Whistling Woods International is a Film, Television, Animation, Communication, Fashion and Media Arts institute located in Mumbai, India. Founded by one of India’s leading filmmakers, Subhash Ghai, and promoted by Mukta Arts Limited, Whistling Woods International (WWI) is one of Asia’s largest Media Arts institutes. The ‘Hollywood Reporter’ has rated Whistling Woods International as one of the Ten Best Film Schools in the world in 2010, 2013 and 2014.

The courses at WWI are designed to ensure that the students’ learning is collaborative and industry-oriented. The curriculum at WWI is a unique hybrid of theory and practical, ensures that the creative dovetails well with the business aspects. These unique elements in the curriculum and the teaching methodology have seen WWI’s student body grow over four times in the past ten years.

VISION
To create a state-of-the-art institution that sets new standards of world-class education in film, communication and creative arts.

MISSION
Benchmarking quality, inspiring innovation, encouraging creativity and moulding minds, by leading from the front in the field of film, media and entertainment education.
SUBHASH GHAI
CHAIRMAN

Film school was a key phase of my life and possibly the best decision I have ever made. In 1999, after having spent 20 years in the industry, having directed 19 films, produced several more, having trained several artistes and technicians in the art of filmmaking while launching their careers - I realised that a specific mix of education is needed for the filmmakers to serve the industry as well as build a career for themselves. Hence, at Whistling Woods International (WWI), we drew inspiration from the global giants of the field and created a body of expert academicians and professionals who would help us create the necessary environment conducive to the education we wanted to provide. We developed a challenging international curriculum and we built it into an incredible scope for the individual to experiment with their ideas in the art, science and business of Media and Entertainment, once educated in the art, commerce and technology of filmmaking.

MEGHNA GHAI-PURI
PRESIDENT

Determination to break the status quo led to Whistling Woods International being ranked as one of the top 10 film schools in the world. We are attempting a pioneering, pathbreaking effort in education. We bring together art, commerce and technology to make them co-exist in what can easily be called the hardest three-way marriage ever.

Our online extension, the Virtual Academy at Whistling Woods merges technology, the teaching methodology offered by the best-in-class faculty and educational pedagogy to students who perhaps cannot come to the campus to study or professionals who don't have the time for a full-time program. We offer Advanced Certificate and Certificate Programs that create an immersive, engaging and interactive learning environment for students to learn on demand, as well as through a structure. This is the next step in the evolution of education.
Our faculty body comprises of leading industry professionals and instructors from renowned global film schools and is augmented by a body of highly successful guest faculty.
Alumni status and access to the alumni database of Whistling Woods

Access to Specialised software
50% off for the duration of the program

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Specialised workshops
Access to the WWI Mumbai campus to attend workshops

Certification
Advanced Certificate Program in Filmmaking

Mentorship
Through the program through industry experts and faculty of WWI

Access to Specialised software
50% off for the duration of the program

Industry Interactions
Access to the Industry Interactions library Library of WWI for 1 year

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PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Semester I
Screenwriting
- The art of transferring the story you have in your mind to the paper, and eventually, to the big screen. A screenplay is the blueprint that keeps everyone working on the project, on track. This is where a movie starts and so, this is where we'll start our journey to understanding filmmaking.
- Introduction to Screenwriting
- Elements of a Screenplay
- Character Development
- Conflict
- Structure
- Scene Design and Dialogue
- Dialogue Writing
- A Story of a Short Film
- Hero's Journey Part 1 & Part 2
Producing
- The process of filmmaking can be divided into three sections - creative, technical and financial. While different teams take care of each section, it's the job of the producer to tie them all together.
- What does a Producer do?
- Script Development and Funding
- Producer in Pre-Production
- Producer in Principal Photography
- Producer in Post Production
- Taking your film to the audience
Cinematography
- Also known as the Director of Photography, a cinematographer is the master of movement and light. Their role is to translate the script into visuals and shoot the video.
- The Basics of Cinematography
- Non-Motion Photography
- Video Fundamentals (SD & HD)
- Understanding the Components of Mise-en-scene and their Impact
- Motion Photography on Film Cameras (16mm/35mm)
- The Theory of Colour
- The Study of a Cinematographer
- Understanding Music Videos
- Understanding Non-Fiction Films
Editing
- Film editing is all about intuition - intuition to know how the characters will portray their emotions and how the scene is going to affect the audience.
- Introduction to Film Editing
- Edit Shots
- Software Training – How to use Adobe Premiere Pro, Avid Media Composer, DaVinci Resolve / DIT
- Types of Cuts
- Editing action sequences
Production Design
- A Production designer (PD) is the person responsible for the overall visual look of the production of a film. They have a key creative role in the creation of motion pictures and television.
- Comparative Study of Cinema vs TV
- The Role of Costumes and Make-up in a Project
- How to dress a set with Furniture and Wall Pieces to accommodate a Script
- How to work on an Existing Available Location
Direction
- Making a film is not a one-person job, but it does need one person to guide all the different teams and technicians. This responsibility falls on the shoulders of the director. Much like the captain of a team, the director coordinates with the actors, writers and the crew to translate the words on a page into a moving, breathing story.
- Introduction to the role of a Director and Film Grammar
- Composition for Filmmakers
- Space and Time in Film
- Continuity of Action
- Mise-en-scene and its concepts
- Sound Films and Creation of Time & Space through Sound
- Script Development and Breakdown
- Directing and working with Actors
- Film Theory & Analysis
- Assistant Director
Sound Design
- The responsibility of a sound designer is to record, acquire, edit and create the various audio elements required in a movie. The sound designer works closely with the director to create an acoustic environment for the audience.
- Introduction to Sound Design
- Sound Recording (Part I) &anchoring Recording Chain
- Advanced Aesthetics
- Music in Film
- Sound Recording (Part II)
- The role of Sound in Post Production & Mixing
- Introduction to DAW Pro-tools

Semester II
Film Analysis – Watch the set of Films provided and critique it
- Live Sessions with Industry Experts
Project Submissions & Assessments
- Make your own film

GENERAL COURSEWORK
WHISTLING WOODS INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

More than 1900+ Alumni successfully working in the Media and Entertainment industry.

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