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To: Deans and Curriculum Committee Members

Dear Curriculum Committee Members,
I write this in support of the proposed new Cinema major under the B.A. Degree in Theatre Arts. The proposal represents our departmental decision to elevate an existing option to a major.

We believe that such a change will more clearly reflect the status and content of our program to current and potential students and to all units in the university, as well as to external stakeholders.

As the plan and the checksheet for the major closely follow the current option, no new resources will be needed at this time.

Sincerely,


Susanna Rinehart
Faculty Chair
Theatre \& Cinema

# Department of Theatre \& Cinema - School of Performing Arts <br> Proposal for Cinema Major under B. A. Degree in Theatre Arts 

## Justification / Need for Major

The conversion from option to major for cinema will provide numerous benefits for students, the department, and the School.

- The change enables the School of Performing Arts to better reflect one of its principal areas of study and better align the program with our peer institutions.
- Students will be able to clearly describe their area of expertise when they seek employment or post-secondary education. The name of the major will describe more clearly the course of study that they have pursued.
- The change will provide for more curricular flexibility and specialization within the School, as well as participation in cross-disciplinary curricular initiatives.
- Students who are considering Virginia Tech for their education in cinema will be able to identify it more easily as being on the list of VT majors. Cinema currently appears under ' T ' for Theatre. Changing the major title to Cinema will be readily identifiable to prospective students. In addition, our program will be more 'searchable' on the internet. Both results should have a positive effect on student recruiting efforts.


## Relevance to Virginia Tech mission and strategic plan

Moving cinema from an option to a major will more clearly align this program in the School of Performing Arts with the university's strategic plan for 2012-2018. One of the aspirations articulated in the plan is this: "We aim to become the national model for the merger and application of the arts and technology as a catalyst for educational excellence." Cinema exemplifies the merger of art and technology. It is a digital medium in which students use computer-based technology to build narratives and graphic designs, through which they explore cultural and social diversity and re-imagine the conditions of global interdependence.

## Students Served

Currently, there are approximately 30 students enrolled in the Cinema option. The program has steadily maintained roughly a quarter of the total number of Theatre Arts majors. It is anticipated that the new major will attract additional students to the major, as the change will help them to more clearly identify and promote themselves to employers and graduate schools.

## Resources Needed

The new checksheet for the major incurs only minor changes from the present checksheet for the cinema option. Therefore, no new resources will be required for the implementation of the major at this time.

## Administration

First semester students can enroll in the Cinema Major: fall 2017.
Last semester students will be able to graduate with the Cinema Option: fall 2019.
Students currently in the theatre major with a cinema option (TAC) will have the choice of rolling over to the new Cinema Major as early as fall 2017 or remaining in the Cinema Option through fall 2019.

Implementation for either choice can be achieved without significant disruption. The new checksheet closely matches the checksheets currently in force, and current students will have few changes in requirements. These can be handled administratively. In addition, the new major will have the same title as the currently approved option.

The advising staff will work closely with any student who temporarily leaves the program or who returns after the current option checksheet is discontinued, providing appropriate assistance for a timely completion of their degree.

All students will be informed via the department web site (www.performingarts.vt.edu), the majors listserv, and individual advising sessions. New checksheets will be posted on the department web site and in hard copy by the advising offices. Recruiting materials will reflect the changes upon approvals.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE ARTS
CINEMA MAJOR
CHECKSHEET FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2019

## Theatre Arts Degree Core Requirements (33 credit hours)

## Take all courses listed below

(Semester)
TA 1004 SOPA First Year Experience $\qquad$
TA 2014 Introduction to Theatre
(3) $\qquad$
TA 2104 Fundamentals of Theatre and Production
(3) $\qquad$
TA 2114 Script Analysis
(3) $\qquad$

