

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The English Film Studies program is designed to prepare students for a range of professional careers in areas such as screenwriting, film criticism, video production and the teaching of film, as well as graduate programs in film studies. Required courses give students a strong grounding in film history, verbal and visual narrative, and the critical terms and techniques used in both film and literary analysis. Electives give students the option of emphasizing either the creative approach or the critical approach to moving-image media, or a combination of the two. The film studies option also affords students the opportunity to create video productions using state-of-the-art digital video and editing equipment and the possibility of airing their productions on cable TV.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) Building 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Maryann Hoffmann or Mike McLane

maryann.hoffmann@ucdenver.edu or michael.mclane@ucdenver.edu

Visit the department website [here](#)

Ninth Street Park, 1015 9th Street

303-315-7830

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

The following are **maximum** semester hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the English Film Studies B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 39 ENGL credit hours. ENGL 1010, 1020 and 2030 do not apply to the major.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 27 upper division (3000-level and above) ENGL credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C-(1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 15 ENGL upper-division (3000-level or above) credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Internship/cooperative education courses may be counted toward the major for students who have junior standing or higher.
6. Students are not to exceed 56 English credit hours (any level).
7. Double majors in English and English Writing are exempt from the 56-hour rule and must complete 63 hours total for both majors.
8. Production courses must be taken through the College of Arts & Media (CAM). Equivalent screenwriting courses may also be taken through CAM.
9. Courses marked with an asterisk are repeatable if taken as a different genre/director/topic.
10. The English Department also offers a minor in English Writing & Rhetoric; Courses counted in a minor cannot be counted toward the major.
11. Latin Honors may be earned by participating in the department's Honors Program. You are encouraged to begin the program in your junior year. The program requires additional coursework and affords you the opportunity to work individually with the professor of your choice. Handouts are available in the English office.

LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
ENGL Major Requirements	39	27 semester hours must be upper-division
ENGL Required Courses		
ENGL 2250 Introduction to Film	3	
ENGL 3200 From Literature to Film	3	*Prerequisite: Sophomore Standing
ENGL 3070 Film History I	3	*Prerequisite: Sophomore Standing
ENGL 3080 Global Cinema	3	*Prerequisite: Sophomore Standing
ENGL 4420 Film Theory and Criticism	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 2250 and ENGL 3070 or 3080 (recommended)
Film Area Electives <i>Courses marked with an asterisk are repeatable if taken as a different genre/director/topic.</i>	24	Check individual courses for prerequisites. Courses may be taken in all areas. 18 of the 24 hours must be at the 3000/4000 level. Choose from: ENGL 1601, 2450, 3001, 3075*, 3085*, 3300*, 3415, 3450, 3480, 3520, 3661, 3700, 3750, 3795, 3798, 4000, 4001*, 4002*, 4003*, 4160, 4166, 4200, 4210, 4220, 4230, 4235, 4236, 4240, 4250, 4300, 4320, 4350, 4440, 4410, 4460, 4500, 4510, 4520, 4530, 4540, 4560, 4580, 4600, 4730, 4735, 4745, 4770*, 4771*, or 4990
Estimated General Electives	12 - 32	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Program Hours:	120	45 semester hours must be upper-division

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 <i>recommended</i>	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities / First-Year Seminar	3
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Year One	Spring	CRS
	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Arts	3
	ENGL 2250 ^{PE}	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	16

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	ENGL 3200 ^{PE}	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	CLAS Communicative Skills ^M	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Year Two	Spring	CRS
	ENGL 3070 ^{PE}	3
	CLAS Biol/Phys Science with lab	4
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
	CLAS Humanities ^M	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	16

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 3080 ^{PE}	3
	ENGL Film Area Elective	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester I	5
	Total Credit Hours	14

Year Three	Spring	CRS
	ENGL 4420 ^{PR}	3
	ENGL Film Area Elective	3
	CLAS Social Science	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester II	5
	Total Credit Hours	14

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	ENGL Film Area Upper-Division Elective	3
	ENGL Film Area Upper-Division Elective	3
	ENGL Film Area Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Year Four	Spring	CRS
	ENGL Film Area Upper-Division Elective	3
	ENGL Film Area Upper-Division Elective	3
	ENGL Film Area Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15