Bachelor of Fine Arts – Screenwriting

BFA Degree Total 121 credits

Filmmaking Course Total 85 credits
General Education Course Total 30 credits
Liberal Arts or Designated Arts Course
Total 6 credits

Year One			its per iester	Total Credits	
FIM 5599	Intensive Arts	1	-	1	
FIM 1001	Fundamentals of Production Design	1	_	1	
FIM 1101	Fundamentals of Screenwriting I	2	_	2	
FIM 1102	Fundamentals of Screenwriting II [optional]	-	[2]	_	
FIM 1201, 1202	Fundamentals of Directing I & II	2	2	4	
FIM 1311, 1312	Short Film (Fall); American Cinema (Spring)	3	3	6	
FIM 1401, 1402	Fundamentals of Producing I & II	1	1	2	
FIM 1611, 1612	Fundamentals of Picture Editing I & II	1	2	3	
FIM 1622	Fundamentals of Sound Design	-	1	1	
FIM 1801	Fundamentals of Cinematography	2	-	2	
FYS 1100	First Year Seminar	3	-	3	
ENG 1200	Writing About	-	3	3	
	General Education Requirement ¹	-	3	3	
Year One Total		16	15	31	
Year Two					
FIM 5599	Intensive Arts ³	1	-	1	
FIM 2311	Classics of World Cinema	3	-	3	
FIM 33XX	Cinema Studies	-	3	3	
FIM 2511	Year 2 Development & Collaboration	3	-	3	
FIM 2512	Year 2 Film Production & Critique	-	2	2	
Plus two of the following					
FIM 2101, 2102	Screenwriting Workshop I & II	[2]	[2]	[4]	
FIM 2201, 2202	Directing Workshop I & II	[2]	[2]	[4]	
FIM 2401	Conceiving and Developing the Short Film	[2]	-	[2]	
FIM 2402	Progress to Production	-	[2]	[2]	
FIM 2601, 2602	Developing the Editor's Eye I & II	[2]	[2]	[4]	
FIM 2801, 2802	Cinematography Workshop I & II	[2]	[2]	[4]	
HUM 2101	Self, Society and Cosmos	3	-	3	
HUM 21XX	Paths to the Present (choose one course)	-	3	3	
	General Education Requirements ¹	3	3	6	
Year Two Total		16	15	31	
Year Three					
FIM 5599	Intensive Arts	1	-	1	
FIM 3111, 3112	Intermediate Screenwriting IA & IB	2	2	4	
FIM 3121, 3122	Intermediate Screenwriting IIA & IIB	2	2	4	
FIM 3171, 3172	Feature Screenplay Practicum I & II	4	4	8	
	Cinema Studies, Film Electives, Independent Study, or Special Topics				
	Courses	2	3	5	
	General Education Requirements ¹	3	-	3	
	General Education Requirements ¹	3	3	6	
Year Three Total		17	14	31	

Year Four

FIM 5599	Intensive Arts	1	-	1
FIM 4111, 4112	Advanced Screenwriting IA & IB	2	2	4
FIM 4121, 4122	Advanced Screenwriting IIA & IIB	2	2	4
FIM 4171, 4172	Advanced Feature Screenplay Practicum I & II	4	4	8
	Cinema Studies, Film Electives, Independent Study, or Special Topics			
	Courses ⁴	2	3	5
	Designated Arts or Liberal Arts Courses ²	3	3	6
Year Four Total		14	14	28

¹General Education requirements:

6 credits General Education courses (two 3-credit hour courses from among any of the following areas of study offered in the Division of Liberal Arts, including ARH, ARM, COM, FRE, GER, HIS, HUM, ITA, LIT, MAT, MST, PHI, PSY, SCI, SOC, THH, WRI, or designated Arts classes outside of the student's major)

²The School of Filmmaking requires two additional 3-credit Liberal Arts or Designated Arts courses (for a total of 6 credit hours). These may be taken earlier than Year Four, but we strongly recommend that they only be taken in semesters when the student is registered for one Gen Ed requirement.

³Year Two generalists must take the following in the Fall: Intensive Arts, Classics of World Cinema, Year 2 Development & Collaboration, plus two "workshop" courses (one course each in your 1st and 2nd choice concentrations (Cinematography, Directing, Editing, Producing, or Screenwriting). In the Spring, you must take one Cinema Studies class, Year 2 Production & Critique, and again two workshops in your 1st and 2nd choice concentrations.

⁴All Screenwriting students must complete a minimum of 10 credit hours of film/arts elective coursework as part of the required credit hours towards this degree. Elective course credits may be fulfilled by any of the following: FIM 33XX, FIM 37XX, FIM 4088, FAN XX98, FAR XX98, FIM XX98, as well as permitted Arts classes outside of the student's concentration.

³ credits FYS 1100: First Year Seminar

³ credits ENG 1200: Writing About...

³ credits HUM 2101: Self, Society, and Cosmos

³ credits HUM 2102-2112: Paths to the Present

³ credits Natural Science/Mathematics requirement (fulfilled by MAT or SCI class)

³ credits Literature/Writing requirement (fulfilled by LIT or WRI course at 2000 or 3000 level)

³ credits Social/Behavioral Science requirement (fulfilled by HIS, PSY, or SOC class)

³ credits Humanities/Fine Arts requirement (fulfilled by any of the following areas of study: ARH, ARM, HUM, and THH classes as well as designated Arts classes outside of the student's major)