

Film Studies and Production Major

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Faculty Designed IDP

The degree is offered through the Individualized Degree Program and is not yet a permanent major.

# **Program Description**

The Film Studies and Production IDP combines practical video production courses, writing courses, and film theory and history courses. These courses offer students a sound foundation for a career in the film industry or related media careers that demand an understanding of the cultural aesthetics of the moving image and also provide practical skills in video editing.

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# **Recommended General Studies Coursework**

All students must complete the General Studies requirements for their catalog year.

Composition/Written Communication (GT-CO, 6 credits required of all students):

* ENG 1010: Composing Arguments (3 credits)
* ENG 1020: Research & Argument Writing (3 credits)

Math/Quantitative Literacy (GT-MA, 3 credits required of all students):

* Any course that meets requirement (3 credits)

Oral Communications (3 credits required of all students)

* Any course that meets requirement (3 credits)

Historical (GT-HI, 3 credits required of all students)

* Any course that meets requirement (3 credits)

Arts and Letters/Humanities (GT-AH, 6 credits required of all students):

* Any combination of courses (6 credits) that meets requirements

Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS, 6 credits required of all students):

* Any combination of courses (6 credits) that meets requirements

Natural and Physical Sciences (GT-SC, 6 credits required of all students):

* Any combination of courses (6 credits) that meets requirements

Global Diversity (3 credits)

* Recommended: ENG 2810: Vampire Films (3 credits), ENG 2850: International Film (3 credits)

**Total of required credits for General Studies: 33-36 credits**

## Degree/Graduation Requirements

Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Course (3 credits)

* Students may fulfill this requirement by taking approved courses within one of the following categories: Arts and Humanities; Historical; Natural and Physical Sciences; Or Social and Behavioral Sciences

Suggested courses:

* HIS 1150: Multicultural America (3 credits)
* THE 3213: Staging Cultures: Theatre, Drama, and Multiculturalism (3 credits)
* ANT 2330: Cross-Cultural Communication (3 credits)

Senior Experience (3 credits)

* ENG 4500: Senior Project (3 credits)
* ENG 4520: Advanced Writing (3 credits)
* JMP 4790: Senior Seminar (3 credits)

# **Recommended Coursework for IDP**

*Total credit hours in IDP: 45 credits*

* Core courses (39 credits)
* Elective courses (6 credits)

## Highly Recommended Core Courses 39+ credit hours, 27 upper division credit hours

Courses that are critical to the field of study, and which are likely to become required in an eventual curriculum proposal.

### ***Introduction – Required 9-10 credits***

* ENG 2500 Introduction to Creative Writing (3 credits)
* JMP 2430: Introduction to Media Production (3 credits) OR JMP 3425: Creating Informational Media (3 credits)
* ENG 2860: Introduction to Film and Media Studies (3-4 credits)\*

### ***Film History and Theory – 12 credits***

* ENG 3710: Film History (3-4 credits)
* ENG 3750: Cinema Genre: Variable Topics (3-4 credits)
* ENG 4630: Cinema Director: Variable Topics (3-4 credits)
* ENG 3615: Theory! (3-4 credits)

### ***Video Production – 15 credits***

* JMP 2400: Basic Video Editing (3 credits)
* JMP 2420: Basic Video Production (3 credits)
* JMP 3420: Video Production Process (3 credits)
* JMP 4420: Advanced Video Production (3 credits)
* JMP 4430: Video Production Management (3 credits)

### ***Writing for the Screen – 3 credits (choose 1 course)***

* JMP 3440: Scriptwriting for Video (3 credits)
* ENG 382F: Screenwriting Studio (3 credits)

\*Many ENG courses changed from 3 to 4 credits in 2025-6. Talk to your IDP advisor if you have any questions.

The following are strongly recommended elective courses that are also outlined in the recommended degree plan:

* ENG 3720: Film and Media Studies Topics: Variable Topic (3-4 credits)
* ENG 3722: Native American Cinema (3-4 credits)
* ENG 3770: Multicultural Cinema (3 credits)
* JMP 2800: Introduction to Audio Production (3 credits)
* JMP 3431: Video Production Design (3 credits)
* JMP 3485: Motion Graphics I (3 credits)
* JMP 3980: Internship (3 credits)
* THE 2210 Introduction to Theatre (3 credits)
* THE 2220 Acting I (3 credits)
* THE 3202: Voice Over (3 credits)
* THE 3232: Acting for the Camera (3 credits)

Total Major Credits: 48+ credit hours, 27 upper division credit hours

*Total Credits to graduate: 120+ credit hours, 39 upper division credit hours*