



Film Studies

One year AS/Two year A level.

If you love films and want to develop your understanding and appreciation of them, this is the course for you. In the first year you will focus on how films create meaning and how audiences understand them. You will also get the opportunity to carry out case studies on various Hollywood stars, directors and genres and produce a practical piece of film based on your studies.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- the process of film-making from finance to production and marketing;
- creating meaning through camera work, editing, music and lighting;
- Hollywood and British cinema; and
- how audiences appreciate films and stars in case studies of movie internet sites, forums and fan behaviour.

You can expect to:

- give your opinion on a wide range of films;
- work with others to create a film sequence or a complete short film;
- analyse performance, cinematography, editing, and sound of individual films;
- examine current successful films and explain the reasons for their success; and
- investigate international film production, such as Japanese cinema, to be able to identify its characteristics.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework and examination.

Progression:

Film Studies 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 (e.g. HND), or direct entry into employment. In addition, the specification provides a coherent, satisfying and valuable course of study for all candidates.

Other information:

AS film student Alex Chapman (ex Emerson Park) said: "The course has opened my eyes to how magical film is."

Film Studies had a 100% pass rate at A Level in 2009 with 60% A and B grades.