

Simona Evstatieva

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Education and Degrees

2018–2020 *Utrecht University, The Netherlands*

Master Programme: Media, Art & Performance

2015–2018 *University College Utrecht (UCU), The Netherlands*

Liberal Arts & Sciences Undergraduate University Education – Bachelor of Arts with a focus in Humanities and Major in Media Studies

- Main tracks: Media Studies and Art History
- BA thesis in the field of Media Studies

2011–2015 *73rd Secondary School of Foreign Languages “Vladislav Gramatik”, Sofia, Bulgaria*

High school education with a strong focus on foreign languages (major language German, second language Russian), as well as a profile in Physics and Mathematics

- Relevant experience: Editor and photographer for the official high school newspaper
- Final overall grade from the entire course of study: Excellent 5.95 of 6.0

Relevant Work Experience

2020 - Present **Content Specialist at Utrecht University**

- Producing, directing, and editing video projects UU-wide (e.g. [link](#))
- Producing and executing big photoshoots, as well as smaller social media suitable photo series, focusing on authentic student stories: (e.g. [link](#))
- Managing UU's social media accounts, focusing on [Instagram](#) and [Youtube](#), and creating daily content targeting a young audience

2014–Present **Freelance Filmmaker and Photographer**

- Creating corporate films for companies internationally (e.g. [Insight Vision Company Film](#))
- Producing numerous music videos for artists internationally (e.g. “[Can’t help falling in love with you](#)”; “[My Shoes](#)”)
- Creating short videos and managing a YouTube channel ([link](#))
- Portrait photographer and owner of Simona Evstatieva Photography ([Instagram](#))

2019-2020 **Content Creator at Utrecht University**

- Directing and editing videos about university life and students’ stories ([Dalal had to flee from Iraq & became an exceptional student!](#))
- Photographing, interviewing, and telling authentic stories from UU students, teachers, and employees ([link](#))

2019 **Intern at EYE Filmmuseum, Amsterdam**

- Handling, projecting, conserving, as well as cataloging analog films from the Sovexport collection of the EYE, located in the Archives
- Conducting Research in the field of Soviet film history

2018 **Production Assistant**

- Participating in the set of the graduation MA film “Wanderers” (2018) by Director Marijn Maas of the London Film School
- Producing a behind-the-scenes video montage ([link](#))

2017 **Camera Department Intern in Nu Boyana Film Studios; Sofia, Bulgaria**

- Learning how to operate with professional camera equipment, as well as team-work
- Working on set of productions and helping with photography and set design in one of the leading film production studios in Europe

2017 **Film Festival Cultuur In Oost; Utrecht, Netherlands**

- Curating and screening the chosen films of the festival

2017 **Documentary Workshop manager**

- Handling the organization of a documentary workshop on the campus of University College Utrecht with a guest lecture by acclaimed filmmaker Nirit Peled

Extracurricular Activities

2016-2018 **Chair of UCStudios, the filming committee of University College Utrecht**

- Voluntary work, consisting of filming every event on campus and teaching people to use professional filming equipment
- Managing and directing the work-process of a board of six members from UCU
- Producing Video Essays for University College Utrecht ([link](#))

- Directing numerous short films and projects around campus (e.g.: [link](#))
- Filming three Introweek after-movies ([link](#))
- Participating in short film competitions such as the inter-university-college UCSRN
- Graduation video Class of 2015 ([link](#))

2016-2018 **Humanities Representative in University College Utrecht**

- Working on improving the Media & Performance Track together with the Academic Student Council and responsible teachers in the field
- Representing the track on Open Day events

Additional Skills

Languages: Bulgarian (mother-tongue), English (bilingual proficiency), German (proficiency), Russian (very good), Spanish (basic language skills)

Software: MS Office, Adobe Photoshop (advanced), Adobe Premiere Pro (advanced), Adobe After Effects (basic)

Interests

Although filming and learning about cinema and art are my main interests, I also enjoy reading fiction and poetry, dancing (e.g., performing salsa on various events at the UCU), playing chess (former chess medalist on national and international level), cooking, and especially traveling.