



Major in Film

2013 Catalog year

School of Journalism & Broadcasting

Potter College of Arts & Letters

Western Kentucky University

Four-Year Academic Degree Path

The following four-year plan is an example of how to map your program in consultation with your film faculty advisor. Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the minor area of study and electives selected. **CURRICULUM:** The major in film requires 36 semester hours and leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree. The major is composed of required courses in both film production and film theory & appreciation, culminating in a 3-credit hour senior seminar. Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better in all required courses applied to the film major. One-half of the hours (18 hours) in the film major must be at the 300 or 400-level. Students are encouraged to participate in relevant study abroad opportunities. A minor or a second major in another discipline outside the area of mass communication is required. No more than 6 hours in the film major may count towards a student's minor.

Success Markers

{pre-requisite courses in brackets}

FIRST YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<i>Join the Film Club!</i>	FILM 201 <i>Introduction to Cinema</i>	3	THEA 101 <i>Acting I</i>	3
	Gen. Ed. ENG 100 (A-1) <i>Intro. to College Writing</i>	3	Gen. Ed. (A-3) COMM 161 or 145 <i>Speech</i>	3
<i>Visit the Math Lab for free tutoring.</i>	Gen. Ed. MATH (D-2) <i>(MATH 109 or 116 or higher)</i>	3	Gen. Ed. (C-1) HIST 119 or 120 <i>Western Civilization</i>	3
	Gen. Ed. (A-2) <i>Foreign Language</i>	3	Gen. Ed. (B-2) <i>Humanities</i>	3
<i>Attend WKU Film festival this spring!</i>	UC 175 <i>Univ. Experience</i> (optional)	2	Gen. Ed. (D-1) <i>Science</i>	3
	Gen Ed. (F) <i>Health & Wellness</i>	1	Gen Ed. (F) <i>Health & Wellness</i>	1
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

SECOND YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<i>Volunteer for production crew work at WKYU- PBS and Hilltopper Sports Network</i>	BCOM 366 <i>Video Editing, Aesthetics & Techniques</i> {FILM 201}	3	BCOM 367 <i>Field Production</i> {BCOM 366}	3
	Gen. Ed. (B-1) ENG 200 ^ <i>Literature</i>	3	<i>Genres & Theory</i> elective in major	3
<i>^ ENG 200 is a pre-req to many of the film classes in the English Dept.</i>	Gen. Ed. (C-2) <i>Social & Behavioral Science</i>	3	Gen. Ed. (B-2) <i>Humanities</i>	3
	Gen. Ed. (D-1,D/L) <i>Science</i>	3	Gen. Ed. (E) <i>World Cultures</i>	3
	Course in Minor	3	Course in Minor	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

SUMMER TERM		
<i>Consider a study abroad experience this summer.</i>	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	

THIRD YEAR	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
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<i>Join a team and compete in the Two Day Film Challenge</i> File application for graduation at 90 hours. <i>(on-line form in Topnet)</i>	BCOM 376 <i>Film Production for Television</i> {BCOM 367}	3	BCOM 350 <i>Scriptwriting for Film & Television</i> {FILM 201 or BCOM 325}	3
	<i>World Cinema</i> elective in major	3	<i>World Cinema</i> elective in major	3
	Gen. Ed. (A-1) ENG 300 <i>Writing in the Disciplines</i>	3	Course in Minor	3
	Gen. Ed. (C-2) <i>Social & Behavioral Science</i>	3	Course in Minor	3
	Course in Minor	3	General Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

SUMMER TERM		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	

FOURTH YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<i>Visit Center for Career & Professional for resume consultation, practice interviews, begin job search.</i> <i>Submit your film to the WKU Film Festival!</i>	FILM 482 <i>Film Production Workshop</i> {FILM 201}	3	FILM 486 <i>Film Studies Capstone</i> {film major & senior standing}	3
	<i>World Cinema OR Genre & Theory</i> Elective	3	Course in Minor	3
	Course in Minor	3	Course in Minor	3
	Course in Minor	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	2
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14
Total Credit Hours: 120				

* Denotes prerequisite courses before admission

PLEASE NOTE: Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change.
Consult your advisor each semester.

Course Descriptions may be viewed at <http://www.wku.edu/catalog>

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