

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS IN FILM, THEATRE, AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
MAJOR: FILM PRODUCTION
RED DEER POLYTECHNIC APPLIED DEGREE
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CULTURE

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You are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and appropriate and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at Red Deer Polytechnic and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer (if applicable). You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit (if applicable), admission requirements for future programs, or eligibility to graduate from Red Deer Polytechnic. Please consult with an Advisor if you have any questions.

Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university to which they wish to transfer and should contact appropriate university departments as required.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- See the [Academic Calendar](#)
- The Bachelor of Applied Arts in Film, Theatre and Live Entertainment is an intensive, full-time, FOUR year applied bachelor's degree. There are no formal classes held during the fourth year of the program and instead you will work on your own independent or collaborative projects. You will receive support and guidance from your instructors throughout the year.
- You are responsible for registering into all of your required courses and ensuring that you meet the graduation requirements. **Early registration is strongly encouraged to ensure you secure your preferred classes, and create an ideal schedule.**

WHAT IS THIS GUIDE?

- This is an Academic Planning Guide, prepared by the Student Connect Centre, to help you register for courses towards your desired program.
- If you are transferring to another institution to complete your degree, we strongly advise that you read the Academic Calendar of your destination institution for full information.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- To meet graduation requirements, students must complete all courses with a minimum grade of '**D**' and a minimum grade point average (GPA) of **2.00**.

WHAT IS A TERM? TERMS ARE THE PERIOD IN WHICH YOUR STUDIES TAKE PLACE. AT RDP, WE OFFER FOUR TERMS.

- **Fall** term (September through December)
- **Winter** term (January through April)
- **Spring** term (May through June): Spring term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.
- **Summer** term (July through August): Summer term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.

HOW MANY COURSES SHOULD I TAKE A TERM?

- At RDP a typical maximum courseload (per Fall or Winter term) is 15 academic credits. Because your courses range between 2 and 4 academic credits, a maximum courseload should sit between 14 and 17 academic credits a term. **We strongly advise against taking on more than this in a term.**
- **This program is designed to be taken full-time (i.e. at a maximum courseload) over four years.** See course sequencing below for details. Please contact studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca if you anticipate this will be an issue, or if you have deviated from your course sequence.
- For course load requirements for funding purposes, please visit www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE LESS THAN THE RECOMMENDED COURSELOAD?

- Please contact studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca.

WHAT IF I COMPLETED COURSES AT ANOTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION?

Once you are admitted to RDP, you can then apply to have your post-secondary courses assessed for transfer credit through our [Recognition of Prior Learning Office](#). Once admitted to RDP you can complete an [RPL application form](#) and provide the Polytechnic Assessors with any and all transcripts, course outlines/descriptions, or other documentation necessary to support your PLAR application.

NOTE: To qualify for a Red Deer Polytechnic program credential, students must complete at least 50% of the credit requirements for the credential through enrolment in RDP courses.

REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM AUDIT

- Refer to the **Registration** tab on your Loop account to view **Registration Tips and Tricks** for information on:
 - Registering in classes
 - Waitlisting
 - Checking Prerequisites and Corequisites
 - Courses listed as **prerequisites** must be completed before you start the course in question.
 - Courses listed as **co-requisites** must be taken at the same time as the course in question.
 - Viewing Your Schedule
 - And much more!
- You can also see for yourself exactly which criteria each course will meet, by using Grad Tracker. To access this, log in to the Loop and select Online Services→Student Services→Grad Tracker.
- If you notice any discrepancies with your Grad Tracker, please let your Program Liaison know.

COURSE SEQUENCE AND GRADUATION CHECKLIST (UNOFFICIAL)

REQUIREMENT		PREREQUISITE	COMMENTS	COMPLETED
YEAR 1 FIRST TERM COURSES				
COMM 210 (3 credits)	Communication for Creative Arts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
PROD 100 (2 credits)	Production Fundamentals I		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
PROD 103 (2 credits)	Film Production I		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
Creative Arts (CA) History Elective (3 credits)				
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YEAR 1 SECOND TERM COURSES

PROD 1001 (3 credits)	Introduction to Film Production		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. If you previously took PROD 105, you do not need to take PROD 1001. PROD 1001 has replaced PROD 105. 	
ART 231- 2D Visual Fundamentals or ART 241- Drawing I (3 credits)				
CREA 110 (3 credits)	Storytelling I	Prerequisites: COMM 210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
PROD 101 (3 credits)	Production Fundamentals II	Prerequisites: PROD 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
<u>Creative Arts (CA) Elective</u> (3 credits)				

YEAR 2 FIRST TERM COURSES

FTLE 205 (3 credits)	Directing I	Prerequisites: COMM 210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
FTLE 210 (3 credits)	Storytelling II	Prerequisites: CREA 110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
PROD 203 (3 credits)	Film Production II	Prerequisites: PROD 103	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
PROD 221 (3 credits)	Documentary Fundamentals	Prerequisites: CREA 110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
<u>Creative Arts (CA) Elective</u> (3 credits)				

