

Program Pathway – *Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Film concentration*

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in communication and a concentration in film is designed to prepare graduates for a variety of careers in the field of communication and specifically to attain certification with the Georgia Film Academy to obtain work in the film industry. Students will have a solid grounding in the discipline and 18 hours from the Georgia Film Academy.

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. Summer and online courses are encouraged to expedite graduation.

First Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1101*	English Composition I	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores
MATH 1001 or 1101 or 1111 or 1401	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning or Math Modeling or College Algebra or Statistics	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores.
SPAN*	Foreign Language Sequence (depending on placement test)	3	
HIST 2111/2112	United States History	3	Completion of ENGL 1101 LSUP or EXEMPTION FROM 0999
COMM 1110*	Fundamentals of Speech	3	
PRSP 1010*	Perspectives	1	
Semester Total		16	

First Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1102*	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 ('C' or higher)
COMM 1100*	Human Communication	3	ENGL 0999, unless exempt
SPAN *	Foreign Language Sequence	3	Completion of ENGL 1101 LSUP or EXEMPTION FROM 0999
Lab science	Choose 1: BIOL 1105K, 1107K, 1108K, 1203K, 1224K, CHEM 1151K, 1211K, 1212K, GEOL 1121K, 1122K, PHYS 1111K, 1112K, 2211K, 2212, ASTR 1010/1010L, 1020/1020L	4	Varies by course selected
Semester Total		13	

First Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102 and Mathematics course. • Meet with your advisor • Meet with the faculty member who supervises GFA enrollment (currently Dr. Tucker) to discuss when you will begin Georgia Film Academy classes • Complete COMM 1110, 1100, and THEA 1100 (9 hours of related major courses)

Second Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Lab Science Elective	See list above.	4	Varies by course selected
COMM 2000*	Introduction to Mass Communication	3	COMM 1110 with a grade of C or better; ENGL 1101
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3	ENGL 0999, unless exempt.
ENGL 2101	Introduction to Film as Literature (Humanities/Fine Arts Elective)	3	
POLS 1101	American Government	3	ENGL 0999, unless exempt.
Semester Total		16	

Second Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Science/ Math / Technology Elective	<i>Suggested: Introduction to Statistics (MATH 1401) or Computer Concepts/Programming (CMPS 1130)</i>	3-4	
COMM 2110	Interpersonal Communication	3	COMM 1110 with a grade of C or better; ENGL 1101
Social Science Elective	Choose 1: 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	
Major Elective	<i>Strongly Suggested: THEA 2400, 2200, or 2300; ENGL 2101 if not taken as Humanities/Fine Arts Elective</i>	3	
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	Strongly suggested, THEA 1100	3	
Semester Total		15-16	

Second Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your advisor. • C or better grades in all COMM courses • Arrange with GFA Liaison for enrollment in GFAC courses. • In the third and fourth years of the program, students should take the 18 hours of the GFAC courses, the ten core communication courses, and 12 other communication electives that, in consultation with their advisor, will help them reach career goals.

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Third Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
COMM 3100*	Introduction to Communication Theory	3	COMM 1110 and 2000 with C or better
COMM 3301*	Communication for Business and Professional Settings	3	COMM 1110, ENGL 1102 with C or better
COMM 3400*	Organizational Communication	3	COMM 1110, ENGL 1102 with C or better
GFAC 1000, 1040, or 1500 *	Introduction to On-Set Film Production, to Post-Production, or to Digital Entertainment, Esports, & Game Development (taught at Georgia Film Academy sites in Atlanta Metro Area)	6	
Semester Total		15	

Third Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
COMM 4010*	Qualitative Research Methods in Communication	3	COMM 1110 and 2000 with C or better; COMM 3100
GFAC CRAFT COURSE*	(taught at Georgia Film Academy sites in Atlanta Metro Area)	6	
GFAC CRAFT COURSE or INTERNSHIP*	(taught at Georgia Film Academy sites in Atlanta Metro Area)	6	
Semester Total		15	

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Fourth Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
COMM 4020*	Quantitative Research Methods in Communication	3	COMM 4010
COMM 4425*	Intercultural Communication	3	COMM 3100
COMM 4602*	Mass Media and Society	3	COMM 3100
COMM elective (upper division)	Upper level COMM course See DegreeWorks for options	6	
Semester Total		15-18	

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Fourth Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
COMM 4180*	Media Effects	3	COMM 3100
COMM 4400*	Introduction to Film Studies	3	COMM 3100
COMM 4999*	Senior Seminar in Communication	3	BY PERMISSION OF ADVISOR; FOR LAST SEMESTER ONLY
COMM electives (upper division)	Upper level COMM course	3-6	Total of 12 upper division communication electives required for graduation. COMM 3700 is excluded from this pool of courses.
Semester Total		12-15	

Fourth Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Graduation Application to Office of Enrollment Services • Consider internship opportunities. • Develop the ePortfolio begun in COMM 3301

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Alternative Plan: Motivated students may desire to take their GFA credits in their sophomore year in order to hasten their entry into the film industry workforce. This map will allow that. Summer AND online classes are strongly suggested in this case.

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MATH 1001 OR 1101 OR MATH 1111 OR MATH 1401	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning or Math Modeling or College Algebra or Elementary Statistics	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores. MATH 1001 and 1111 are required because these are prerequisites to Accounting I, and many B.A. Communication majors choose to minor in business.
POLS 1101	American Government	3	Completion of ENGL 1101 or EXEMPTION FROM 0999
HIST 2111/2112	United States History	3	Completion of ENGL 1101 LSUP or EXEMPTION FROM 0999
COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3	Completion of ENGL 1101 LSUP or EXEMPTION FROM 0999
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COMM 1100	Human Communication	3	COMM 1110
COMM 2000	Intro to Mass Communication	3	COMM 1110
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3	Completion of ENGL 1101 LSUP or EXEMPTION FROM 0999
Humanities/ Fine Arts Elective	Suggested THEA 1100	3	
Semester Total		15	

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Second Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Major elective	Strongly suggested, Fundamentals of Acting I, THEA 2300, or THEA 2400	3	
Social Science Elective	See Degree Works for Options	3	
ENGL 2101	Introduction to Film as Literature (Area C Elective)	3	
GFA 1000, 1040, or 1500	Introduction to Film Production, Introduction to Film and TV Production, or Digital Ent, Esports&Game Dev. (taught at Georgia Film Academy)	6	
Suggested	Spanish Sequence	(3)	
Semester Total		15 (18)	

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GFA CRAFT COURSE	(taught at Georgia Film Academy sites in Atlanta Metro Area)	6	
GFA CRAFT COURSE OR INTERNSHIP	(taught at Georgia Film Academy sites in Atlanta Metro Area)	6	
COMM 2110	Interpersonal Communication	3	COMM 1110
Suggested	Spanish Sequence	(3)	
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First Course in Foreign Language Sequence (if not taken)	SPAN 1001	3	
Semester Total		16	

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SPAN	SPAN 1002, 2001, or 2002	3	
COMM upper division elective(s)	Strongly Suggested: COMM 3705, Introduction to Screenwriting	3-6	
Semester Total		13-16	

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Fourth Year – Term 1

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COMM 4425*	Intercultural Communication	3	COMM 3100
COMM 4602*	Mass Media and Society	3	COMM 3100
COMM electives (upper division)	See Degree Works for options	3-9	
Science, Technology, or Math Elective	See Degree Works for options	3-4	
Semester Total		15-16	

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