



Student Achievement 2016

Pass rate: 100% • A*-C Grades: 88%

Film Studies is the academic study of film and is designed to deepen your understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film.

Level: Level 3

Specific Course Entry Requirements:

College entry (please refer to the Entry Requirements section page 24 for further details).

Exam Board: WJEC

What will I study?

In the first year, you will learn how the film industry works, considering issues such as technology, audiences and film marketing. You will also study a number of set films including British and Hollywood examples.

For the coursework, you will create a digital storyboard for a film sequence, using your own images. You will also choose a short sequence from a film to analyse, considering issues such as sound, cinematography and editing.

In the second year, you will again study set films, including examples from Hollywood and around the world.

For the coursework, you will undertake a research project on a film topic of your choice; this will allow you to develop the type of skills which are highly regarded by universities and employers. For the other coursework assignment, you will make a short film, working either on your own or in a small group, depending on your preference.

What is the difference between Film Studies and Media Studies?

Film Studies focuses exclusively on the study of film, while Media Studies covers all of the mass media, and so is broader in scope. While both courses deal with technical aspects such as cinematography, editing and sound, these areas are explored in more depth in Film Studies. The practical work in Media Studies is print-based (adverts, posters, magazine covers, DVD covers, for example) while the second year Film coursework includes the production of a short film.

How will I be assessed?

The A level Film Studies course is assessed by both coursework and written examination. The coursework element is worth 30% of your overall grade, while the written examination is worth 70% of your overall grade.

Where will this course lead me?

The majority of our students progress to university courses each year; many of them take degree courses in Film or related areas, while others use their Film Studies A level to access a wide range of other degree courses.

In addition to jobs specifically in the film industry, the A Level course can help you to access a wide range of careers in areas such as Journalism, Public Relations, Research, Teaching and many others.

What support will I receive?

All students benefit from one-to-one support when working on their coursework; furthermore, students can arrange individual tutorials with tutors as appropriate. Film classes are friendly and co-operative and students are encouraged to use the department facilities at any time during the day to work on their projects. Course materials are available on the college VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) and can be accessed at any time and from any location.

What is the department like?

There is a friendly, co-operative atmosphere in the department, and tutors are always approachable and supportive. The departmental office is adjacent to the classrooms, so students can drop in and ask for help whenever necessary. Students are encouraged to work to the best of their ability, and a great deal of support is made available in order to enable you to achieve the highest possible grade.

Enrichment opportunities

Film Club
Cinema visits
Film study days

Head of Department

Simon Anten

Tutors

Simon Anten
Mike Gregory





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