

FILM STUDIES A-LEVEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Film Studies will interest anyone who enjoys going to the cinema especially those who are curious about how films are put together and how they communicate to their audience. Opera was once described as the supreme art form because it combined narrative drama, visual spectacle and music. Film has all this and more. It is also a popular accessible medium, which gives us profound insights into the beliefs, attitudes, manners and values of people and times in which the film was made. Film Studies is more than a history of Art through moving images or a modern English course through visual texts and music. From the base of a fully equipped cinema classroom, you will explore the social history surrounding a range of films and genres. European in flavour, ideas, styles, movements and thinkers feature throughout, providing a sound platform for university study in any discipline.

This course covers the development of cinema from its beginnings around a century ago up to the present day. A wide variety of approaches for analysis are adopted, from formal, narrative and genre, gender and Freudian, through to the personal and the development of your own critical voice. You will participate in detailed analytical viewing, discussion and personal research.

You will explore a wide variety of (often independent) films, from the bizarre to the classic. In addition to the films themselves, you will

consider the industrial and economic context in which the films were made, with particular focus on the Hollywood studio system and the British film industry. There are potential optional opportunities to visit London, Paris, Los Angeles or New York, and student achievement is celebrated throughout the course.

WHAT NEXT?

Whilst students may continue on to study film and media related subjects, this course is relevant to those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level. Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into related employment.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework (30%) Exam (70%)

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 GCSE English Literature and grade 4 in Maths

EXAM BOARD

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COSTS

£100.00 for key film texts, textbooks and multimedia resources plus optional field trips.