TA 2134 Acting Lab
(3) $\qquad$

TA 2135 Theatre Design Lab
(3) $\qquad$
TA 3014 Theatre Production Lab
5 Credits required in at least 4 separate areas as listed below. Credits earned over and above the 5 required count as theatre electives. Maximum 9 Credits.
Design/Tech - Req.
(1) $\qquad$
Costume - Req.
(1) $\qquad$
Management - Req. $\qquad$
Production Crew - Req.
(1) $\qquad$
Lab Elective - $\qquad$
(1) $\qquad$ student choice of area

TA 3105 History of Drama \& Theatre
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req. TA 2114

TA 3106 History of Drama \& Theatre
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req. TA 2114

TA 4315 Directing
(3) $\qquad$ senior standing required

SHAKESPEARIAN Study - requirement may be satisfied by taking one of following;

ENGL 4165 Shakespeare
or
ENGL 4166 Shakespeare
(3) junior standing required
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## Cinema Major Requirements

A minimum of 57 credit hours in Theatre and Cinema is required to complete the B.A. degree in Theatre Arts with a Cinema Major - the 33 hours of foundation credits as listed, plus 15 defined cinema credits and 9 hours of restricted electives. A total of 120 hours is required for the degree, including CLE credits and free electives.

## Take five required courses as listed below ( 15 credit hours)

(Semester)

1) CINE 2054 Introduction to Cinema
(3) $\qquad$
2) CINE 2064 Introduction to Cinema Production
(3) $\qquad$
3) One of the following is required (3 hours). The second may be taken as a TA/CINE elective. CINE 3214 Fiction Cinema Production or
CINE 3224 Documentary Cinema Production
4) CINE 3184 Cinema Production Topics additional hours over 3 can count as TA/CINE electives.
5) CINE 4084 Cinema History
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req. 2054 or TA 2054 or COMM 2054

## Additional Theatre and Cinema Electives from the List Below (9 credit hours)

(Notes: A minimum of 3 hours must be TA credits. No Theatre and Cinema classes, except for Topics courses may be counted for more than one place on the checksheet, unless otherwise indicated.)
(Semester)


CINE $\qquad$
(Number) (Course Title)
TA $\qquad$
(Number) (Course Title)
(3) $\qquad$
(3) $\qquad$
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## Theatre and Cinema Electives

TA 2014 Introduction to Theatre
TA 2136 Theatre Design Lab
TA 2144 Foundations of Movement \& Voice
TA 2204 Creative Dance
TA 2224 Intermediate Performance Intensive
TA 2414 Stage and Lighting Technology
TA 2604 Introduction to Arts Marketing
(Cross-Listed w/MUS 2604)
TA 2964 Field Study
TA 2974 Independent Study
TA 3014 Theatre Production Lab (9 credits max.)
TA 3114 Scenography Topics (9 credits max.)
TA 3124 Costume Design \& Technology Topics
TA 3134 Lighting Topics (9 credits max.)
TA 3144 Theatre Design Topics ( 9 credits max.)
TA 3154 Acting Topics ( 9 credits max.)
TA 3164 Voice \& Speech Topics ( 9 credits max.)
TA 3174 Movement Topics ( 9 credits max.)
CINE 3184 Cinema Production Topics ( 9 credits max.)
CINE 3214 Fiction Cinema Production
CINE 3224 Documentary Cinema Production
TA 3315 Playwriting (Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3315)
TA 3316 Playwriting (Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3316)
CINE 3444 African American Images in Film
(Cross-Listed w/AFST 3444 and SOC 3444)
CINE 3514 American Cinema Genres
CINE 3524 The Cinema Director
CINE 3534 Avant-Garde Cinema
CINE 3544 Literature and Cinema
(Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3544)
TA 3604 Arts Management
TA 3624 Stage Management
TA 3954 Study Abroad
TA 4014 Contemporary Theatre Seminar
CINE 4144 Cinema Studies Topics ( 9 credits max.)
TA 4304 Theatre Outreach
TA 4316 Directing
CINE 4534 Underground Cinema \& Culture
TA 4704 Prof. Theatre and Cinema Internship
TA 4964 Field Study
TA 4974 Independent Study
TA 4994 Undergrad. Research
(3)
(3) pre-req. 2135
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pre-req. 2134
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pre-req. (2134 or 2024) and 2144
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(3) pre-req. ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H or COMM 1016
(3)
(3) pre-req. 2054 or TA 2054
(3) pre-req. 2054 or TA 2054
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junior standing required
pre-req. 2104
junior standing required
pre-req. 2054 or TA 2054
junior standing or instructor consent req.
pre-req. 4315
pre-req. 2054
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List any Additional, Transfer, or Duplicate Theatre Arts and Cinema Electives Here:

