

# DIGITAL FILMMAKING, WRITING/DIRECTING (AAS)

Degree: Associate of Applied Science  
Major: Digital Filmmaking  
Emphasis: Writing/Directing  
Program Code: 1304

## About This Major...

The Digital Filmmaking: Writing/Directing emphasis prepares and develops students for entry-level jobs in the film, broadcast, and commercial video industries. Digital Filmmaking: Writing/Directing is all about storytelling with production to relay facets of their experiences to audiences. During this program, you'll cover the in-depth fundamentals of screenwriting, plan and shoot your productions, and implement essential postproduction to present your story. You will also use common research skills, collaboration, actors, lighting and sound, and non-linear editors and video/graphic compositors. Plus, students learn not only the filmmaking business but information they can use if they want to become freelancers.

For more information on what you can do with this major, visit WCCC's Programs of Study (<https://www.coloradomesa.edu/wccc/programs/>) page.

All CMU/WCCC associate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in specialized knowledge/applied learning, quantitative fluency, communication fluency, critical thinking, personal and social responsibility, and information literacy. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Apply business communication using listening, verbal, written, and electronic forms that are needed for entry-level employment. (Communications Fluency)
2. Apply math and applied physics concepts for industry to meet job requirements. (Quantitative Fluency)
3. Research, evaluate, synthesize, and apply information/data relevant to business, the sciences, and technical careers. (Critical Thinking)
4. Demonstrate knowledge of terminology, symbols, business practices, principles, and application of technical skills. (Specialized Knowledge)
5. Perform the applied skill sets to fulfill the needs of entry-level employment. (Specialized Knowledge)
6. Demonstrate ethical, civic, and workplace responsibility as part of professional behavior. (Applied Learning)

## Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

**To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select 'Print Options.'** This will give you the options to either 'Send Page to Printer' or 'Download PDF of This Page.' The 'Download PDF of This Page' option

prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

## Institutional Degree Requirements

The following institutional degree requirements apply to all CMU and WCCC Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- 60 semester hours minimum.
- Students must complete a minimum of 15 of the final 30 semester hours of credit at CMU/WCCC.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU/WCCC coursework.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- No more than six semester hours of independent study courses can be used toward the degree.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed 20 semester credit hours for an AAS degree.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Degree Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

## Essential Learning Requirements

(15 semester hours)

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Communication</b>		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1	3
Select one of the following courses:		3
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2	
SPCH 101	Interpersonal Communications	
SPCH 102	Speechmaking	
<b>Mathematics</b>		
MATH 110	College Mathematics-GTMA1 (or higher)	3
<b>Other Essential Learning Core Courses</b>		
ENGL 222	Mythology-GTAH2	3
THEA 141	Theatre Appreciation-GTAH1	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15

## Other Lower Division Requirements

(2 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Wellness Requirement</b>		
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Select one Activity course		1
Total Semester Credit Hours		2

## Program Specific Degree Requirements

(42 semester hours, must pass all courses with a grade of "C" or higher.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
FILM 110	Film Expression	3
FILM 120	Film Script Analysis	3
FILM 130	Short-Form Screenwriting	3
FILM 140	Commercial & Corporate Production	3
FILM 143	Cinema Lighting	3
FILM 150	Episodic Screenwriting	3
FILM 155	Commercial Audio Design	3
FILM 170	Short-Form Production	4
FILM 210	Cinema Production Management	3
FILM 225	Cinema Capstone I	3
FILM 230	Episodic Production	4
FILM 260	Freelancing for Creatives	3
FILM 270	Cinema Capstone II	4
Total Semester Credit Hours		42

## General Electives

1 semester hour of a college level course appearing on final transcript, not listed above to bring total semester hours to 60.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Select elective		1
Total Semester Credit Hours		1

## Suggested Course Plan

First Year

Fall Semester		Semester Credit Hours
FILM 110	Film Expression	3
FILM 120	Film Script Analysis	3
FILM 130	Short-Form Screenwriting	3
FILM 140	Commercial & Corporate Production	3
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1	3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring Semester		Semester Credit Hours
FILM 143	Cinema Lighting	3
FILM 150	Episodic Screenwriting	3

FILM 155	Commercial Audio Design	3
FILM 170	Short-Form Production	4
MATH 110	College Mathematics-GTMA1	3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
FILM 210	Cinema Production Management	3
FILM 225	Cinema Capstone I	3
FILM 230	Episodic Production	4
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2	
SPCH 101	Interpersonal Communications	
SPCH 102	Speechmaking	
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Select one Activity course		1
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring Semester		
FILM 260	Freelancing for Creatives	3
FILM 270	Cinema Capstone II	4
THEA 141	Theatre Appreciation-GTAH1	3
ENGL 222	Mythology-GTAH2	3
General Elective		1
Semester Credit Hours		14
Total Semester Credit Hours		60

## Advising and Graduation

### Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a degree. The suggested course sequencing outlines how students could finish degree requirements. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters, while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and altering the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended degree(s).

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a degree and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

## Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their degree requirements:

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.