valley’s available equipment and resources. Because I have worked there for over a year now, I have the experience to help fellow students properly navigate through equipment choices, and how the facilities are operate. In addition to my work experience, I also have many personal attributes that I feel will help benefit both students and faculty. One such attribute is my personal travel experiences.

Throughout my short lifetime I have taken trips across the United States stopping and visiting anywhere from inner cities to deserted farmlands. In 2006 I was also privileged to have visited the European countries Austria and Bosnia. I feel that my travel experience will provide valuable ideas and content for future film projects, as well as broaden my fellow students' worldview. Along with my ability to spur creative thinking, I am also very good at organizing, managing tasks, and meeting deadlines. It is these abilities that make me a valuable contender in the realm of producing. One example of how I put my skill to use comes from the production of my final project in Image and Sound. For my final project I had to organize talent that consisted of twenty-two people, find people to donate food and props, as well as work with an extremely busy music major to score my piece. I have also had years of work experience counseling, coaching, and being a sports captain. It is through these experiences that I have honed my interpersonal communication and organizational skills, which are invaluable for producing films.

Finally, while attending Grand Valley I have become interested in a variety of topics in which I hope to further pursue along with my film career. One of these topics is Psychology. My Psychology 101 class has captivated my interest in human behavior and cognition. It is an area that I hope to continue studying and exploring in future film projects. I am also very keen on studying the topic of religion. My religion is a big part of my life, and I am curious to discover the role it plays around the world. I am considering completing a world religion theme, or pursuing a minor in religious studies. Also, on an extracurricular level, I am planning on becoming involved with GVCN. At GVCN I hope to gain experience in the direct production of a television show, and I hope to find my niche in the world of film and video production.