

Best Choices Guide

Visual & Performing Arts – Film Studies Option (BA)

This Associate of Arts pathway is designed for Colorado Community College System (CCCS) students who want to transfer to UCCS and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Visual & Performing Arts – Film Studies Option. It is based on the [best academic advising choices](#) for future UCCS students. Please note that final graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree will be based on your year of admission to UCCS. Contact transfer@uccs.edu for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete the courses listed on page 1 of this guide for a total of 60 credit hours. At least 31 credits must be GT Pathways Courses. At least 15 credit hours must be earned from the CCC granting the AA or AS degree. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at CCCS. Check the CDHE's [GT Pathways](#) website for more information.

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better is required for transfer student admission to UCCS. A minimum grade of C- or higher is required for courses to transfer to UCCS.

Degree Requirements	Courses	
Written Communication (6 hours)	- ENG 1021 - ENG 1022 <i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122/1022 should take ENG 201/2001 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.</i>	
Oral Communication (3 hours)	COM 115/1150	
Mathematics¹ (3 hours)	Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 1240, Math for the Liberal Arts, preferred)	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	Complete two GT-AH (GT-AH1) (GT-AH2) (GT-AH3) (GT-AH4) courses. Recommend at least one from MUS 1021, 1022, 1023, 1025, 1026; THE 2011, 2012	
History (3 hours)	Complete one GT-HI1 course (GT-HI1) (DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	Complete two GT-SS Courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS2) (GT-SS3)	
Physical and Life Sciences (7 hours)	Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.	
Additional Recommendations (26 hours) Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	HUM 1003	3
	ART 1111	3
	General Electives ²	20

¹Reasoning Skills – UCCS

The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a Reasoning Skills requirement. It can be completed in two ways:

1. Take MAT 1240, Math for the Liberal Arts **OR**
2. Take MAT 1340, College Algebra (or higher) **AND** either MAT 1260, Intro to Statistics **or** PHI 1013, Logic. PHI 1013 fulfills a GT-AH3 course for the AA/AS.

VAPA – Film Studies Option majors should complete option 1, MAT 1240.

²Language other than English - UCCS

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a language requirement as part of their degree program. Students who provide a final, official transcript showing completion of an Associate's degree prior to their first semester of enrollment at UCCS will be waived from this requirement. For those who don't complete the Associate's degree, the second semester of a world language (ex: SPA 1012, Spanish Language II) or higher completes the requirement. Students who completed two years of the same world language in high school, or have AP, IB, or CLEP scores equivalent to a Language II course, will have completed the requirement upon receipt of high school transcripts and/or exam scores. Other exemptions and test-out options are available.

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Four-Year Degree Plan - Visual & Performing Arts – Film Studies Option

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Visual & Performing Arts – Film Studies Option degree at UCCS. Courses are listed by the course number at the appropriate institution. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	ENG 121/1021	3		ENG 122/1022	3
	ART 1111	3		HUM 103/1003	3
	GT-SS course	3		GT-SS course	3
	GT-AH - See recommended courses on page 1	3		GT-MA1 course	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	GT-HI1 course	3		COM 115/1150	3
	GT-SC1 course	4		GT-SC course	3
	GT-AH course	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	2
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	14

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	VAPA 1000-Level Course	3		VAPA 3000-Level Course	3
	AH 1500	3		UD FILM National Cinema Course	3
	FILM 2000	3		UD Director or Thematic/Genre Course	3
	Upper-Division (UD) VA Production Elective	3		UD VA Production Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD AH Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	VAPA 3000-Level Course	3		FILM 4980 or AH 4980	3
	UD FILM National Cinema Course	3		UD FILM Elective	3
	UD FILM Elective	3		UD FILM Elective	3
	General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3		UD FILM Elective	3
	General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3		UD General Elective (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Visual & Performing Arts – Film Studies Option Major Requirements

- A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The Visual & Performing Arts – Film Studies Option major requires a minimum of 39 hours of FILM and AH with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 24 of the hours must be at the upper-division level.
- At least 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.

Additional Resources

- Visit the UCCS Transfer website at [Transfer Admissions](https://www.uccs.edu/transfer)
- Contact a Transfer Advisor at transfer@uccs.edu