

Cleveland State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor of Fine Arts in
Film and Media Arts

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
ASC 101 Intro to University Life	1		Intro	ENG 102 College Writing II	3		W/C
ENG 101 College Writing I	3		W/C	Math/Quantitative Literacy	3		M/QL
Math/Quantitative Literacy	3		M/QL	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 101 Technical Foundations	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
FMA 252 Production II - A	3	X	SPAC	FMA 253 Production II - B	3	X	
FMA 261 Visual Storytelling OR FMA 411 Prod Mngmt	3	X		FMA 261 Visual Storytelling OR FMA 411 Prod. Mngmt	3	X	
FMA 142 Film History	3	X		FMA 243 Film History II	3	X	
Social Diversity Elective (AA)	3		DIV-AA	Social Science Elective**	3		SS
Natural Science Elective	3		NS	Natural Science Elective	3		NS
				Natural Science Elective Lab	1		NS Lab
<i>Semester Total</i>	15			<i>Semester Total</i>	16		

Choose BFA/2 Concentration Path OR BA Path

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
FMA 324 Prod III Prep or FMA 366 Exper. Film	3	X		FMA 353 Prod III or FMA 401 Doc Prod.	3	X	
FMA Concentration 1: Course 1 of 3	3	X		FMA Concentration 1: Course 2 of 3	3	X	
FMA Concentration 2: Course 1 of 3	3	X		FMA Concentration 2: Course 2 of 3	3	X	
Social Diversity Elective (US)	3		DIV-US	Social Sciences Elective**	3		SS
General Elective* (WAC)	3		WAC	Arts & Humanities Elective**	3		A&H
<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 Thesis II	3	X	CAP
FMA Concentration 1: Course 3 of 3	3	X		FMA Concentration 2: Course 3 of 3	3	X	
Film Studies Elective 300/400 Level	3	X		FMA 490 Film & Media Arts Internship	3	X	
General Elective* (WAC)	3		WAC	General Elective*	3		
General Elective*	3			General Elective*	1-2		
Apply for Spring graduation by the middle of this term							
<i>Semester Total</i>	15			<i>Semester Total</i>	13-15		
Credit Total: 120-122 (minimum 120 required for degree)							

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. This plan assumes college-level readiness in both mathematics and English and that **Foreign Language Deficiency and Foreign Language Requirements have been met.**

Gen Ed Key:

INTRO = Introduction to University Life Requirement (one course)
W/C = Writing/Composition Requirement (2 courses; C or better required)
M/QL = Mathematics/Quantitative Literacy Requirement (2 courses)
NS = Natural Science (2 courses, one of which must have a lab)

SS = Social Sciences Requirement (2 courses from different departments**)
A&H = Arts & Humanities Requirement (2 courses from different departments**)
DIV = Social Diversity Requirement (one US Diversity & one African American Exp.)
WAC/SPAC = Writing/Speaking Across the Curriculum (3 courses, one in major)
CAP = Capstone Requirement

* General Electives ensure that a student accumulates the minimum 120 required credit hours for graduation. Of these 120 credit hours, a minimum of 36 credit hours must be upper division (300 or 400-level courses).

** Of the SS and A&H courses, one must be focused on Africa, Latin America, or the Middle East

^ Note that

FMA 445 The Documentary is a prerequisite for FMA 401 Documentary Production which will require the student who chooses this path to take FMA 445 either Spring Semester of Sophomore year or Fall Semester of Junior year.

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Students who started the FMA program in fall '24, i.e. entering their sophomore year in fall '25 should follow this degree map. Make sure to seek academic advising prior to registration.