



A LEVEL Film Studies EDUQAS

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE?

There is no requirement in terms of having studied GCSE Film Studies; however, students are required to work independently on projects. Therefore, organisation and motivation are key requirements. This course is most suitable for students who already have an interest in cinema. You will also need to be prepared to watch a variety of films, including foreign films. Students with the creative ability to plan storyboards write screenplays and make their own films tend to be successful.

Candidates are expected to have a minimum of grade 5 in English Language; and either a Grade 5 in Film Studies if studied, or a Grade 5 in English Literature.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS ADVANCED GCE COURSE?

A Level – A two year linear course. You will learn how to analyse a variety of genres. You will learn to use film language and understand how micro features work together to produce cinematic experiences. The film industry, in terms of style and audiences, is also studied through an exploration of European Film and American Film. You will continue your study of audience responses through examination of a variety of film and filmmaking, such as Global filmmaking perspectives. (e.g. Documentary).

Component 1: Varieties of film and film-making

This component assesses knowledge and understanding of three American films.

Section A: Comparison of two US Hollywood films 1930-1990

Section B: Comparison of US Independent cinema

Section C: Comparison of two British films 1995-present

Component 2: Global perspectives

This component assesses knowledge and understanding of two British films and one non-English language European film.

Section A: Comparison of non-English language films

Section B: Documentary film (Amy)

Section C: Silent Cinema (Strike)

Section D: Experimental film (Pulp Fiction)

Component 3: Production

This component assesses one production (film extract or Screenplay), a digital storyboard and its accompanying evaluative analysis.

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