FIRE ESCAPE FILMS

Fire Escape Films was founded in 1997 at the University of Chicago and has since become a staple of the University's art culture. We aim to serve as a resource for a community of students interested in making movies.

Fire Escape Films provides its members with free access to an extensive inventory of filmmaking equipment, workshops, seminars, master classes, and professional development opportunities.

Student interest in filmmaking at UChicago has risen sharply in recent years; in 2019 over 300 students participated in FE projects throughout the year. We hold weekly screenwriting seminars for students interested in writing, and produce new projects on a tri-annual production schedule.
The traditions we have developed over the years include our O-Week screening, the Women in Filmmaking Initiative (WIFI) sponsored by the UChicago Women’s Board, and the notorious 48 Hour Film Festival.

Our alumni have gone on to become filmmakers in Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York. They have been hired by companies such as Vice TV, Blumhouse Productions, Paramount Pictures, Kartemquin Films, and FX. Fire Escape is more than just a campus group. Fire Escape is an extensive network of both beginning and accomplished filmmakers. Our members are also frequently hired for freelance projects each year.

If you are interested in filmmaking in any capacity, sign up for our lishtost by sending an email to fecommittee@gmail.com, and follow our social media for meeting, screening, and project updates!

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CLASS OF 2024!