

AA: Emphasis in Film

2020-2021

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree with an emphasis in film gives students an understanding of – and experience with – audio-visual communication. You will learn how film and video actually work to produce an effect on an audience and how these media principles can be applied in your life and career. Such skills are now in high demand by employers as more and more companies look for people who can communicate through audio-visual media. The A.A. with emphasis in Film provides a solid foundation in film theory should you decide to continue your film studies at a four-year institution.

The Associate of Arts with an Emphasis in Film is designed to articulate to: Metropolitan State University B.A. in Screenwriting degree

Program Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
TFT1250	Introduction to Film	3
TFT1270	Digital Video Production	3
TFT1280	Introduction to Screenwriting	3
TFT1310	American Cinema	3
TFT1320	World Cinema	3

Program Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Program Electives - 6 credits:		
TFT1110	The NHCC Filmmaking Project: Student Activity Class <i>or</i>	1
TFT1210	Introduction to Theatre <i>or</i>	3
TFT1260	Introduction to Television <i>or</i>	3
TFT1290	Design for Theatre <i>or</i>	3
TFT1500	Acting I <i>or</i>	3
TFT1540	Acting for the Camera <i>or</i>	3
TFT1600	Theatre Practicum: Performance <i>or</i>	1
TFT2010	Fundamentals of Directing <i>or</i>	3
TFT2110	The NHCC Filmmaking Project: Capstone Class	3

General Education Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
COMM1110	Principles of Interpersonal Communication	3
ENGL1202	College Writing II	2
PHIL1020	Ethics	3
College Writing I: (minimum grade 1.67)		
ENGL1200	Gateway College Writing (minimum grade 1.67) <i>or</i>	4
ENGL1201	College Writing I (minimum grade 1.67)	4

MnTC Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BIOL1200, CHEM1000, PHYS1120 - 4 credits:		
BIOL1200	Current Environmental Issues <i>or</i>	4
CHEM1000	Chemistry and Society <i>or</i>	4
PHYS1120	Meteorology	4
Natural Sciences (Goal Area 3) in a different discipline - 3 credits		
Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 4) - 3 credits		
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Goal Area 5) - 3 courses, 9 credits, at least one course from Behavioral Sciences and one course from Social Sciences.		
Behavioral Sciences (Goal Area 5)		

Social Sciences (Goal Area 5)		
Health Electives - 3 credits		
Exercise Science Electives - 1 credit		
MnTC Electives - 4 credits		
NHCC Residency and GPA		
Course No.	Course Title	Credits
15 Credits must be earned at NHCC:		
2.00 Overall GPA for NHCC courses		

Total Credit Required 60

Degree Requirements

2.00 Overall GPA for NHCC courses

Program Outcomes

Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world, including:

- How film traditions and filmmaking developments in America have contributed to our culture – at times both inhibiting and developing our understanding of our own cultural diversity;
- How film traditions and developments in non-English-speaking countries have contributed to filmmaking and world culture; how the elements of film work together to produce an effect on an audience; how cinematography, design, editing, sound, theme, screenplay, performance, and directing combine to make those impacts; and,
- how a film's social context and its political and religious influence show that film is not only an entertainment, but also a powerful tool for communication of a point of view.

Intellectual and Practical Skills, including:

- Using critical skills (interpretive, evaluative, and analytical) toward understanding a film's intent, evaluating its effect, and judging its quality, not only from a United States perspective, but from a World perspective;
- Demonstrating an ability to employ the elements of film to effectively and artistically communicate a message;
- Experiencing a wide variety of approaches to filmmaking.

Personal and Social Responsibility, including:

- The ability to work independently and collaboratively in a high-pressure creative environment;
- acting with sensitivity to cultural differences in films and filmmaking, both in what's portrayed as well as toward the people making them.

Integrative Learning, including:

- Participating in the various aspects of filmmaking mentioned above;
- demonstrating a required level of proficiency in creating images and sounds that work together to produce the effect they intend on an audience;
- Investigating careers in film and television.

Be prepared to transfer to a four year institution in this discipline:

Currently articulates to Metropolitan State University's Screenwriting B.A. Program; pending with Film Studies at St. Cloud State University and Moorhead State University; and,

Graduates will have completed all 10 Goal Areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements and have a foundation of knowledge in film to prepare them for transfer to a baccalaureate program in Film Studies or Screenwriting.

Degree Information

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) is awarded for successful completion of 60 credits and is designed to constitute the first two years of a liberal arts bachelor degree program. An A.A. degree includes the entire 40 credit Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) as the general education requirement.

Students may also choose to concentrate in a particular field of study in preparation for a planned major or professional emphasis at a four-year college by following the pre-major requirement of the desired transfer institution in addition to the MnTC and A.A. requirements.

A student shall:

Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits.

Earn a grade point average of 2.00 (C) or higher in courses taken at North Hennepin Community College. Earn a minimum of 20 semester credits of the 60 semester credits required for the A.A. Degree at NHCC.

Complete the general education distribution requirement listed in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. The student shall select general education (MnTC) courses numbered 1000 or above to complete a minimum of 40 credits.

Have four years in which to complete their work under the terms of the catalog in effect at the time of their first enrollment.

Students taking more than four years to complete their graduation requirements may follow any catalog in effect during the four-year period preceding their date of graduation. Required A.A. Degree Course Distribution:

Complete 40 credits in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum satisfying the requirements for each of the 10 goal areas. Complete at least 4 credits for the Wellness requirement with at least one course from each of the following areas: Health (all courses) and Physical Education (all courses).

Complete 16 elective credits selected from all courses listed in the College's offerings, which are numbered 1000 or higher.

Completion of an A.A. degree fulfills the Goal Area 2 requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

Developmental Courses

Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

Equal Opportunity Employer and Disability Access Information

North Hennepin Community College is a member of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and an equal opportunity employer and educator. This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling 763-493-0555 or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.

Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available on the iseek and Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: www.iseek.org and www.bls.gov.

Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the: Higher Learning Commission 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60602-2504 1-800-621-7440