

FILM PRODUCTION, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2023-24 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (*Note: the archive only contains suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin*).

Admission to the film production major is selective and based on a formally-structured review process. Students can enter the major through one of two processes. Please review entrance to major requirements found at: <https://www.bellisario.psu.edu/departments/film-production-media-studies/film-video-entrance-to-major-requirements> (<https://www.bellisario.psu.edu/departments/film-production-media-studies/film-video-entrance-to-major-requirements/>).

Film Production, B.A. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 150N ^{*#1}	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
COMM 160	1 General Education Course (GN)	3
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [†]	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
General Education Course (GH) (Inter-Domain)	3 General Education Course (GS) (Inter-Domain)	3
Foreign Language	4 Foreign Language	4
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	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 242 ^{*#1,2}	3 COMM 333 ^{*3}	3
General Education Course (GA)	3 BA Knowledge Domain	3
General Education Course (GQ) [†]	3 BA Knowledge Domain (US Cultures)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
Foreign Language	4 B.A. Other Cultures	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 337, 338, or 339 [*]	3 COMM 337, 338, or 339 [*]	3
COMM 340 or 342W [*]	3 COMM 340 or 342W [*]	3
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C (GWS) [†]	3 COMM 346* or Elective	3
General Education Course (GQ) [†]	3 Non-COMM Elective	3
BA Knowledge Domain (IL Cultures)	3 Non-COMM Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
COMM 438, 439, or 448 ^{*4}	3 COMM 346, 437, 437A, 438, 440, 444, 446, or 449 ^{*4}	3
COMM 346, 440, 443, 444, or 445 [*]	3 COMM 346, 437, 437A, 438, 440, 444, or 446 [*]	3
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D (GWS) [‡]	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	1
General Education Course (GN)	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	15	13

Total Credits 120

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

¹ Course requires a grade of B or better for entrance to major. Grades below a B will require a portfolio submission for entrance to major.

² Students studying at any of the commonwealth campuses that do not offer COMM 242 will need to change their campus early to University Park for their 4th semester to fulfill this requirement. In its place, students at a commonwealth campus can take a General Education course in the third semester.

³ Students can take COMM 333 and COMM 242 concurrently during the 4th semester to stay on sequence for FILM/Video requirements.

⁴ Students who take COMM 448 (Advanced Group Production) in their seventh semester, as part of a year-long production sequence, will take COMM 449 in their eighth semester.

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number

used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in Other Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as Other Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-other-cultures/>).