

Film Studies A Level

Eduqas

Film Studies is a 2 year, exciting and interesting subject providing insight into an industry which is worth \$42.5 billion globally. The A Level provides you with an opportunity to explore this specialist area of commercial art, whilst also enabling you to develop transferable academic skills in: research, analysis, discussion and the construction of arguments in writing. It encompasses other areas of study such as Sociology, Art Theory, History, Politics as well as skills from English Literature.

Course Structure

You start the Eduqas course with a Film Studies 101 induction, and learn about different film industries – we look at Global Cinema, as well as American and British films. You will learn about different styles of filmmaking too such as documentary film, experimental film and even silent cinema. You get the opportunity to put what you've learned in theory into practice in the second year through the Non-Examined Assessment (coursework) for which you get to work on a short film or a script.

Skills & Knowledge

You will develop excellent critical analysis skills and the ability to deconstruct arguments and comment pertinently on ideas. You will also develop knowledge and understanding of film as an audio-visual form of creative expression. You will also learn practical filmmaking skills as part of the non-examined assessment (NEA), we use industry grade software such as Adobe Premiere Pro for editing.

Assessment

There are two exams at the end of the second year of study – making up 70 % of your final grade, 35% each; the NEA is worth 30% of your final grade.

Opportunities & Enrichment

Every year, we hold our own Media Department Showcase in which the best practical work is nominated for OSCAR like awards, during which students get the opportunity to see their work on a big screen. There are trips to the London Film Festival to watch various screenings. In the past, we have taken film classes on trips to Harry Potter World and Berlin. Our department is fully equipped with iMacs, alongside filming, lighting and audio equipment, which you are able to borrow for your NEA.

Future Careers & Pathways

Many of our students continue to study Film at university, practical courses such as Digital Film Production at universities like Ravensbourne and the University of the Arts London; or theoretical courses in Film in universities such as Kings and Bournemouth. Studying film can lead to careers in film production, behind or in front of the camera, as well as in post-production careers such as editing. Ex-students have gone into careers as diverse as journalism, events management, TV presenting and working for Google!