

Film Studies

Subject content

In your first year you will study two Hollywood films, one from a Classical Hollywood period, *Vertigo* (1958), and one from the New Hollywood period, *Blade Runner* (1982). You will then study two contemporary American films, *Selma* (2014), which is a mainstream film, and *Beasts of the Southern Wild* (2012), an independent film. You will then study two global films, *Pan's Labyrinth* (2006) and *City of God* (2002) to broaden your film knowledge and understanding of foreign language film. In the second year, British Film and Documentary Film will be studied alongside film movements such as Silent Cinema and Experimental Film looking at their stylistic developments in film history. WJEC Film Studies course specifications [http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/film-studies/eduqas-film-studies-as-level-from-2017/eduqas-a-level-film-studies-spec-from-2017-designated.pdf?language_id=1]

Learning methods

The coursework component allows you to create a screenplay for a short film (1,600-1,800 words) plus a digitally photographed storyboard of a key section from the screenplay. An evaluative analysis is to be written, reflecting on your finished product.

Assessment

Assessment is 70% examination, 30% coursework. You will also be assessed by written essays, homework, creative projects, group work, individual work and presentations.

Progression opportunities

Film Studies is an excellent complementary subject to Media, English Literature, Psychology, Sociology, Politics, Law, History, and Art and Design. Students on the Film Studies course can progress onto a variety of film or media-related careers such as a producer, director, director of photography, editor, set designer, audio engineer, Foley artist, light technician, film critic, special effects specialist, visual effects specialist, props and wardrobe manager, location manager, teacher or screenplay writer as well as having the chance to study Film Studies/Film and Media Production at Higher Education level.

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