YEAR 2 SECOND TERM COURSES

FTLE 220 (2 credits)	Projects I	Prerequisites: FTLE 205	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
PROD 204 (3 credits)	Film Production III	Prerequisites: PROD 203	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
PROD 205 (2 credits)	Advanced Cinematography I	Prerequisites: PROD 204	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	

FTLE 215 (3 credits)	Business for Stage and Screen	Prerequisites: COMM 210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
<u>Breadth Elective (Non-CA)</u> (3 credits)				
<u>ACT or PROD Elective</u> (2-3 credits)				

YEAR 3 FIRST TERM COURSES

FTLE 305 (1 credit)	Workshops I	Prerequisites: FTLE 215	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
PROD 300 (3 credits)	Film Projects I	Prerequisites: FTLE 220	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
PROD 303 (3 credits)	Film Production IV	Prerequisites: PROD 204	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
PROD 307 (3 credits)	Business for Film Production	Prerequisites: FTLE 215	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
ACT 326 (3 credits)	Directing for Film I	Prerequisites: FTLE 205	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
<u>Creative Arts (CA) Elective</u> (3 credits)				

YEAR 3 SECOND TERM COURSES

FTLE 306 (1 credit)	Workshops II	Prerequisites: FTLE 215	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
PROD 301 (3 credits)	Film Projects II	Prerequisites: FTLE 220	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
PROD 304 (3 credits)	Film Production V	Prerequisites: PROD 303	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
PROD 315 (3 credits)	Screenwriting	Prerequisites: FTLE 210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
<u>PROD Elective</u> (2-3 credits)				
<u>Breadth Elective (Non-CA)</u> (3 credits)				

YEAR 4 FIRST TERM COURSES

FTLE 405 (15 credits)	Applied Practicum I	Prerequisites: successful completion of all Year 3 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no formal classes held during the fourth year of the program and instead you will work on your own independent or collaborative projects. • You will receive support and guidance from your instructors throughout the year. • FTLE 405 is offered in the Fall term only. 	
YEAR 4 SECOND TERM COURSES				
FTLE 410 (15 credits)	Applied Practicum II	Prerequisites: successful completion of all Year 3 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no formal classes held during the fourth year of the program and instead you will work on your own independent or collaborative projects. • You will receive support and guidance from your instructors throughout the year. • FTLE 410 is offered in the Winter term only. 	

IMPORTANT NOTES

- To add breadth to your overall training **FILM PRODUCTION MAJORS** are required to complete:
 - **Four (4) Creative Arts (CA) Electives** (12 credits total; 3 credits each)
 - **One (1) Creative Arts History Elective** (3 credits total)
 - **Two (2) Breadth (Non-CA) Electives** (6 credits total; 3 credits each)
 - **One (1) ACT or PROD Elective** (may be 2 or 3 credits)
 - **One (1) PROD Elective** (may be 2 or 3 credits)

These can be taken in any order depending upon your preferences and course availability. We have provided sequence suggestions in the checklist above.

- If a course is already a requirement of your program, it cannot also fulfill an elective.**
- Some courses have restrictions (e.g. VART/BFA ONLY). Please contact studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca to request permission. Course availability will depend upon space and meeting prerequisites.

ELECTIVE LIST/COURSE CATEGORIZATION

Creative Arts (CA) Elective

Any **3 credit** course from within Creative Arts, plus any FILM course, which you have the pre/co-requisite to take.

Includes: ART, ARAN, AVFX, DRAM, FILM, ACT, PROD, FTLE, CREA and MUSI.

Click [HERE](#) for examples of Creative Arts Electives.

Breadth Elective (Non-CA Elective)

Any **3 credit** course except for those listed above as Creative Arts Elective, which you have the pre/co-requisite to take.

Click [HERE](#) for examples of Breadth Electives.

Production (PROD) Elective

Any **2 or 3 credit** course titled PROD which is not already required for your program and that you have the pre/co-requisite for.

PROD Electives Offered in 2023-24:

Fall 2023	Winter 2024
PROD 213	PROD 335
	ACT 109

Acting/Production (ACT/PROD) Electives

Any **2-3 credit (or more)** course titled **PROD and/or ACT**, which is not already required for your program and that you have the pre/co-requisite for.

ACT/PROD Electives Offered in 2023-24:

Fall 2023	Winter 2024
PROD 213	PROD 335
	ACT 109

Creative Arts (CA) History Elective

You must take at least one **Creative Arts (CA) History Elective** in your program. *Choose one from the following:*

- FILM 201** - Film Art
- FILM 202** - Film History
- ART 201** - Art History 1
- ART 203** - Art History 2
- MUSI 233** - Music History
- AVFX 109** - Animation History

**You are welcome to take more than one of the courses above to fulfill Creative Arts (CA) Electives.

Spring/Summer Courses. Electives may be taken during a Spring term (May – June) or Summer term (July – August). There are no CA Electives available in the Spring or Summer; however, you should be able to easily find a Breadth Elective in a Spring or Summer term. Please check the [RDP Timetable](#) for course availability.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

Red Deer Polytechnic Student Connect Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca• www.rdpolytech.ca/SCC• 403.342.3254
Red Deer Polytechnic website	rdpolytech.ca
Transfer Alberta Guide	transferalberta.alberta.ca