ABOUT THE PATHWAY
The Radio-Television-Film (RTVF) Major offers a screenwriting track that consists of three classes.

COURSES IN SUPPORT OF THE RTVF SCREENWRITING PATHWAY
The courses listed below are classes that are regularly taken by not only RTVF Majors, but majors from the Department of Animation and Illustration and MFA Creative Arts students from the Department of English and Comparative Literature, which has a concentration in playwriting/screenwriting. For the Department of Film and Theatre, our screenwriting pathway has produced a long history of dominating important student screenwriting competitions and multiple scripts written in its classes have been made into feature films.

REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR
RTVF 160: Introduction to Screenwriting (3 units)
This course offers basic principles and practices in writing scripts for film and/or television. This class can be taken twice for credit. Prerequisites: RTVF 020, RTVF 030, and TA 100W, plus upper division standing or instructor consent (instructors can waive the prerequisites in order to make the class available to students from other majors). This class is required of BA candidates in the Radio-Television Film major, and is usually offered every semester and during the summer session.

DEGREE COMPLETION OPTIONS
RTVF 161: Advanced Screenwriting (3 units)
In this course, each student will develop an original screenplay through several drafts, all while drawing on constructive feedback from classmates and the instructor. The course focuses on dramatic structure and character and plot development as well as the visual language of the screen.

RTVF 163: Creating the Television Series (3 units)
Building on the student’s previous narrative writing experience, this course provides an intensive study of creating and writing an original television series. Modeling a television writers room, students will study the narrative and dramatic requirements of developing a storyline and characters in the episodic form. This course is repeatable for credit up to six units.

RTVF 160 is a prerequisite for RTVF 161 and 163, but they are both electives in the major and are usually offered in both fall and spring semesters.