

FILM STUDIES Advanced Level

Qualification Level 3 Advanced GCE in Film Studies

Exam Board WJEC

Course Specific Entry Requirements Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language **or** GCSE English Literature

Overview

If you have a passion for understanding the world then study a billion pound industry. Last year, UK box office revenues exceeded £1.2 billion for the second year running, while annual admissions were 168.3 million. The number of jobs available in this industry is increasing year-on-year. If you want to enter this competitive but expanding industry, then Film Studies could be the right qualification for you. Advanced Level Film focuses entirely on the study of film: you will develop a closer understanding of film language, theory and the film industry. You will explore the impact of the social, historical and political context on the production of the film by the studios and the impact that society has on how the audience receives the film. You will widen your knowledge of films and this will help you to develop you as a director when, within the course, you make your own films. You will also study how digital technology is changing the way films are produced, distributed and screened. The course is assessed through two examinations and coursework. In the exams, you will be asked to answer questions on different types of films. In addition, you will complete a coursework assignment, where you will produce your own films or write a film script. You can achieve up to 30% of the marks for this qualification through coursework.

What will I learn?

- ▲ **Paper 1:** you will study Hollywood films, independent cinema and British films. The films will be from a wide range of different time periods including modern films. You will learn how to write analytical essays.
- ▲ **Paper 2:** to prepare for this exam you will learn about how films have developed: documentary films, global films and short films. You will analyse the cinematography, mise en scene, editing and sound within different film genres. You will also consider the range of responses the audience has to different texts and the impact that technology has on the production of films in the 21st century.
- ▲ **Non-examined assessment:** you will produce your own film or script.

How will I learn?

In addition to learning about theoretical concepts, you will also create films using cameras and a range of professional editing programs. Your lessons will involve group work, paired analysis and discussions of specific theories and debates. In addition to learning in the classroom, trips will give you the opportunity to watch a wide range of films and find out about the industry.

Where could it lead?

An A Level in Film Studies demonstrates your ability to analyse and discuss form and content, issues and ideas. These qualities are highly prized skills relevant to a range of career options. If you are intending to continue into Higher Education you will find the knowledge and skills from this course are particularly relevant to Arts and Humanities subjects.

Opportunities in a variety of careers in film and arts industries can be opened up via this course. The average film employs 500 people. Hollywood films, like *Iron Man*, can employ up to 3000 people. This qualification could lead to a wide range of career opportunities, including directing, acting, filming, writing, law, marketing, music and animation as well as careers in digital technology, lighting, special effects, sound, costumes, make up or design.