Major in Film
School of Journalism & Broadcasting
Potter College of Arts & Letters
Western Kentucky University

Four-Year Academic Degree Path
Catalog year 2014

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.

Admission: Students wishing to enter the major in film initially are admitted as majors seeking admission (reference 667P). Prospective majors may take no more than 15 hours in the major before admission. Students must meet the following requirements before they can be admitted:

1. Completion of a minimum of 24 hours of course work applicable to a baccalaureate degree;
2. A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5;
3. Completion of ENG 100 with a grade of 'C' or better and nine additional hours in the General Education Program;
4. Completion of the following courses with a grade of 'C' or better: FILM 101 and FILM 201.

Students not meeting the above admission requirements will not be admitted to the major in film and cannot register for any additional courses in the major.

CURRICULUM: The major in film (reference number 667) requires a minimum of 36 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. 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 toward a student's minor. Refer to the University catalog for more information. http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/index.php

Success Markers   {prerequisite courses in brackets}

FIRST YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Join the Film Club!	FILM 101 *Basic Film Production*	3	FILM 250 *Screenwriting* {FILM 101, 201; or BCOM 325}	3
	FILM 155 *Film Attendance*	0	FILM 155 *Film Attendance*	0
^ ENG 200 is a pre-req to many of the film classes.	FILM 201 *Introduction to Cinema* (Colonnade II, AH)	3	ENG 200**^** *Intro. to Literature* {ENG 100} (Colonnade I, AH)	3
	ENG 100 *Intro. to College Writing* (Colonnade I, WC)	3	*Social & Behavioral Science* (Colonnade II, SB)	3
Attend WKU Film festival this spring!	*Quantitative Reasoning* (Colonnade I, QR)	3	*Natural Science* (Colonnade II, NS)	3
	COMM 145 (Colonnade I, OC) *Fundamentals of Speaking*	3	Course in Minor or General Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**15**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**

SECOND YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Volunteer for production crew work at WKYU- PBS and Hilltopper Sports Network	BCOM 366 *Video Editing* {BCOM 266 or FILM 201}	3	FILM 282 *Film Production Workshop* {FILM 101, 201}	3
	Film 155 *Film Attendance*	0	Film 155 *Film Attendance*	0
	Elective in Major	3	*Elective in Major*	3
	HIST 101 or 102 *World History* (Colonnade I, SB)	3	Course in Minor	3
***Students need to show proficiency for a foreign language at the novice high level by the time they have earned 60 hours.* http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/colonnade.pdf	*Natural Science w/lab* (Colonnade II, NS)	3	Course in Minor	3
	General Elective or Foreign Language***	3	General Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**15**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**

SUMMER TERM			
Consider a study abroad experience this summer.	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**		

THIRD YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Join a team and compete in the Two Day Film Challenge	FILM 369 *Introduction to World Cinema* {FILM 201 or permission}	3	*Elective in Major*	3
	Elective in Major	3	*Social & Cultural* (Colonnade III)	3
File application for graduation at 90 hours. *(on-line form in Topnet)*	*Writing in the Disciplines* (Colonnade I, WC)	3	Course in Minor	3
	Systems (Colonnade III)	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	
Visit Center for Career and Professional Development for resume consultation, practice interviews. *(DSU - Rm 2001)*	*Elective* in Major	3	FILM 486 *Film Studies Capstone* (spring only) {Major in film and senior standing.}	3
	Local to Global (Colonnade III)	3	Course in Minor	3
	Course in Minor	3	Course in Minor	3
Submit your film to the WKU Film Festival!	Course in Minor	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**15**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**

Total Credit Hours: 120

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/undergraduatecatalog/index.php

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WKU Four-Year Academic Plan (2013-2014)