

First-Year Course Recommendations – Film Studies

Full-time students typically choose a combination of these courses - totaling 12-16 units per semester.

| | Course | Course Title | Course Advice | Units | Semester | |
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| Major | FS 101 | Introduction to Film | This is a great beginning course looking at aspects of film such as: aesthetics, history, literature, and terminology. It also counts as in the Arts and Humanities area of general education. Note: it has a Skills Advisory of eligibility for ENGL 100. | 3 | | |
| General Education | English | See: Which English Courses Do I Need? | English is a foundational skill necessary for success in all college courses. Note: most SBCC courses have Skills Advisories of Eligibility for ENGL 110. Take whichever level of English you are eligible to take. | 3-5 | | |
| | Math | See: Understanding Your Math Course Placements | Math is a foundational skill that can be harder the longer you wait to take it. We recommend getting started on it now. You will need one college level math course (i.e. MATH 114 , 117 , 120 or higher) for admission to the California public universities. | 3-5 | | |
| | Arts and Humanities | See: IGETC Area 3A & 3B; SBCC GE Pattern Area C | Most Film Studies courses count in Area 3A, but if you plan to transfer you will also need a course from Area 3B. Some four year colleges (such as UCSB) have course requirements that fall in Area 3B. See Assist.org . | 3 | | |
| | Social Sciences | See: IGETC Area 4; SBCC GE Pattern Area B | Look for courses with Skills Advisories which match your placement levels and which seem interesting to you. | 3 | | |
| | Science | See: IGETC Area 5A, 5B, & 5C SBCC GE Pattern Area A | UC and CSU campuses require two science courses – one from each of two different areas, but only one of them is required to have a lab component. Underlined courses on IGETC are the ones with the labs. | 3-4 | | |
| Electives | PD 100 | College Success | This course is designed to teach study skills for academic success in college. It introduces resources available at SBCC and allows students to explore their major and transfer goals. It transfers to all UC and CSU campuses. | 3 | | |
| | PD 110 | Career Planning | This course is designed to help students explore major and career options while also gaining interview, communication, and resume writing skills. The course is taught by Career Counselors and is UC and CSU transferable. Note: the UC only gives credit for PD 100 or PD 110 – not both. | 3 | | |
| | PE | Physical Education Activities | You can transfer up to 4 units of PE activity courses to the UC system and more to CSU campuses. They can be a great way to manage stress and maintain physical health. Many of these courses are graded. | 1 | | |
| | Any course of interest | | Taking courses you are interested in can be one of the best ways to explore major and career options. SBCC offers many incredible courses in areas outside of major and general education (such as Film Production) that are still desired by the UC and CSU systems. Some schools (such as UCLA and USC) may not require specific film courses for admission, but they are still interested in seeing you take courses in film or related areas. Choose courses you feel will help you develop your knowledge and talents in this competitive field. | 1-5 | | |