

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan
B.A. Film Studies
SPRING 2023 Requirements

The curriculum in the Film Studies major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a student could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a Film Studies degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year. Please refer to the Film Studies website for more information: <http://www.uww.edu/cls/film-studies>.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
Film 110 Visual Culture in America	3
Gened CORE 120 Historical or 140 Global Perspectives	3
BA World Language course	4
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Total Credits	15

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Film Intro course: Comm 236 or 249 or Film 266	3
BA World Language course	4
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
Total Credits	16

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). For the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, students must complete two semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the second level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English are eligible to waive the language requirement.

Opportunities: Joining a university-sponsored club and actively participating is strongly encouraged. Involvement in a club or activity will help you develop interpersonal skills, give you the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills, and adds to your resume. Refer to the Film Studies website for more information on film-related clubs and activities: <http://www.uww.edu/cls/film-studies>.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
English/Film 272 Critical Writing in Multimedia Contexts	3
Intermediate Film course	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity course	3
Total Credits	16-17

Spring Semester	Units
Intermediate Film course	3
Intermediate Film course	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
Minor course	3
Total Credits	15

Notes: Film Studies majors choose four Intermediate Film courses from the following: Sociology/Race Ethnic Studies 344 Race, Ethnicity, and Film, Communication/Music 346 Sound and Image, Film 350 Film Genre, Film/English 352 Literature on Film, Film/English 354 Stage Plays on Film, Film 356 Text and Image, Film 358 Topics in Film Studies, LIBST 366 Sex, Gender, and Television, Film/Women's Studies 374 Queer Cinema, and Film/Women's Studies 374 Queer Cinema. Some courses can be repeated for credit with a change of instructor, such as Film 350, 352, and 483.

Opportunities: Many students plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uww.edu/international>). In addition, faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Intermediate Film course	3	Film 485 Film Theory	3
Film Seminar or Electives course	3	Film Seminar or Electives course	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3	BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3	Minor course	3
Minor course	3	Minor course	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

Notes: Film Studies majors enjoy a broad selection of electives. Students are encouraged to work with the Film Studies advisor to personalize their degree path according to their particular interests and career goals.

Opportunities: Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a certificate without extending time to degree. The College of Letters and Sciences offers 17 certificates to include Diversity Leadership, Interdisciplinary Ethics, Professional Writing and Publishing, Web Site Development and Administration, and LGBTQ Studies. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Film 483 Cinema Auteurs	3	Minor course	3
Film Seminar or Electives course	3	Minor course	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3	Electives to total 120 (if needed)	6-9
Minor course	3		
Elective course	3		
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	12-15

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement and the application for graduation are on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>).



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