

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS: FILM PRE-MAJOR



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AREA OF INTEREST

Education,
Communication, & Fine-
Arts

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED

64

CATALOG YEAR

2022-2023

PROGRAM

Associate in Arts

TYPE

Transfer

ACADEMIC PLAN

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TUITION

\$8,128 plus books fees

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Belleville
Sam Wolf Granite City
Red Bud Online



DESCRIPTION

Southwestern Illinois College is one of the only Illinois Community Colleges with a program in Film production (writing, shooting, and editing narrative movies). Students will gain experience with screenwriting, scheduling, shot listing and storyboarding, operating cameras, directing actors, recording sound, and editing footage. Students do not need any prior experience or need to have their own cameras.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

After completing their degree, many SWIC film students transfer to four-year film schools, especially Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Columbia College in Chicago, and Webster University in Webster Groves, Mo. Other SWIC film students have gone on to work in the film industry, video production, or television, and others have become self-employed, creating their own video production companies. Film is a tough business with few steady, secure, full time jobs. However, film production is exciting and enjoyable, and the skills students learn are increasingly valuable in many different fields including education, advertising, web design, and computer science.

[Career Information for Film Major Students](#)



COURSE SEQUENCE BY TERM

The following is the suggested course sequence by term. Please keep in mind:

- The course sequence is laid out by suggested term and may be affected when students enter the program at different times of the year.
- Initial course placement is determined by current district placement measures and/or completion of 100-200 level course and/or program requirements.
- Students should meet with an academic advisor about any concerns that may affect course enrollment.
- **This guide includes course suggestions for students undecided on where they plan to transfer. If you know where you are transferring to for your bachelor's, follow that institution's transfer requirements.**

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS: Film

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____



| Course # | Course Name | Requisites | Taken | Credits |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------|-----------|
| Term 1 | | | | |
| COMM 151 | Public Speaking | | | 3 |
| FILM 140 | Video Editing I | | | 3 |
| ENG 101 | Rhetoric & Comp I | | | 3 |
| FILM 115 | Film Appreciation | | | 3 |
| MATH 107/111 | General Statistics OR Liberal Arts Math | | | 4 |
| Term 2 | | | | |
| ENG 102 | Rhetoric & Composition II | Grade of C or higher in ENG 101 | | 3 |
| FILM 105 | Screenwriting | Grade of C or higher in ENG 101 | | 3 |
| B/S* | Behavioral Science* | | | 3 |
| FILM 150 | Moviemaking I | | | 3 |
| BIOL 100 | General Biology | | | 4 |
| Term 3 | | | | |
| FILM 215 | Film History | | | 3 |
| FILM 250 | Moviemaking II | FILM 140, 150 (each with C or higher) | | 3 |
| HES 151 | Personal Health & Wellness | | | 2 |
| HES 130 | Physical Fitness I | | | 1 |
| P/S* | Physical Science* | | | 4 |
| LIT 205/PHIL 155/HIST 286 | Lit. of Non-Western Countries, Non-Western Phil., OR Hist. of Religion | | | 3 |
| Term 4 | | | | |
| ADTL SS/BS* | Additional Social OR Behavioral Science* | | | 3 |
| FILM 280 | Cinematography | FILM 150 with C or higher | | 3 |
| FILM 230/240/260 | Sound Design, Video Editing II, OR Documentary Moviemaking | FILM 230/240: FILM 140 with C or higher FILM 260: FILM 140/150 with C or higher | | 3 |
| HIST 181/POLS 150 | US History OR Intro to American Govt. | | | 3 |
| HES 131 | Physical Fitness II | HES 130 | | 1 |
| ADTL COM, HUM, SS, OR BS* | Additional Comm, Humanities, Social OR Behavioral Science* | | | 3 |
| | | | TOTAL: | 64 |

*See Academic Advisor for course options.

GET STARTED

Find the [Steps to Enrollment](#) on SWIC.edu

CHOOSE A TRANSFER SCHOOL

[EIU Film Transfer Guide](#)