



YOUR Major Action Plan: Digital Media Studies

What is YOUR passion?		1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
Galleries Shared studios School & community programs	YOUR Target Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including ARTS 1100, ARTS 1316, COSC 1302, and MATH 1314 to meet the Math Core area. - See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, Academic Advising Guide, and file your degree plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including ARTS 2348 and Sophomore Literature to meet the Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core area.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of career counseling and career assessments through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through TexanSync. - Attend Study Skills sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use Academic Resource Center Coaching, Math Clinic, tutoring options, and Writing Center. - Know the FAFSA deadlines each year. - Seek help from Student Counseling Center for home sickness, depression, or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit Student Health Services for physical health related concerns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent summer trips sponsored by the Fine Arts department have included Photography courses in Iceland and South Africa, as well as Spring Break trips to New York City. - Students can join one of our many student-led organizations, such as the Tarleton Art Society, Tarleton Game Club, or the Tarleton Photo Club. Each organization serves as an opportunity for students to get together, socialize, make creative work, and attend professional events.
Newspapers Publishing houses Advertising agencies Design firms Department stores Television & motion picture industry Camera operator Sound editor Producer Visual effects	Sharpen YOUR Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects offered by the Department of Communication Studies. - Start researching the marketable skills that employers are seeking. - Get involved in Service Day and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a Residential Leader (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM). - Run for Freshman Representative Council with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into Greek Organizations to network and build community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through Volunteer Match or United Way to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Fine Arts Center for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in Alternative Spring Break. - Run for Student Government Association.
Internet media companies Art schools	YOUR Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check out part-time jobs in Career Services employment system to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire. - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through SALT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore career opportunities within your major. - Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional resume. - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through Portfolioium. Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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What is YOUR passion?		3rd YEAR	4th YEAR
Sounds & special effects Film director Animator	YOUR Target Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including ARTS 3321 and 3364. - See your Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with required courses for your particular concentration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete remaining credit hours and ARTS 4390 and ENGL 3343.
Public relations & advertising firms Media organizations Photo agencies, studios, & auction houses	Find YOUR Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major. - Consider participating in an undergraduate research project. - Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest. - Take part in the <u>Official Ring Ceremony</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss internship opportunities with your ART/DMS advisor. Internships can be taken for credit, with past students having interned at Ubisoft Games, the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, Barefoot Marketing, Envision Graphic Design, and more.
Commercial & residential design firms Colleges & universities Cinematographer	Sharpen YOUR Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs. - Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>All For Good</u>. - Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <u>CareerOneStop.org</u> sponsored by the US Department of Labor. - Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace. - Become an <u>Academic Resource Center- Coach Leader (ARC-C Leader)</u> - Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the <u>Career Service's employment system</u> or the <u>College Internship Program's website</u>.
Public & private schools Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <u>Occupational Outlook Handbook</u> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.	YOUR Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your <u>job-search campaign</u>, schedule <u>mock interviews</u>, resume critiques, and a <u>Business Etiquette Dinner</u>. - Create a <u>LinkedIn</u> profile to further your professional networking. - Check the <u>Career Services calendar</u> for career development workshops. - Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services <u>job fairs</u>. - Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for <u>TSU College of Graduate Studies</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>File for GRADUATION!</u> - Update your resume in the <u>Career Service's employment system</u>, Portfolium, and LinkedIn. - Compile reference letters, awards, etc. - Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews. - Attend <u>job fairs</u> and <u>dress professionally</u>. - Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to <u>negotiate a salary</u>. - Graduate! Congratulations! - Join the <u>Tarleton Alumni Association</u> to stay connected to the University. BLEED PURPLE!