

Cleveland State University
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
School of Film & Media Arts
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film & Media Arts
Track: Writing and Directing

First Year								
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	
ENG 101	3		W/C	ENG 102	3		W/C	
Math/Quantitative Literacy	3		M/QL	Math/Quantitative Literacy	3		M/QL	
ASC 101 Intro U Life	1		Intro	FMA 121 Short Script Analysis	3	X		
FMA 141 Analysis of Film Language**	3	X	A&H	FMA 151 Production I	3	X		
FMA 131 Intro to Screen Performance	3	X		FMA 171 Postproduction I	3	X		
FMA 142 Film History	3	X						
<i>Semester Total</i>	16			<i>Semester Total</i>	15			

Second Year								
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	
Social Diversity Elective	3		DIV-AA	Social Science Elective**	3		SS	
Natural Science Elective	3		NS	Natural Science Elective	3		NS	
FMA 222 Writing the Short Script	3	X		Natural Science Elective Lab	1		NS LAB	
FMA 261 Visual Storytelling	3	X		FMA 344 History of TV & Interactive Media	3	X		
FMA 243 Contemporary Film	3	X		FMA 252 Production II	3	X		
				FMA 272 Post II: Editing Aesthetics	3	X		
<i>Semester Total</i>	15			<i>Semester Total</i>	16			

Third Year								
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	
Social Diversity Elective	3		DIV-SOC	Social Science Elective (ALAAME)**	3		SS	
General Elective* (300-400)	3			Arts & Humanities Elective (ALAAME)**	3		A&H	
FMA 324 Production III Preparation	3	X		FMA 353 Production III	3	X		
FMA 334 Directing Workshop	3	X		FMA 325 Writing the Television Spec	3	X	WAC	
FMA 323 Story Analysis for Film and Television	3	X	WAC	FMA 445 The Documentary	3	X		
<i>Semester Total</i>	15			<i>Semester Total</i>	15			

Fourth Year								
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	
FMA 455 Thesis I	3	X		FMA 456 Film & Media Arts Thesis II	3	X	CAP	
FMA 426 Writing the Original Television Pilot	3	X	WAC	FMA 412 Film-Video Business	3	X		
FMA 411 Production Management	3	X		FMA 490 Film & Media Arts Internship	3	X		
General Elective*	3			General Elective*	3			
General Elective*	1			General Elective*	3			
<i>Apply for Spring graduation prior to Sep 9th</i>								
<i>Semester Total</i>	13			<i>Semester Total</i>	15			
<i>Credit Total: 120 (minimum 120 required for degree)</i>								

Assumptions: college-level readiness in MTH & ENG; ; no Foreign Language Deficiency, and Foreign Language Requirement fulfilled (total of 3 years high school foreign language).

College/ Program Notes:

The plan above is a suggested guide to ensure that all General Education, College, University, and Major requirements are met within 4 years of study. Students may deviate from the suggested placement of Gen Ed courses, although the M/QL and W/C requirements should be completed during the first year of study.

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*General Electives ensure that a student accumulates the minimum credit hour totals needed for graduation. Students must have a **minimum of 120 total credit hours**, of which a **minimum of 42 credit hours** must be upper division (300 or 400-level courses). Depending upon other elective choices made, students may not need as many general electives as indicated above, or may need additional electives.

University Notes:

Gen Ed Key:	SS = Social Sciences Requirement (2 courses from different departments**)
INTRO = Introduction to University Life Requirement (one course)	A&H = Arts & Humanities Requirement (2 courses from different departments**)
W/C = Writing/Composition Requirement (two courses; C or better required)	DIV = Social Diversity Requirement (2 courses; one US Diversity and one African American Exp.)
M/QL = Mathematics/Quantitative Literacy Requirement (two courses)	WAC/SPAC = Writing/Speaking Across the Curriculum Requirement (3 courses, one in the major)
NS = Natural Sciences (two courses, one of which must have a lab)	CAP = Capstone Requirement
** of the SS and A&H courses, one must be focused on Africa, Latin America, Asia or the Middle East (ALAAME)	

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