



JANUARY 23 TO MAY 8, 2026 (TENTATIVE): The exact dates will be confirmed by the beginning of the Fall 2025 semester and may differ slightly from Hofstra's on-campus semester calendar. Students will be required to arrive on check-in day, be present for orientation days, and stay in LA until the program is complete. Students will also be expected to participate in a one (1) credit course during the Fall 2025 semester. Additional details about the Fall 2025 course will be provided before the program deposit deadline.

ELIGIBILITY: All Hofstra University undergraduates pursuing a major or minor in LHSC may apply. Preference will be given to rising juniors and seniors. A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA is recommended.

APPLICATION: Acceptance decisions are based on a full review of each applicant's statement of interest, two (2) faculty references, current resume, LinkedIn profile, and meeting with the Los Angeles Semester Director and Site Director. Applications will be reviewed by a committee representing the Department of Radio, Television, Film; Department of Journalism, Media Studies, and Public Relations; and the LHSC Dean's Office.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, February 24 • Application Opens

Wednesday, February 26 to Friday, April 4 • Interviews with LA Semester directors (rolling)

Friday, March 28 • Application Deadline

Tuesday, April 22 • Acceptance Notifications

Friday, May 9 • \$250 Hold Deposit

This deposit will hold your spot for the Spring '26 LA Semester. Students who do not submit this deposit or make alternative arrangements by May 9 may forfeit their spot.

Friday, September 19 • \$500 Semester Deposit Deadline

Early January / TBA • Spring 2026 Tuition Due

ANTICIPATED ACADEMIC OFFERINGS: The following courses may be offered in Spring '26 depending on majors participating, students' degree requirements and class standings, and availability of instructors. Students accepted into the program will meet with Dean Roberts for individual advising.

RTVF 180 L • Innovations in the Entertainment Industry

PR 121 • Entertainment Publicity and Promotion

MASS 104 • Media and the Law

RTVF 134 • The Television Industry

RTVF 148 • Producing the Motion Picture

RTVF 67Q • Documenting LA Practicum

JRNL, PR, RTVF 170 • Internship (3 to 6 cr depending on major and internship requirements)

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Los Angeles is the "Entertainment Capital of the World" and home to major studios, production companies, media streaming powerhouses, PR and strategic communications firms, broadcast network operations, music labels, radio stations, sports franchises and events, publicists, management and talent agencies, and news organizations and industry publications, including...

A24 | KABC-TV | Disney Entertainment Television | FOX Entertainment | Magical Elves | Katrina Wan PR | HBO | Paramount | CNN | Media Res Studio | The Los Angeles Times | FOX Sports | Buchwald | Lionsgate | FOX News Media | DreamWorks Animation | Sony Pictures Entertainment | Silent House Productions | Universal Music Group | Rally (advocacy agency) | Activist Artists Management | FX Networks | DKC Public Relations | Warner Bros. Discovery | iHeartMedia | Warner Music Group | Red Bull Media | Sony Music | Telemundo | FleishmanHillard | Blumhouse | Live Nation Entertainment | KTTV Fox 11 | A&E Networks | Television Academy Foundation Internship Program | Game Show Network | TREND PR | Eclectic Pictures | and more!

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS: Hofstra alumni are directors, producers, writers, showrunners, editors, publicists, on-air talent, agents, managers, journalists, and professionals in development, public relations, marketing, business affairs, casting, and more...

LOCATION - HOUSING AND CLASSROOMS: Students will stay together in suite-style dorms at Emerson College's Los Angeles (ELA) campus. Located in the heart of Hollywood, ELA features a communal outdoor terrace complete with a fire pit and gas grills, penthouse kitchen space with televisions, laundry room, underground parking, and views of the Hollywood sign and downtown Los Angeles. In-person Hofstra courses will take place on-site in ELA's interactive classrooms. The ELA facility employs 24/7 security staff stationed inside the front entrance of the building. Students will have access to a LA-based program coordinator and faculty, as well as a network of supportive alumni mentors.

ACTIVITIES: A variety of day trips to iconic LA sites, studio tours, cultural events, and opportunities to connect with alumni and other industry professionals will be planned for Hofstra students. Additionally, Hofstra students may be invited to attend select activities organized by other universities as part of the LA Study Away consortium. This may include guest speakers, comedy shows, and outdoor excursions and wellness events.

GETTING AROUND: Students will be able to walk to many nearby amenities. Detailed information about public transportation, ride-share apps, car rental options, and parking will be provided to students admitted into the LA Semester program. For select group trips and program activities, transportation will be provided.

APPROXIMATE COST OF ATTENDANCE

Billed By Hofstra University: Tuition, housing, and LA semester fees are estimates and subject to change.	
LA Semester tuition will be the same as Hofstra University's on-campus tuition for full-time students	2025/26 Tuition
LA Semester Housing	\$6,825
LA Semester Program Fee - Covers program-related costs including, but not limited to, administrative expenses, group activities and events	\$3,100

Other Estimated Expenses – Not Included in Billable Items: Students should set a realistic budget for their personal expenses during semester. The following is an estimated budget which is variable based on each student's situation.	
Estimated Ground Transportation	Up to \$2,400
Estimated Groceries and Meals	Up to \$2,500
Estimated Spending Money	Up to \$1,000
Estimated Books and Supplies	\$200
Estimated Domestic R/T Airfare	\$500

Financial aid packages are applied toward billable costs. Selected students will receive detailed information about financial aid. The Herbert School offers donor-funded, need-based sponsorships to help offset costs of study away programs. Accepted students will be able to request consideration for need-based sponsorship support. Course registration information and other important dates will be provided to students once they are accepted into the LA Semester program.

The faculty will be Hofstra faculty subject to all faculty policies of the University. The policies, requirements, course offerings, schedules, activities, mode of instruction, tuition, fees, facilities, services, operations, offerings, faculty, administrators, and calendar of the University, its schools, departments, and programs are subject to change without notice at any time at the sole discretion and judgment of Hofstra University. Such changes may be of any nature, including, but not limited to, the elimination of the school, programs, classes, or activities; the modification or cancellation of scheduled classes or other academic activities; and the relocation of or modification of the content, modality, format or location of any of the foregoing. Any such changes shall be made consistent with federal, state, and other applicable regulations or standards concerning accreditation and other regulated University and program requirements. Hofstra University shall not be responsible for the refund of any tuition or fees in the event of any changes. Hofstra University assumes no liability for the interruption, cessation, or modification of classes or other activities due to public health, safety, security concerns, fire, flood, weather, strike, war, pandemic, an act of God, or other unforeseen events or force majeure. Hofstra University will not refund the cost of any airfare or travel arrangements purchased; therefore, you should not make any prepaid travel arrangements before you are advised to do so by your Program Director.