

Film Emphasis AA

Students in the Film Emphasis AA degree gain an understanding of how to communicate through film. Through this process, students will learn how film can produce an effect on an audience and how these media principles can be applied in their life and career. This experience combined with film theory provide a solid foundation to continue education toward a bachelor's degree.

Film Emphasis Curriculum

Curriculum

Program Courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
TFT 1250	Introduction to Film	View-TFT 1250	n/a	3
TFT 1270	Digital Video Production	View-TFT 1270	n/a	3
TFT 1280	Introduction to Screenwriting	View-TFT 1280	n/a	3
TFT 1310	American Cinema	View-TFT 1310	n/a	3
TFT 1320	World Cinema	View-TFT 1320	n/a	3

Program Electives

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
Program Electives - 6 credits				
TFT 1110	The NHCC Filmmaking Project: Student Activity Class or	View-TFT 1110	n/a	1
TFT 1210	Introduction to Theatre or	View-TFT 1210	n/a	3
TFT 1260	Introduction to Television or	View-TFT 1260	n/a	3
TFT 1290	Design for Theatre or	View-TFT 1290	n/a	3
TFT 1500	Acting I or	View-TFT 1500	n/a	3
TFT 1540	Acting for the Camera or	View-TFT 1540	n/a	3
TFT 1600	Theatre Practicum: Performance or	View-TFT 1600	n/a	1-3
TFT 2010	Fundamentals of Directing or	View-TFT 2010	n/a	3
TFT 2110	The NHCC Filmmaking Project: Capstone Class	View-TFT 2110	n/a	3

General Education Courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
COMM 1110	Principles of Interpersonal Communication	View-COMM 1110	n/a	3
ENGL 1202	College Writing II	View-ENGL 1202	n/a	2
PHIL 1020	Ethics	View-PHIL 1020	n/a	3
College Writing I				
ENGL 1200	Gateway College Writing or	View-ENGL 1200	n/a	4
ENGL 1201	College Writing I	View-ENGL 1201	n/a	4

MnTC Electives

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
BIOL 1200, CHEM1000, PHYS1120 - 4 credits				
BIOL 1200	Current Environmental Issues or	View-BIOL 1200	n/a	4
CHEM 1000	Chemistry and Society or	View-CHEM 1000	n/a	4
PHYS 1120	Meteorology	View-PHYS 1120	n/a	4
Natural Sciences (Goal Area 3) in a different discipline - 3 credits				
Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 4) - 3 credits				
Social Behavioral Sciences (Goal Area 5) - 3 courses, 9 credits, at least one course from Behavioral Sciences 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

15 Credits must be earned at NHCC	
Total Credits Required	60

Program Overview

2023-2024

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree with an emphasis in film gives students an understanding of and experience with audiovisual 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 audiovisual 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.

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.
- 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.
 - 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.
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Program Maps

Program roadmaps provide students with a guide to understand the recommended course sequence to complete their degree.

- [Film Emphasis AA Program Roadmap Full Time](#)
 - [Film Emphasis AA Program Roadmap Part Time](#)
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Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available at Minnesota State and the Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: careerwise.minnstate.edu 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](#)

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.

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Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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