Cinema, B.A.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Students must take CINE:1601 Introduction to Film Analysis before or with CINE:1834 Modes of Film and Video Production; both courses require grades of C or higher.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least two courses in the major, including CINE:1601 Introduction to Film Analysis and CINE:1834 Modes of Film and Video Production; students must earn grades of C or higher in both courses.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least five more courses in the major (total of seven), including CINE:1601 Introduction to Film Theory, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least three more courses in the major preferably including CINE:3195 Undergraduate Seminar.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course Title Hours
First Year
Fall
CINE:1601 Introduction to Film Analysis 3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion a, b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course c 4 - 5
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2
Hours 15-17
Spring
CINE:1834 Modes of Film and Video Production 4
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course c 4 - 5
Elective course d 2
Hours 16-18

Second Year
Fall
Major or elective course d, e 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts b, f 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course c 4 - 5
Elective course d 3
Hours 16-17
Spring
CINE:2615 Introduction to Film Theory 3
Elective course d 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab b 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course c 4 - 5
Elective course d 2
Hours 16-17

Third Year
Fall
Major: cinema course e 3 - 4
Major: cinema course (advanced film studies) e 3
Elective course d 3
Elective course d 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives b 3
Hours 15-16
Spring
Major: cinema course e 3 - 4
Major: cinema course (advanced film studies) e 3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences b 3
Elective course d 3
Elective course d 3
Hours 15-16

Fourth Year
Fall
CINE:3195 Undergraduate Seminar 3
Major: cinema course e 3 - 4
Elective course d 3
Elective course d 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues b 3
Hours 15-16
Spring
Major: cinema course (elective course if cinema hours are complete) e 3 - 4
Major: cinema course (elective course if cinema hours are complete) e 3
Elective course d 3
Elective course d 3
Elective course d 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)
Hours 15-16
Total Hours 123-133

a CINE:1625 fulfills the GE CLAS Core Diversity and Inclusion requirement and also counts as semester hours towards the Cinema requirements.
b GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

c Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

d Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

e CINE:1100, CINE:1150, CINE:1195, CINE:1560, and CINE:1602 will not count toward the 20 s.h. of required elective cinematic arts credit.

f Options include CINE:1610.

g Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.