UCF Degree Programs

Film (B.F.A.)
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Admission Requirements
- The Film BFA major is a limited access program.
- Entrance into most Film classes is restricted to majors.
- Exceptions must be approved by the Department Chair.
- Applications to become a Film BFA major are required by December 15 for admission to the subsequent Fall term.
- A portfolio review is required for entry into the Film BFA major. Contact the Film Department for details, or visit the website, http://www.film.cah.ucf.edu.

Degree Requirements
- Students who change degree programs and select this major must adopt the most current catalog.
- Students are required to maintain an overall average grade of “B” (3.0) or better in Film major courses.
- A maximum of six credit hours of internship may be earned in one semester. A total of six credit hours of internship may be earned within the 120 credit hours required for graduation.
- Students must consult with a departmental advisor each semester.
- All students are required to pay a fee for equipment insurance.
- Departmental Residency Requirement consists of at least 48 semester hours of regularly scheduled 3000-4000 level courses taken from the UCF Film Department.
- Courses designated in 1 (General Education Program) and 2 (Common Program Prerequisites) are usually completed in the first 60 hours.

1. UCF General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)
- See Transfer Notes for possible substitutions.

A: Communication Foundations (9 hrs)
B: Cultural & Historical Foundations (9 hrs)
- Prefer FIL 2030 History of Motion Pictures 3 hrs
- Prefer one course from B.1 list 3 hrs
- Prefer one course from either B.1 or B.2 list 3 hrs

C: Mathematical Foundations (6 hrs)
- Math 3 hrs
- Prefer MGF 1106 Finite Mathematics or MGF 1107 Explorations in Mathematics or You may substitute a higher level math with appropriate scores on the Math Placement Exam.

Statistics-Computers 3 hrs
- Select a course from GEP C.2 list

D: Social Foundations (6 hrs)
E: Science Foundations (6 hrs)

2. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP) (3 hrs)
- Select primarily from upper level courses, with departmental advisor’s prior approval.

3. Core Requirements: Basic Level (21 hrs)
- Lower level core requirements
- Six semesters of colloquium required at 1 hour each.

4. Core Requirements: Advanced Level (36 hrs)
- Upper level core requirements

5. Restricted Electives (12 hrs)
- Select four courses from the following. Must complete all core requirements before taking these courses. A maximum of 6 hours of Independent Study may be substituted with advisor’s prior approval.

Production / Direction
- Select a course from upper level courses, with departmental advisor’s prior approval.

Screen Writing
- Select a course from upper level courses, with departmental advisor’s prior approval.

Cinema Studies

Digital Cinema
- Select a course from upper level courses, with departmental advisor’s prior approval.

6. Capstone Requirements (6 hrs)
- See Transfer Notes for possible substitutions.

7. Foreign Language Requirements
- Met by graduation requirement

Graduation
- Proficiency equivalent to one year of college instruction in a foreign language taught by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures or Judaic Studies. Standardized examinations for foreign languages may be used to meet the requirement.

8. Electives
- Select primarily from upper level courses, with departmental advisor’s approval. May be outside of the department.
9. Additional Requirements
- None

10. Required Minors
- None

11. Departmental Exit Requirements
- A student must maintain an overall average of a "B" (3.0) or better in major courses.
- Department of Film requires an exit interview.

Computer Competency met by one of the following:
- CGS 1060C Introduction to Computers or 3 hrs
- FIL 2552 Editing I or 3 hrs
- STA 1063C Basic Statistics Using Microsoft Excel 3 hrs

12. University Minimum Exit Requirements
- A 2.0 UCF GPA
- 60 semester hours earned after CLEP awarded
- 48 semester hours of upper division credit completed
- 30 of the last 39 hours of course work must be completed in residency at UCF.
- A maximum of 45 hours of extension, correspondence, CLEP, Credit by Exam, and Armed Forces credits permitted.
- Complete the General Education Program, the Gordon Rule, and nine hours of Summer credit.

Total Semester Hours Required
- 120

Honors In Major
- None

Related Programs
- Art
- Film - Cinema Studies Track
- Film - World Cinema Track
- English - Creative Writing
- Digital Media
- Music
- Theatre
- Radio - Television

Certificates
- None

Related Minors
- Art - Studio
- Film - Cinema Studies
- English - Creative Writing
- Digital Media
- Music
- Theatre

Advising Notes
- None

Transfer Notes
- Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses.
- Courses transferred from private and out-of-state schools must be evaluated for equivalency credit. The student must provide all supporting information.

Acceptable Substitutes for Transfer Courses
FIL 2030 may substitute for FIL 1000, but FIL 2030 is a prerequisite for subsequent Film courses and still must be taken.

FIL 1007 may use any introductory film writing course. However, FIL 1008 is a prerequisite for all major courses and must be taken.

Plan of Study

Freshman Year - Fall 12 hrs
- ENC 1101 Composition I 3 hrs
- FIL 1007 Foundations of Story 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs

Freshman Year - Spring 12 hrs
- ENC 1102 Composition II 3 hrs
- FIL 2030 History of Motion Pictures 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs

Freshman Year - Summer 6 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Fall 15 hrs
- FIL 2107 Script Analysis 3 hrs
- FIL 3427C Introduction to Film Production 3 hrs
- FIL 1008 Cinematic Expression/Aesthetics 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs
- GEP 3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Spring 15 hrs
- FIL 2481 Directing the Actor for Film I 3 hrs
- FIL 3115 Short Script I 3 hrs
- FIL 4486C Directing for Film II 3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Summer 8 hrs
- Foreign Language Elementary Level I 4 hrs
- Foreign Language Elementary Level II 4 hrs

Junior Year - Fall 15 hrs
- FIL 2461 Cinematography I 3 hrs
- FIL 3036 Film History I 3 hrs
- FIL 3534 Sound Design for Film I 3 hrs
- FIL 3803C Film Theory and Criticism I 3 hrs
- FIL 4486C Directing for Film II 3 hrs

Junior Year - Spring 15 hrs
- FIL 3037 Film History II 3 hrs
- FIL 3132 Short Script II 3 hrs
- DIG 2000 Introduction to Digital Media 3 hrs
- FIL 4647 Film Production Management 3 hrs
- FIL 4661 The Film Producer 3 hrs

Senior Year - Fall 12 hrs
- FIL 4434C Capstone I 3 hrs
- Upper Level FIL Elective 3 hrs
- Upper Level FIL Elective 3 hrs

Senior Year - Spring 12 hrs
- FIL 4573C Capstone II 3 hrs
- Upper Level FIL Elective 3 hrs
- Upper Level FIL Elective 3 hrs
- Upper Level FIL Elective 3 hrs

Program Academic Learning Compacts
- Program Academic Learning Compacts (student learning outcomes) for undergraduate programs are located at: http://www.oears.ucf.edu/academiclearningcompacts.html

Equipment Fees
- Part-Time Student: $45 per term
- Full-Time Student: $90 per term