

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Cinematic Arts 2026-2027 Official Degree Plan



Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) Requirements

HCU's Liberal Arts Core Curriculum guides students to more fully know and make known:

- **God**, the Creator and Redeemer, as he has revealed Himself in his Son, by the Holy Spirit, through the Scriptures and His World. *Core outcomes:* Biblical literacy ¹, Christian wisdom ², and theological proficiency ³.
- **God's Creation** by examining and engaging with the design, intricacy, and coherence of his world. *Core outcomes:* Scientific ⁴, quantitative ⁵, and aesthetic literacy ⁶.
- **Humans as God's Image Bearers** by investigating and celebrating human dignity, interdependence, and flourishing through their status as created, purposeful beings. *Core outcomes:* Investigation and celebration of human dignity ⁷, interdependence ⁸, and flourishing ⁹ through the cultivation of charity, humility, and verbal literacy.

For more information about the mission and philosophy of our Liberal Arts Core Curriculum, please visit the [Core Curriculum website](#).

COURSES	OUTCOMES	HOURS
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible*	1 2 3 7 8 9	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology and Tradition*	1 2 3 7 9	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	2 3 6 7 8 9	3
Natural Science with Lab	2 4 5 6	4
MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking* (or higher) or PHIL 1305 Logic and Quantitative Reasoning* (choose one)	2 4 5 6	3
NARR 1300 Narrative Arts: Fiction, Film, and Games	2 6 8 9	3
ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I*	1 2 3 6 7 8 9	3
ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II*	1 2 6 7 8 9	3
ENGL 2315 Great Works of Literature I or ENGL 2325 Great Works of Literature II (choose one)	1 2 3 6 7 8 9	3
GOVT 2313 American and Texas Government	2 7 8 9	3
COMM 1323 Rhetoric & Public Speaking or CLAS 1343 Ancient Rhetoric for Modern People (choose one)	2 6 7 8 9	3
HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	1 2 6 7 8 9	3
HIST 2312 Western Civilization II, or HIST 2313 US History to 1877, or HIST 2323 US History from 1877 (choose one)	2 3 6 7 8 9	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	1 2 3 4 7 8 9	3
Total LACC Hours		43

* Course must be completed with "C" or higher

* Students transferring to HCU with 45 or more hours of transferrable college credit will take only CHRI 3300 Introduction to Bible and Theology ¹ ² ³ ⁷ ⁹ to meet their LACC Christianity requirements. This lowers the LACC requirement to 40 credit hours, but the student must still complete the total required hours for the degree.

Major Requirements

(all courses required for major must be completed with "C" or higher)

COURSES	HOURS
NARR 1000 Narrative Arts Forum (must enroll every semester)	0
NARR 2200 Art of Storytelling	2
CINE 2100 Storytelling in Cinema	1
NARR 2310 Media and Careers Survey	3
NARR 2312 Collaboration and Communication	3
NARR 3310 Portfolio, Pitching, and Networking	3
Three credit hours of Faith and Culture coursework chosen from: NARR 3120, NARR 3220, NARR 3320	3
Total Narrative Arts Core	15
CINE 3320 History of Cinema	3
CINE 3321 Cinematic Core Principles	3
CINE 3322 Introduction to Media Production	3
Ten credit hours of Media Studies courses chosen from: CINE 3125, CINE 3225, CINE 3325 Media Studies	10
Nine credit hours of Cinema Specialization courses: CINE 3351 Cinema Pre-Production CINE 3352 Cinema Production CINE 3353 Cinema Post-Production CINE 3361 Screenwriting Workshop CINE 3363 Directing Workshop CINE 3365 Acting Workshop CINE 3367 Cinematography Workshop CINE 3180 Special Topics (1 hour) CINE 3280 Special Topics (2 hours) CINE 3380 Special Topics (3 hours)	9
CINE 4192 Sophomore Portfolio	1
Nine credit hours of Advanced Specialization Practicums: CINE 4351 Advanced Pre-Production CINE 4352 Advanced Production CINE 4353 Advanced Post-Production CINE 4361 Advanced Screenwriting Workshop CINE 4363 Advanced Directing Workshop CINE 4365 Advanced Acting Workshop CINE 4367 Advanced Cinematography Workshop CINE 4160 Advanced Practicum (1 hour) CINE 4260 Advanced Practicum (2 hours) CINE 4360 Advanced Practicum (3 hours)	9

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CINE 4194 Junior Portfolio	1
Three credit hours of Internship chosen from: CINE 4195, CINE 4295, or CINE 4395 Internship	3
CINE 4195 Senior Portfolio	1
Total Major Hours	58
Elective Hours Required	24
Narrative Arts Enrichment Courses (required): Narrative Arts students must take six (6) credit hours of Fine Arts enrichment courses in addition to the major requirements (any NARR, CINE, DIGI, WRIT, ART, or MUSI courses). The requirement may be fulfilled with electives or courses taken as part of another Fine Arts degree program or minor.	
Total Hours in Degree	125

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Additional Graduation Requirements

- At least 125 total credit hours, including 30 credit hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 credits must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 credits may be CLW-B earned through community life events). CLW events offered each semester are listed on the [Spiritual Life CLW website](#).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) credit hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation (e.g., dual credit) does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning in place of FYS 1300.
- At least 30 credit hours or 25 percent of the total credit hours required for an undergraduate degree (whichever is greater) must be earned at HCU, including at least 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major with a grade of "C" or better in each course.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major or as noted on the degree plan.
- Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, no more than 18 credit hours may be transferred from another institution. Students should consult with their academic advisor prior to enrolling in courses at another institution.

Filing a Degree Plan

All undergraduate students must have an official signed and approved degree plan on file with the Office of Academic Records by the time they complete 64 credit hours. Students should contact their academic advisor to begin the process. If seeking a double degree, double major, minor, or certificate, an official degree plan must be filed for each program of study. For questions, email degreeplans@HC.edu.

Applying for Graduation

Undergraduate students should apply for graduation through HuskyNet at least one semester before their anticipated graduation date. An official degree plan must be on file before the application can be accessed. More information about applying for graduation, including deadlines, can be found on the [Graduation Application website](#). For questions, email grad@HC.edu.

Degree Works

Access Degree Works through the [HCU Student Portal \(my.HC.edu\)](#) to view your degree plan status, graduation application status, and track your progress to graduation. For questions, contact your academic advisor.

University Catalog

The University Catalog is the official record of academic policies. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the information in the catalog, including attendance policies, transfer credit policies, academic standing information, and course descriptions. The catalog can be found on the [HCU Catalog website](#).

Acknowledgment and Signatures

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by all requirements on the degree plan. This degree plan is not valid until received & processed by the Office of Academic Records.

Student Name (Printed)

Student H#

HCU Email

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Date

Office of Academic Records Use Only

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