Dept Course \# Title
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Semester Taken
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## Virginia Tech Curriculum For Liberal Education (CLE) Requirements UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students who completed 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed the requirement. Students who did not complete 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school may complete the requirement as follows:

Complete 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus 1105 or the equivalent in college (these 3 hours count toward the 120 required for graduation) OR
Complete Foreign Language 1105-1106 equivalent courses (e.g., FR, SPAN, GER, ITAL, etc.) or the equivalent in college (these 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation)

CLE Credits (36 credit hours)
Dept Course \# Name Term/Yr Credits
Area 1 WRITING AND DISCOURSE (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
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(3)
(3)

Area 2 IDEAS, CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND VALUES (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)


Area 3 SOCIETY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
$\qquad$

Area 4 SCIENTIFIC REASONING AND DISCOVERY (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
$\qquad$
Area 5 QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
$\square \longrightarrow$ _ - (3)

Area 6 CREATIVE AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE (3 credits from university-approved CLE list) This area is fulfilled by CINE 2054.
(3)

Area 7 CRITICAL ISSUES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT (3 credits from university-approved CLE list)
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ (3)

## Free Electives as needed to reach 120 credits (minimum 27 credit hours)



## Departmental Policies

## TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE

A total of 120 hours is required for the degree.

## OVERALL GPA

A GPA of 2.0 or higher is required for graduation.

## IN-MAJOR GPA

All TA and CINE courses will be used to calculate the in-major GPA.
A minimum in-major GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation.
All major courses must be taken on an A-F basis, unless only offered as P/F.

## Prerequisites

Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites, please consult the University Course Catalog and current Timetable, or check with your advisor, for the most current requirements.

## Minimum Theatre Arts Credits

A minimum of 36 TA credits, including the Shakespeare course, is required for the Theatre Arts degree.

## Satisfactory Progress Toward Degree

Upon having attempted 72 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, credit by examination, course withdrawal) students must have a minimum in-major GPA of 2.0 and must have completed:

| CINE 2054 | Introduction to Cinema |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TA 2104 | Fundamentals of Theatre and Production |  |
| TA 2114 | Script Analysis | $(3)$ |
| TA 2134 | Acting Lab | $(3)$ |
| TA 2135 | Theatre Design Lab | $(3)$ |
| TA/CINE XXX | Other TA/CINE Requirement or Elective | $(3)$ |
| TOTAL CREDITS |  | 18 |

Please consult the Undergraduate catalog for other University and College Satisfactory Progress requirements.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE ARTS

CINEMA OPTION (TAC)
CHECKSHEET FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018
All options require a common set of foundational courses listed below, plus additional courses according to the requirements of the option. A total of 120 credits is required for the degree in any option.
Core Requirements for all options -
Take all courses listed below (33 credits)
(Semester)
TA 1004 SOPA First Year Experience
CINE 2054 Introduction to Cinema
(1) $\qquad$
(3) $\qquad$ satisfies CLE Area 6 requirement
(3)
(3)
(3) $\qquad$
(3) $\qquad$

TA 2135 Design Lab
TA 3014 Production Lab

Design/Tech - Req.
Costume - Req. w/ Design Lab
Management - Req.
Production Crew - Req.
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TA 3105 History of Drama \& Theatre
TA 3106 History of Drama \& Theatre
TA 4315 Directing I

