FILM STUDIES

FILM—Film Studies

Department of English
College of Arts and Letters

200 Film Collective
Fall, Spring. 1(1-1)
Film Collective screening seminar.

211 Documentary History and Theory
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Journalism and Media and Information and Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. Administered by Media and Information. R: Open to students in the School of Journalism or in the Department of Media and Information or in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures or in the Documentary Studies specialization or in the Film Studies major. Documentary history and theory form its origins to the present.

230 Introduction to Film
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-2) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement SA: ENG 270, ENG 230
Basic concepts and techniques of film analysis and criticism.

260 Introduction to Digital Film and Emergent Media
Spring. 4(3-2)
Introduction to digital film and emergent media production.

300 History of Film to Midcentury
Fall. 3(3-2) P: FLM 230 or concurrently or approval of department
Traditions of film and media history from cinema’s beginning to 1945.

301 History of Film after Midcentury
Spring. 3(3-2) P: FLM 230 or concurrently or approval of department
Traditions of film and media history from 1945 to the present.

311 Introduction to Documentary Production
Spring. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Journalism and Media and Information and Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. Administered by Media and Information. R: Open to students in the Documentary Studies specialization. SA: TC 233
Introduction to documentary production using accessible and affordable digital technology.

334 Introduction to Screenwriting (W)
Fall, Spring. 3(3-1) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with English. Administered by Film Studies. P: (FLM 230 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: ENG 324, ENG 334
Basic elements of screenwriting. Dramatic action, exposition, plotting, characterization and dialogue, finalizing and marketing the script.

336 Aesthetics of Film Editing
Spring. 3(3-1) P: FLM 230 and FLM 260
Aesthetics, styles, techniques, and traditions of film editing, in theory and practice.

337 Topics in Film Form
Spring. 3(3-2) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: FLM 230
Aesthetic variations in cinematic practice.

350 National and Transnational Cinemas
Spring. 3(3-2) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: FLM 230
Traditions of national and transnational cinemas.

355 Studies in Film Genres
Spring. 3(3-2) P: FLM 230 SA: ENG 333
Films studied by genre such as musicals and film noir and by movements such as the new wave and the avant-garde.

360 Classical Film and Media Theory
Fall. 3(3-2) P: FLM 230 SA: ENG 330
Theories of film aesthetics, meaning, and spectatorship from cinema’s inception to the 1970s. Film’s intersection with theories of the other arts including theatre, painting, and photography.

381 Contemporary Film and Media Theory
Fall, Spring. 3(3-2) P: FLM 300 SA: ENG 331
Theories of film aesthetics, meaning, and spectatorship from the 1970s to the present. Film’s intersection with theories of new technologies and artistic forms.

400 Seminar in the History of Film (W)
Fall. 3(3-2) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: (FLM 230 and (FLM 300 or concurrently) and (FLM 301 or concurrently)) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: ENG 332
Selected movements or traditions in film history. Silent film, studio film, New Wave, or British film.

432 Advanced Screenwriting (W)
Fall, Spring. 3(3-1) Interdepartmental with English. Administered by Film Studies. P: ((FLM 230 or FLM 334) or approval of department) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: ENG 344
Advanced workshop in writing screenplays. Reading and analysis of published screenplays. Attention to film production.

438 Film Financing, Programming, and Distribution
Spring. 3(3-2) P: FLM 230
History and methods of film financing, programming, and distribution, from the early twentieth century through the present day.

450 Studies in Ethnic Film
Spring. 3(3-2) P: FLM 230 RB: FLM 300 or FLM 380 or FLM 381 SA: ENG 431A
Film traditions and/or film makers studied from the perspective of a particular ethnic group, such as Native American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, Jewish, or other American ethnic groups.

451 Studies in Postcolonial Cinema
Spring. 3(3-2) P: FLM 230 RB: FLM 300 or FLM 380 or FLM 381 SA: ENG 431B
Films of the Postcolonial World, including major directors and trends from Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

452 Studies in Film, Gender, and Sexuality
Fall. 3(3-2) Interdepartmental with Women’s Studies. Administered by Film Studies. P: FLM 230 RB: FLM 300 or FLM 380 or FLM 381 SA: ENG 431C
Study of films by women and about women, gender, masculinity, or sexuality.

455 Experimental Film and Media
Spring. 3(3-2) P: FLM 230
History and theory of experimental film and media practices.

460 Seminar in Digital Film and Emergent Media (W)
Spring. 3(3-2) P: (FLM 230 or concurrently) or approval of department and completion of Tier I writing requirement
Seminar emphasizing the intersections of the theoretical and practical applications of digital film and other emergent media.

480 Seminar in Film and Media Theory (W)
Spring. 3(3-2) P: (FLM 230 and completion of Tier I writing requirement) and (FLM 380 or FLM 381) SA: ENG 470, ENG 430
Advanced topics in theories of film aesthetics, meaning, and spectatorship. Film intersection with theories of the other arts and media, politics, and identity.

489H Senior Honors Independent Project
On Demand. 1 to 4 credits. P: FLM 230 R: Open to seniors in the Honors College. Approval of department.
A substantial critical essay, a comparable essay arising from an internship, or a similar project. Writing supervised by a faculty adviser.

490 Independent Study
On Demand. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: FLM 230 R: Open to juniors or seniors. Approval of department.
Special projects arranged by an individual student and a faculty member in areas supplementing regular course offerings.

491 Special Topics in Film Studies
Spring. 3(3-2) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: FLM 230
Intensive study of a director, topic, or critical issue.

492H Honors Seminar in Film Studies
Fall of even years. 3(3-2) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: FLM 230 R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Honors College or approval of department.
Specific topic in Film Studies for Honors students. Individual and group research. Discussion of student papers.

493 Film Studies Internship
On Demand. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: FLM 230 R: Approval of department.
Supervised pre-professional field experience in Film Studies.

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499 Senior Thesis Research (W)
On Demand. 1 to 4 credits. P: (FLM 230) and completion of Tier I writing requirement
R: Open to seniors. Approval of department.
Faculty-supervised research project that demonstrates ability to do independent research and submit or present a major paper.