FILM STUDIES

Description

The film studies program is housed in the Department of English. The program is centered on a core curriculum of four courses in the history of film, film genre, film directors, as well as film theory and criticism. To these core courses are added related courses, particularly those that integrate the study of moving image culture with rhetoric, philosophy, literary criticism, ethnic literature and visual cultures of all types. The program is designed for students who wish to ultimately work in academic film studies, and also for students who wish to understand film better as an art form, as popular culture, and as a major medium of communication.

Admission

College Admission

The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences are the same as the UNL General Admission Requirements. Students who are admitted through the Admission by Review process may have certain conditions attached to their enrollment at UNL. These conditions are explained under “Removal of Deficiencies.”

In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences’ language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at UNL, and provide more opportunity to study abroad.

Advising

Academic and Career Advising

The Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather is a centrally located and easily accessed resource for students in all majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The professional academic advisors and career coaches offer 1-1 meetings on a walk-in and appointment basis weekdays. Advisors will provide assistance choosing majors and minors, understanding degree requirements and academic policies, completing paperwork, meeting deadlines, adding/dropping courses, and planning for graduation. In addition, career coaches can help students identify career options related to their interests and connect them with experiences like internships, research, and more that will prepare them for those career options. These specially trained advisors and coaches also serve as first point of contact in the College for all incoming freshmen and transfer students during New Student Enrollment.

Students in the College who have declared a major will be assigned an academic advisor who is their first point of contact for a variety of questions. Academic advisors help students be successful in adjusting to UNL overall as well as making progress toward degree completion. The assigned advisor may be located within the department of their primary major, or in the Advising Center. Students can identify their assigned advisor in MyRED on the academics tab. In addition, faculty advisors are experts in their discipline, including advanced coursework and requirements, opportunities for research, student organizations, and considering graduate school in the discipline. Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love Library South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, contact the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, http://cas.unl.edu/advising.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (16 hours + Language)

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a breadth of courses within the liberal arts degree. By engaging in study in several different areas within the College, students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements.

• A student may not use a single course to satisfy both an ACE outcome and a College distribution requirement.
• A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement.
• A student may not use a course from their primary major to satisfy the Breadth Requirement (F), but may apply an ancillary requirement of the primary major or a course from their second major toward this requirement.
• Independent study, directed readings, or internship courses cannot be used to satisfy a College Distribution Requirement.
• Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

College Distribution Requirements

CDR A - Written Communication
Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.

CDR B and BL - Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab
Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, physics and statistics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology and physics.

Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above. 1

CDR C - Humanities
Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies. 2

CDR D - Social Science
Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. 3

CDR E - Language
Fulfilled by the completion of the 6-credit-hour second-year sequence in a single foreign language in one of the following departments: Classics and religious studies, or modern languages and literatures. Instruction is currently available in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

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A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement, but encouraged to continue on in their language study.

**CDR F - Additional Breadth**

Select from natural, physical and mathematical sciences (Area B), humanities (Area C), or social sciences (Area D). Cannot be a course from the primary major.

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 16-32

1. See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.
2. Language courses numbered 210 and below do not fulfill the CDR C.
3. See Degree Audit or College of Arts and Sciences advisor for list of natural/physical science courses in anthropology, geography, and psychology that do not apply as social science.

**Scientific Base**

**Bachelor of Science Only (60 hours)**

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical and natural sciences. Approved courses for scientific base credit come from the following College of Arts and Sciences disciplines: actuarial science, anthropology (selected courses), astronomy, biochemistry (excluding BIOL 101), biological sciences (excluding BIOS 100 or BIOS 203), chemistry (excluding CHEM 101), computer science (excluding CSCE 10), geography (selected courses), geology, life sciences, mathematics (excluding courses below MATH 104), meteorology, microbiology, physics and statistics.

See your degree audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for a complete list including individual classes that fall outside of the disciplines listed above. Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of a college advisor.

**Language Requirement**

UNL and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The UNL entrance requirement of two years of the same foreign language or the College’s language distribution requirement (CDR E) will rarely be waived and only with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences page for more details.

**Minimum Hours Required for Graduation**

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A total grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

**Grade Rules**

**Restrictions on C- and D Grades**

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No UNL C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

**Pass/No Pass Privilege**

The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

- Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor. Students should refer to the department’s or program’s section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
- The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all Pass grades earned at UNL and other U.S. schools. **NOTE:** This 24-hour limit is more restrictive than the University regulation.

**Grading Appeals**

A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor’s department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean’s Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

**Course Level Requirements**

**Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level**

Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at UNL.

**Residency Requirement**

Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at UNL. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through UNL.

**ACE Requirements**

Consistent with the mission and values of the University, ACE is based on a shared set of four institutional objectives and ten student learning outcomes. The ACE program was approved by faculty in all eight undergraduate colleges and endorsed by the Faculty Senate, the student government, and the Academic Planning Committee in January 2008 for implementation in the fall 2009. ACE aligns with current national initiatives in general education.

