

Program Pathway – Associate of Arts General Studies, Film Pathway

Students can earn an Associate of Arts degree and a credential to work in the growing film industry in Georgia with this program. The film pathway offers students 18 hours from the Georgia Film Academy (at one of two locations in the metropolitan Atlanta area), so along with the AA degree the student earns that certification. The student could then work in film production or complete the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication with a film concentration or transfer to another program in the USG.

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. Highlighted courses have been identified as "key courses." It is strongly advised that students make every effort to pass these courses on the first attempt with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Missing milestones could prevent you from being eligible for a particular program or could result in a delay in graduation. The Program Pathway serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term.

If a student brings in sufficient numbers of transfer or dual enrollment credits, he/she might be able to start the GFA courses in the second semester of the first year.

First Year – Term 1				
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites	
ENGL 1101 *	English Composition I	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores	
MATH 1001 or	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores	
MATH 1101* or	or Math Modeling or College			
MATH 1111* or	Algebra or Elementary Statistics			
MATH 1401				
COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3		
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation	3	As humanities/fine arts elective only	
PRSP 1010*	PRSP Elective	1		
	Semester Total	13		

Milestone: By the end of the first semester, contact the Chair of the Department of Communication, Performing Arts, and Foreign Languages or the faculty advisor for GFA to discuss plans for attending the Georgia Film Academy. Seats in those classes are highly sought after. Registration for GFA courses takes place at a different time than for regular Dalton State courses. You will also wish to keep your GPA at 2.5 or better in your first year of courses.

First Year – Term 2				
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites	
ENGL 1102 *	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 ('C' or higher)	
Lab Science	Lab Science Elective	4		
Social Science	Introduction to Psychology, PSYC	3		
Elective	1101, preferred			
POLS 1101	American Government	3		
HIST 2111/2112	U.S. History	3		
	Semester Tota	l 16		

First Year Milestones

- Complete ENGL 1101 & ENGL 1102
- Complete Area A Math
- Meet with your advisor



By end of the second semester, you should be registered for the first GFA course, GFA 1000, 1050, or 1500 in the upcoming summer or fall.

Second Year – Term 1				
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites	
Humanities/	Suggested: ENGL 2201,	3		
Fine Arts English	Introduction to Film as Literature			
Elective				
Lab Science	Lab Science Elective	4		
GFA 1000, 1040,	Introduction to Film Production,	6	2.5 GPA, completion of 25 credit	
or 1500	Introduction to Film and TV		hours	
	Production, or Digital Ent,			
	Esports&Game Dev. (taught at			
	Georgia Film Academy)			
Social Science	ANTH 1103, ECON 2105, 2106, GEOG	3		
Elective	1100, 1101, or 1111, HIST 1111, 1112,			
	2111, 2112, PHIL 1103, 2010, 2020, POLS			
	2101, 2201, 2301, 2401, PSYC 1101, 2101,			
	2103, 2204, 2250, SOCI 1101, 1160			
	Semester Total	16		

Second Year – Term 2					
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites		
Science/ Mathematics/ Technology Elective	Math, Science, or Computer Science Elective	3	Recommended CMPS 1301 or MATH 1401		
GFA Craft course	Choose craft course in line with pathway	6			
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	Semester Total	15			

Notes:

The Program Pathway is not a contract, neither expressed or implied, between the student and Dalton State College, but represents a flexible program of the current catalog's curriculum which may be altered at any time to carry out the academic objectives of the College.

^{*} denotes grade of 'C' or higher required