THE FILMMAKING PROCESS

HOW MOVIES ARE MADE & WHO MAKES THEM

DEVELOPMENT & PRE-PRODUCTION

Development: The process of fleshing out a script and clarifying the story before a film can be given the greenlight for production.

Pre-Production: The planning stage before a film begins shooting, includes casting and hiring senior designers to prepare for production

In pre-production department leaders manage their crews in constructing elements for production

Producers
- Executive Producer
- Producer
- Co-Producer
- Producer's Asst
- Associate Producer
- Line Producer
- Production Manager
- Unit Prod. Manager
- Asst. Prod. Manager
- Trainee Coordinator
- Office Prod. Asst.
- Set Runner

Directors
- Director
- 1st Asst. Director
- 2nd Asst Director
- 2nd Unit Director
- Script Supervisor
- Script Assistant
- Production Asst
- Trainee

Casting
- Executive Producer
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Story Development
- Screenwriter
- Story Editor
- Researcher
- Script Reader
- Literary Agent

Number of crew members varies from production to production

PRODUCTION | PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Production: The phase when filming takes place, led by the director...aka "principal photography."

Location
- Location Manager
- Asst. Location Mgr.
- Location Scout
- Location Security
- Location Lock Off
- Location Prod. Asst

Set Decoration
- Set Decorator
- Asst. Set Decorator
- Set Buyer
- Leadman
- On-Set Dresser
- Set Decor Crew
- Swing

Props
- Prop Master
- Asst. Master
- Prop Buyer
- Prop Builder
- Armourer
- Prop Crew
- On-Set Dresser
- Trainee

Makeup/Hair
- Key Makeup Artist
- Key Hairstylist
- 1st Asst. Makeup
- 1st Asst. Hairstylist
- 2nd Asst. Makeup
- 2nd Asst. Hairstylist
- Special FX Makeup
- Makeup Trainee
- Hair Trainee

Costume
- Costumer Designer
- Assistant Designer
- Coordinator
- Costume Buyer
- Set Supervisor
- First Hand
- Performer's Dresser
- Set Truck Costumer
- Extras Coordinator
- Costumer
- Dresser
- Tailor
- Seamstress
- Stitcher
- Milliner
- Cutter
- Costume Assistant

Art Department
- Production Designer
- Art Director
- Asst. Art Director
- Set Designer
- Illustrator
- Art Coordinator
- Storyboard Artist

Construction
- Coordinator
- Construction Buyer
- Foreman
- Lead Carpenter
- Scenic Carpenter
- Carpentry Asst.
- Metal Fabricator
- Sculptor
- On-Set Carpenter
- Assistant

Paint
- Paint Coordinator
- Paint Foreman
- Lead Painter
- Key Scenic Painter
- Scenic Artist
- Painter
- Sign Painter
- Plasterer
- Wallpaper Hanger
- On-Set Painter

Camera
- Cinematographer
- Camera Operator
- 1st Camera Asst
- 2nd Camera Asst
- Clapper Loader
- Film Loader
- Video Playback Asst
- Stills Photograhper
- Trainee

Grips
- Key Grip
- Best Boy Grip
- Dolly Grip
- Rigging Grip
- Grip
- Swing

Lighting
- Gaffer
- Best Boy
- Rigging Gaffer
- Generator Operator
- Set Wireman
- Lamp Operator

Production Sound
- Sound Designer
- Sound Mixer
- Boom Operator
- 2nd Boom Operator
- Playback Operator
- Sound Assistant
- Cable Puller

Special Effects
- SFX Supervisor
- Key Special Effects
- 1st Assistant SFX
- 2nd Assistant SFX
- Model Maker
- SFX Technician
- Special FX Trainee

Transporation
- Coordinator
- Captain
- Picture Car Coord.
- Driver
- Trainee

Greenery
- Head Greensperson
- Best Boy Greenery
- Greensperson
- Greenshelper

Craft Service
- Key First Aid
- Key Craft Services
- First Aid Attendant
- Craft Services Asst.
- EMT-A

Catering
- Head Chef
- Sous Chef
- Assistant

Publicity
- Production Publicist
- Publicity Assistant
- Publicity Trainee
- EPK Producer
- EPK Cameraperson
- EPK Audio Op.