



A Level Film Studies

What will I study?

Film Studies is an exciting and thought-provoking subject that explores the art, history, and industry of cinema. You will study a wide range of films from different genres, time periods, and cultures, including both British and American cinema. The course covers key aspects of film form such as cinematography, editing, sound, and mise-en-scène, and encourages you to analyse how these elements create meaning. You will also explore the social, political, and cultural contexts of films, and develop your own analytical skills through written analysis.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is through a combination of written exams and coursework. You will sit two exam papers that test your analytical understanding of set films and your ability to compare and evaluate cinematic techniques. Coursework involves producing a screenplay along with an evaluative analysis, allowing you to demonstrate your creative and reflective skills.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need GCSE Maths at grade 4, GCSE English Language at grade 5, GCSE English Literature at grade 5, and grade 5 in Film Studies if taken at GCSE.

Where will this course lead?

Film Studies can lead to university courses in Film, Media, Communication, and related subjects. It also supports progression to degree-level apprenticeships in the creative industries. You may choose to continue your studies at Milton Keynes College through one of our Higher Education programmes in Media or Creative Arts. Career opportunities include film production, directing, screenwriting, editing, journalism, and roles in broadcasting and digital media.

What combines well with this subject?

English Literature combines well with subjects such as History, Philosophy, Politics, Sociology, Media Studies, and Drama. These subjects complement the analytical and interpretive skills developed in English Literature and offer broader perspectives on society and culture.