5 Credits required in at least four separate areas as listed below. 9 Credits Max. Credits earned over and above the 5 required are considered theatre electives.
(1) $\qquad$
(1) $\qquad$ co-req. w/ TA 2135 or 2136
(1) $\qquad$
(1) $\qquad$
(1) $\qquad$ student choice of area
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req.TA 2114
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req.TA 2114
(3) $\qquad$ senior standing required

SHAKESPEARIAN Study - requirement may be satisfied by taking one of following; junior standing required

ENGL 4165 Shakespeare or
ENGL 4166 Shakespeare
(3) $\qquad$

## Cinema Option -- (TAC)

A minimum of 57 hours in Theatre and Cinema is required to complete the B.A. degree in Theatre Arts under the Cinema Option ( 33 foundation credits are required, plus 12 specific cinema credits and 12 credit hours of Department of Theatre and Cinema electives (minimum 6 hours TA credits plus 6 additional TA or CINE credits). A total of 120 credits is required for the degree.

Take four required courses as listed below (12 credits)
(Semester)

1) CINE 2064 Introduction to Cinema Production
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req. or co-req. 2054
2) One of the following is required (3 hours). The second may be taken as a TA/CINE elective. CINE 3214 Fiction Cinema Production
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req. 2054 and 2064 or
(3) pre-req. 2054 and 2064
CINE 3224 Documentary Cinema Production
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req. 3214 or 3224
3) CINE 3184 Cinema Production Topics

Minimum 3 hours of 3184 required; course may be repeated if different topics for up to 9 hours; additional hours over 3 can count as TA/CINE electives.
4) CINE 4084 Cinema History
(3) $\qquad$ pre-req. 2054

## 12 Additional Credit Hours of Theatre and Cinema Electives from the List Below

(Notes: A minimum of 6 hours must be TA credits. No Theatre and Cinema classes, except for Topics courses may be counted for more than one place on the checksheet, unless otherwise indicated.)


## Theatre and Cinema Electives - Cinema Option

TA 2014 Introduction to Theatre
TA 2136 Design Lab
(3)

TA 2144 Foundations of Movement \& Voice
TA 2204 Creative Dance
TA 2224 Intermediate Performance Intensive
TA 2414 Stage and Lighting Technology
TA 2604 Introduction to Arts Marketing
(Cross-Listed w/MUS 2604)
TA 2964 Field Study
TA 2974 Independent Study
TA 3014 Production Lab (9 credits max.)
TA 3104 Japanese Theatre
TA 3114 Scenography Topics ( 9 credits max.)
TA 3124 Costume Topics (9 credits max.)
TA 3134 Lighting Topics ( 9 credits max.)
TA 3144 Theatre Design Topics ( 9 credits max.)
TA 3154 Acting Topics (9 credits max.)
TA 3164 Voice \& Speech Topics (9 credits max.)
TA 3174 Movement Topics ( 9 credits max.)
CINE 3184 Cinema Production Topics ( 9 credits max.)
CINE 3214 Fiction Cinema Production
CINE 3224 Documentary Cinema Production
TA 3315 Playwriting (Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3315)
TA 3316 Playwriting Workshop
(Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3316)
CINE 3444 African American Images in Film
(Cross-Listed w/AFST 3444 and SOC 3444)
CINE 3514 American Cinema Genres
CINE 3524 The Cinema Director
CINE 3534 Avant-Garde Cinema
CINE 3544 Literature and Cinema
(Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3544)
TA 3604 Arts Management
TA 3624 Stage Management
TA 3954 Study Abroad
TA 4014 Contemporary Theatre Seminar
CINE 4144 Cinema Studies Topics ( 9 credits max.)
TA 4304 Theatre Outreach
TA 4316 Directing (Styles)
CINE 4534 Underground Cinema \& Culture
TA 4704 Prof. Theatre Internship [ $6 \mathrm{~min} ., 15 \mathrm{max}$.]
TA 4964 Field Study
TA 4974 Independent Study
TA 4994 Undergrad. Research
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pre-req. 2136 \& 2414
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pre-req. $2144 \& 2224$
pre-req. 3214 or 3224
pre-req. 2054 \& 2064
pre-req. 2054 \& 2064
Consent of instructor required
pre-req. ENGL 3315
pre-req. AFST 1714
pre-req. 2054
pre-req. 2054
pre-req. 2054
pre-req. 2054
pre-req. 2104
junior standing required
pre-req. 2054
pre-req. 4315
pre-req. 2054

List any Additional, Transfer, or Duplicate Theatre Arts and Cinema Electives Here:


A GPA of 2.0 or higher is required for graduation.

