

Why study A Level Film Studies?

The UK film industry ranks amongst the world's leading countries. The sector provides exciting and constantly evolving career pathways for young people. You will have the opportunity to gain important knowledge about film, and will also develop your creativity and ability to express yourself.

What will I study?

You will study the progression of film making from silent movies through to the present day. Including the significant film movements in an international context, and will also consider the contrast between independent productions and those from major movie corporations.

A Level film studies allows you the opportunity to pursue your interests and curiosity in terms of both style and modern technologies. You will also learn about the working of the industry as a whole, and about audience attitudes and responses. Not only that, but you are also given the opportunity to be creative in storyboarding, scripting, filming and editing your own short film as part of your learning.

Assessment

70% examined, 30% coursework.

Paper 1: 2 hour paper split into Section A (a focus on US film from the Silent Era to 1990s) and Section B (European Cinema History) – a mixture of essays and shorter answers.

Paper 2: 2 hour paper split into Section A (Contemporary British and US Film, where we look at The Dark Knight Rises and Ex Machina), Section B (a study of a documentary) and Section C (a focus on three films which share a common theme, and an exploration of their ideologies) – all essays.

Coursework: Production of either a 5 minute short film, or 10 minutes screenplay for a short film, with an evaluative analysis.

Study trips, visits and events

There will be opportunity to work with film makers to learn more about careers and everyday working lives.

Subject entry requirements

5 in GCSE English Literature or Language.



Student Perspective

I really enjoy film studies as it exposes me to a wide range of great films and helps me to better articulate not just my enjoyment of particular movies such as documentaries, but also helps me develop confidence as discussion is a key and incredibly enjoyable part of the course.

Rian, A Level Film Studies student