

Program Pathway – A. A. *IN GENERAL STUDIES, FILM PATHWAY*

Students who are interested in earning an Associate of Arts degree and a credential to work in the growing film industry in Georgia can do so with this program. The film pathway offers students 18 hours from the Georgia Film Academy (at one of two locations in the metropolitan Atlanta area), so along with the A.A. degree the student earns that certification. The student could then work in film production or complete the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication with a film concentration, or transfer to another program in the USG. The television and film production industry generated \$9.5 billion in 2018 and is bouncing back from the COVID hiatus.

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. Highlighted courses have been identified as "key courses." It is strongly advised that students make every effort to pass these courses on the first attempt with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Missing milestones could prevent you from being eligible for a particular program or could result in a delay in graduation. The Program Pathway serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term.

If a student brings in a sufficient number of transfer or dual enrollment credits, he/she may be able to start the GFA courses in the second semester of the first year.

First Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1101 *	English Composition I	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores
MATH 1101* or MATH 1111* or MATH 1401	Math Modeling, or College Algebra or Elementary Statistics	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores
COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3	
POLS 1101	American Government	3	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation	3	As Area C elective only.
PRSP 1010	PRSP Elective	1	
Semester Total		16	

Milestone: By the end of the first semester, contact the Chair of the Department of Communication, Performing Arts, and Foreign Languages or the faculty advisor for GFA to discuss plans for attending the Georgia Film Academy. Seats in those classes are highly sought after. Registration for GFA courses takes place at a different time than for regular Dalton State courses. You will also wish to keep your GPA at 2.5 or better in your first year of courses.

First Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1102 *	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 ('C' or higher)
Lab Science	Lab Science Elective	4	
Social Science	ANTH 1103, ECON 2105, 2106, GEOG 1100, 1101, or 1111, HIST 1111, 1112, 2111, 2112, PHIL 1103, 2010, 2020, POLS 2101, 2201, 2301, 2401, PSYC 1101, 2101, 2103, 2204, 2250, SOCI 1101, 1160	3	Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 1101, preferred

PHED 1XXX	Physical Activity elective	1	
HIST 2111/2112	U.S. History	3	
	Semester Total	14	

First Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete ENGL 1101 & ENGL 1102 • Complete Area A Math • Meet with your advisor

By end of the second semester, you should be registered for the first GFA course, GFA 1000 or 1020 in the upcoming summer or fall.

Second Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Area C English 2000 Elective	Suggested: ENGL 2201, Introduction to Film as Literature	3	
Lab Science	Lab Science Elective	4	
GFA 1000 or GFA 1020	Intro to on-set film Production OR Introduction to TV and Film Production	6	2.5 GPA, completion of 25 credit hours
Area E Elective	ANTH 1103, ECON 2105, 2106, GEOG 1100, 1101, or 1111, HIST 1111, 1112, 2111, 2112, PHIL 1103, 2010, 2020, POLS 2101, 2201, 2301, 2401, PSYC 1101, 2101, 2103, 2204, 2250, SOCI 1101, 1160	3	
	Semester Total	16	

Second Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Area D Elective	Math, Science, or Computer Science Elective	3-4	Recommended CMPS 1301 or MATH 1401
GFA Craft course	Choose from GFA 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050.	6	
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	Semester Total	15-16	

Notes:

* denotes grade of 'C' or higher required

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