To meet the ACE Program requirement, a student will complete a minimum of 3 credit hours for each of the ten ACE Student Learning Outcomes (a total of 30 ACE credit hours). See the ACE website at: http://
ace.unl.edu for the most current information and the most recently certified courses.

## Catalog to Use

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991 the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

### Learning Outcomes

Graduates of film studies will be able to:

1. Become conversant with the history, theory, and criticism of film in a number of cultures.
2. Understand the main outlines of the history, theory, and practice of film on an international scale.
3. Understand the artistic development in at least one area of specialization within film studies.
4. Understand the main contributions of cinematic culture to our society as a whole.
5. Understand and appreciate the many contributions by women and minority filmmakers in cinema history.
6. Understand how film has become part of digital culture, and how it will operate in the 21st century.
7. Understand how the historical and critical study of film is constantly evolving, as new discoveries enlarge the existing canon of film history.
8. Develop critical and writing skills that convey the information learned as part of this process.
9. Understand how the archival preservation of film texts is an essential part of film studies.
10. Conduct both primary and secondary research (including using the library) and understand the uses and limitations of the information yielded by various research methodologies.

## Major Requirements

Thirty (30) hours of approved coursework, including 12 hours at the 300 or 400 level, of which at least 6 hours must be taken at the 400 level.

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### Specific Major Requirements

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Film Studies (B.A.)

Career Information

The following represents a sample of the internships, jobs and graduate school programs that current students and recent graduates have reported.

Transferable Skills

- Communicate clearly using different forms of writing to and for a variety of different audiences
- Develop and defend evidence based arguments
- Analyze and interpret difficult texts
- Use various methods of literary analysis
- Support and communicate claims using clear evidence
- Express ideas creatively
- Advocate for marginalized or underrepresented groups

Minor Requirement

Film Studies majors must complete a minor or second major. The department recommends the following minors for consideration:

- **Anthropology**: Plan A/18 hrs
- **Art**: Plan A/18 hrs
- **Art History**: Plan A/20 hrs
- **Classics**: Plan A/18 hrs
- **Communication Studies**: Plan A/18 hrs
- **English**: Plan A/18 hrs
- **Ethnic Studies**: Plan A/18 hrs

**History**: Plan A/18 hrs

**Philosophy**: Plan A/18 hrs

**Theatre Arts**: Plan A/18 hrs

**Women and Gender Studies**: Plan A/18 hrs

**Additional Major Requirements**

**Grade Rules**

**C- and D Grades**

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major and minor.

**Pass/No Pass Limits**

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the major or minor.

**Course Level Requirement**

Twelve (12) hours must be taken at the 300 or 400 level, of which at least 6 hours must be taken at the 400 level.

**Requirements for Minor Offered by Department**

Eighteen (18) hours, including at least 12 hours from courses listed in Group A of the major. Students are directed to course listings in Group B for additional course offerings in the film studies minor.

**Grade Rules**

**C- and D Grades**

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major and minor.

**Pass/No Pass**

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the major or minor.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with this major. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your college or department academic advisor. Advisors also can help you plan other experiences to enrich your undergraduate education such as internships, education abroad, undergraduate research, learning communities, and service learning and community-based learning.
• Communicate confidently and appropriately with individuals of different cultures
• Comprehend and critically evaluate complex information
• Defend and discuss complex issues from multiple angles
• Examine problems from multiple perspectives
• Evaluate the interrelatedness of events and ideas
• Research, identify and knowledgeably discuss current issues and trends in the field
• Gain global perspective and high levels of intercultural awareness
• Perform analysis of social and cultural issues

Jobs of Recent Graduates
• Production Associate, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications - Lincoln NE
• Library Services Associate, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln NE
• Account Coordinator, The Minnow Project - Lincoln NE
• Production Assistant, 1865 Entertainment - Los Angeles CA
• Copywriter, Bailey Lauerman - Omaha NE
• Intern, 5 City TV - Lincoln NE
• Video Production Intern, Database USA - Omaha NE
• Content Coordinator, Railyard Entertainment - Lincoln NE
• Office Manager, Bob Kerrey Campaign - Lincoln NE
• Film Marketing Specialist, AMC Theatres - Leawood KS
• Owner, Camera Man, Editor, Imoerial Productions LLC - Omaha NE

Internships
• Intern, Cannes International Film Festival - Cannes, France
• Film & Image Collection Intern, Nebraska Historical Society - Lincoln NE
• Film Production Intern, Alexander Payne’s film “Nebraska” - Norfolk NE
• Intern, Film Streams - Omaha NE
• Intern, Dell - Lincoln NE
• Public Relations Intern, WRK, LLC - Lincoln NE
• Intern, Sandhills Publishing - Lincoln NE
• Summer Intern, Southwestern - International
• Intern, Sandhills Publishing - Lincoln NE
• Intern, Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services - Lincoln NE

Graduate & Professional Schools
• Master's Degree, Cinema and Media Studies, University of California-Los Angeles - Los Angeles CA
• Master's Degree, Secondary English Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln NE