

# FILM STUDIES

## Course

A level Film Studies

## Exam Board

Eduqas

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 4 in English Language or English Literature plus a Grade C GCSE in a Humanity subject.

## Why study Film Studies?

The A level specification in Film Studies is designed to deepen students' understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film, the major art form of the twentieth century and one developing new modes of expression and exhibition in the first decades of the twenty-first century.

The specification builds on the cine-literacy learners have developed informally since childhood. They will study film deriving from a variety of viewing situations. They will also engage with a wide range of different genres of films. Students also gain experience of practical filmmaking skills as part of the creative units. The course includes both technical and theoretical components.

## Course content

A level Film Studies builds on candidates' informal learning, prior experience of film in key stages 1 to 3 and the knowledge, understanding and skills established at key stage 4, in whatever curricular context.

Film Studies is a subject that by its nature requires candidates to consider individual, moral, ethical, social, cultural and contemporary issues. The specification provides a framework for exploration of such issues and includes specific content through which individual courses may address these issues.

- **Component 1:** American & British Film
- **Component 2:** Varieties of Film
- **Component 3:** Production

## Assessment

**Component 1:** 2 ½ hour exam.  
3 x 50 minute essay 35% of course.

**Component 2:** 2 ½ hour exam.  
1 x 60 minute essay & 3 x 30 minute essay  
- 35% of course.

**Component 3:** Non Exam Assessment.  
Creative Project - 30% of course.

## Progression after Sixth Form

This course provides a suitable foundation for the study of Film Studies or a related area through a range of higher education degree courses, progression to the next level of applied qualifications (eg HND) or direct entry into employment. In addition, the specification provides a coherent, satisfying and valuable course of study for all.

## Career opportunities

There are several careers, as well as the Film and Media industry, that will value students with analytical and creative abilities. Many students pursue a career in Film as they are ambitious and driven to make their own creative work, either as screenwriters, producers or directors.

*‘There is no right or wrong. Filmmaking is the chance to live many lifetimes.’*

*Robert Altman*

*‘Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.’*

*Ferris Bueller*

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