

A Level Film Studies

What is A Level Film Studies?

Film Studies is for students who love film, and want to learn more about how film is created through the study of a wide variety of films and film movements. Film Studies is about how the visual aspects of filmmaking come together to create a work of art that spectators can enjoy, as well as be challenged by through their viewing.

Why study Film Studies?

This course enables students to learn about film theory and the film industry. It also gives students the opportunity to develop their skills in the creative processes of film production. The course works well with any subject, but students often choose to combine it with Media Studies, Drama, English, Art or Photography.

What makes a successful Film Studies student?

A genuine interest in learning about and watching a variety of films. Successful students are also keen to develop skills in production processes including screenwriting and cinematography.

To study this course, what qualifications will I need and in which subjects?

Students considering Film Studies should have at least a grade 4 in English Language or Literature.

What is the structure of the course?

The course is completed over two years and consists of the following components:

Component 1: Varieties of Film and Filmmaking	Component 2: Global Filmmaking Perspectives	Component 3: Production
Study six feature-length films across a range of contexts: Hollywood 1930-1990; American Film since 2005; British Film since 1995.	Develop a detailed understanding of five feature-length films and one compilation of short films. Studies will include global film, documentary, silent cinema and experimental film.	An individual production and evaluation completed over 13-15 weeks. Create a short film, or write a screenplay for a short film and make a storyboard.
<u>Final Assessment (35%)</u> Written examination: 2.5 hours	<u>Final Assessment (35%)</u> Written examination: 2.5 hours	<u>Non-exam Assessment (30%)</u> Coursework Production

What opportunities are there for me to study beyond the classroom?

Film students have access to many resources beyond the classroom. The internet, school and local libraries, BBC Norfolk, the Garage, Cinema City are just a few of the resources they can draw upon to supplement study.

What kind of career does this subject/qualification prepare me for?

Film Studies is a qualification that works well for a range of careers in the media sector and creative industries. It also suits students who are continuing to University for further study.