

# Film Studies A Level

## Who is the course for?

**Film Studies A level is an exceptional and unique course, because instead of drawing on subjects you have previously studied, for most students it is brand new. Our students are usually film fans who want to take their passion for film to a new level. If you enjoy English you will usually enjoy Film Studies.**

A successful Film Studies student will need to be interested in the world of film: understanding the relationship between films and viewers, watching movies from a range of genres and film movements, analysing issues of representation and discussing why we see the films we do in cinemas. You will enjoy film and want to find out more about the production and social context of the movies you watch.

## What does the course involve?

It involves the academic study of a range of films, analysing the symbolism and meaning in film and applying a new set of terminology. Film Studies lessons incorporate a range of activities, from film screenings, group discussion work, individual analysis and student led presentations. Lessons are fast paced and encourage students to work both independently and in groups. Coursework is done both independently and with the support of staff, who will assist you in the production of interesting and engaging assignments. Independent Home Study is an important aspect of the course and you will develop good research skills.

## Modules include:

### Component 1: Varieties of films and filmmaking (exam 35%)

- Hollywood 1930-1990 (comparative study)
- American film since 2005 (two film study)
- British film since 1995 (two film study)

### Component 2: Global Filmmaking Perspectives (exam – 35%)

- Global film (two film study)
- Documentary film
- Silent cinema
- Experimental cinema

### Component 3: Coursework (30%)

- Storyboard plus script for a short film
- An analysis of your short film in the context of the study of other short films

## Progression Options

Film Studies is a well-respected course as it encourages close analysis and contextual understanding. This course works well with a range of subjects such as English (Language/Literature) and the humanities. Students who have taken this course have gone on to courses at university such as Film, English, Journalism, Cultural Studies, Sociology, Teaching and History. This course will develop your confidence, skills of analysis and contextual understanding of the world around you.

## Awarding Body

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