

Shoeburyness High School

Sixth Form Subject Information

Film Studies

A-Level



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Why Film Studies?

Film is one of the main cultural innovations of the 20th century and a major art form of the last hundred years. Those who study it characteristically bring with them a high degree of enthusiasm and excitement for what is a powerful and culturally significant medium, inspiring a range of responses from the emotional to the reflective. Film Studies consequently makes an important contribution to the curriculum, offering the opportunity to investigate how film works both as a medium of representation and as an aesthetic medium.



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Exam Board : WJEC

Students will study mainstream American films from the past and the present as well as a range of recent and contemporary British films, American independent films and global films, both non-English language and English language.

The study of film form in particular is intended to enable learners to produce high quality short films and screenplays as well as provide them with a filmmaker's perspective on the films they study.



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What will I study?

Component 1 - For this component, learners must study: **two** Hollywood films, one from the Classical Hollywood period (1930-1960) and the other from the New Hollywood period (1961-1990) **two** American films produced since 2005, **one** mainstream film and **one** contemporary independent film and **two** British films.

Component 2 - For this component, learners must study: **two** non-English language films, **one** European and **one** from outside Europe, **one** documentary film, **one** film option from a 1920s silent film movement and **one** film option from an experimental film movement.

What coursework do I have to do?

Component 3 - Learners are required to create an **individual** production consisting of either:

A short film of between **4 and 5 minutes** or a screenplay for a short film of between **1600 and 1800 words**.



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Entry requirements

Pathway 2 entry requirements: 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above



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University Progression

The majority of our pupils choose to apply their skills and knowledge to degree level study. We have been fortunate to send a number of pupils every year, to enjoy the university experience.



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Career Progression

A-Level Film Studies not only leads to careers in the film industry but also film journalism, advertising, teaching, marketing and media industries beckon.

Alex studied **A Level Film Studies** and developed a passion for television and film props, spending a lot on his own time practising and learning techniques.

Alex has worked on a number of television shows as an editor, but recently, after a lot of hard work, his skills as a prop designer have been recognised and he has now worked on film productions such as **1917** and the recent **Star Wars** film **Rise of Skywalker**.



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