

FILM STUDIES Advanced Level

Qualification Level 3 Advanced GCE in Film Studies

Exam Board Eduqas

Course Specific Entry Requirements Grade 6 or above in **both** GCSE English Language **and** GCSE English Literature

Overview

Film Studies is an extremely enjoyable and worthwhile subject to study. Not only will it change the way you watch films, but more importantly it will challenge you to think in new ways and question or change your perspective on a whole host of issues, for example, representation of race or gender. Studying film allows you to understand important issues and developments within history, society and culture, using film as the medium with which to gain a greater insight into these areas. From silent cinema to contemporary Hollywood, the films on this course have fantastic critical reputations. They are films of depth and substance which have been purposefully chosen to offer rich and interesting analysis.

The study of film is highly regarded. Film Studies has been an academic discipline within universities for over 50 years and is regarded as an academic subject in its own right. Oxford and Cambridge are now offering Masters and PhD courses in Film Studies and Screen Arts. Russell Group universities accept Film Studies as an appropriate A level qualification when prospective students apply to study a humanities or arts related discipline.

What will I learn?

Advanced Level Film Studies is assessed through three components:

- ▲ **Component 1 Varieties of Film and Filmmaking:** you will study classic Hollywood through Hitchcock's work, American blockbusters and independent cinema, and British films such as *Trainspotting* or *Shaun of the Dead*.
- ▲ **Component 2 Global Filmmaking Perspectives:** you will study the work of Guillermo del Toro, documentary and silent film, and experimental cinema through films such as *Pulp Fiction*.
- ▲ **Component 3 Creative Production** This unit assesses your ability to apply your knowledge of film in a creative task, either by filming and editing your own short film or writing a screenplay.

How will I learn?

There is so much more to Film Studies than simply watching films. When watching a film, we might regard it as relaxation or escapism. However, the in-depth study of film involves coming from a very different starting point. As well as gaining an appreciation of film as an art form in terms of its visual storytelling, studying film can enhance your understanding of the world in terms of competing values, attitudes and beliefs. We will explore the 'language' used by filmmakers to create meaning for audiences as well as the contexts surrounding a film's production. The exams challenge students to analyse films in detail, writing academic essays that explore these topics.

Where could it lead?

Film is one of the most relevant subjects today. The development of deeper critical and creative thinking gained by studying films can enhance many different career paths and is a much sought after transferable skill in both employment and further study. Employment in the screen industries has grown by over 20% since 2009. Career paths for students of Film may, of course, include practical avenues such as film-making, directing, producing and editing but a qualification in Film Studies also allows you to move into more theoretical pathways such as film criticism, journalism or education.