## IN-MAJOR GPA

All TA and CINE courses will be used to calculate the in-major GPA.
A minimum in-major GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation.

## Minimum Theatre Arts Credits

A minimum of 33 TA credits plus the ENGL Shakespeare class is required for the degree.
A total of 120 hours is required for the degree.

## Satisfactory Progress Toward Degree

Upon having attempted 72 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, credit by examination, course withdrawal) students must have a minimum in-major GPA of 2.0 and must have completed:

| TA 2114 | Script Analysis | (3) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TA 2104 | Fundamentals of Theatre and Production | (3) |
| CINE 2054 or TA 2014 | Intro to Cinema or Intro to Theatre | (3) |
| TA 2134 | Acting Lab | (3) |
| TA 3135 | Design Lab | (3) |
| TA/CINE XXX | Other TA/CINE Requirement or Elective | $\underline{(3)}$ |
| TOTAL CREDITS |  | 18 |

Please consult the Undergraduate catalog for other University and College Satisfactory Progress requirements.

## VIRGINIA TECH Curriculum For Liberal Education (CLE) Requirements UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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Students who did not complete 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school may complete the requirement as follows:

Complete 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus 1105 or the equivalent in college (these 3 hours count toward the 120 required for graduation) OR
Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college (these 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation
(list FL completed req. here)
Dept Course \# Name Term/Yr Credits

Area 1 WRITING AND DISCOURSE (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
(3)

Area 2 IDEAS, CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND VALUES ( 6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
$\qquad$
(3)
(3)

Area 3 SOCIETY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
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$(3)$
$(3)$

Area 4 SCIENTIFIC REASONING AND DISCOVERY (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
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Area 5 QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING (6 credits from university-approved CLE list)
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Area 6 CREATIVE AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE ( 6 credits from university-approved CLE list) This area is fulfilled by CINE 2054 as required in the major.

Area 7 CRITICAL ISSUES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT (3 credits from university-approved CLE list)
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OTHER FREE ELECTIVE HOURS (i.e. transfer credits used toward the 120 required for graduation)


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February 10, 2010
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Dear Greg,

Theatre Arts students are welcome to enroll in ENGL 4165 or $4166 .=20$ Thank you for letting us know of this change in your curriculum

Carolyn Rude
Professor and Chair
Department of English=20

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-----Original Message-----
From: Gregory Justice [mailto:gjustice@vt.edu]=20
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 2:06 PM
To: Rude, Carolyn
Cc: Raun, Patty
Subject: Letter of Support
Dear Caroline,
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Greetings. The Department of Theatre and Cinema is working on revising=20
our curriculum now that we have integrated the Cinema program from=20
Communications into our Theatre Arts Department.
In the past, to receive a $B A$ in Theatre Arts, all Theatre Arts students=20
had to take an ancillary course in ENGL. They could take either ENGL=20
4165 Shakespeare or ENGL 4166 Shakespeare to satisfy this ancillary=20
requirement.

In our new curriculum, we are proposing to remove our ancillary course=20 requirements. However, we would still like our students to take one of=20 your Shakespeare offerings. We are proposing that our students take=20 either ENGL 4165 or ENGL 4166 as one of their CLE requirements in Area $2=20$ Human Ideas, Cultural Traditions and Values.

I am writing to request your permission to have this requirement as part=20 of our curriculum.

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If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
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Yours,
Greg Justice
Undergraduate Coordinator, Theatre and Cinema

