

FILM STUDIES & FINE ARTS

Film Studies

Minor

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Total Hours Required:

18

Coordinator:

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English

Participating Faculty:

Professors:

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Associate Professor:

Kehrwald (English)

Assistant Professor:

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- The minor is open to students majoring in any field.
- You cannot major in film studies.

The goal of the film minor is to help you develop visual literacy. You will acquire the essential skills of critical thinking by learning to “read texts” in the most pervasive medium of contemporary culture—film. You will

1. Become a more critical viewer of film as a medium by learning to read, analyze, and interpret films
2. Recognize how cinematic techniques, such as camera movement, editing, and cinematography contribute to a film’s impressions
3. Become familiar with film language and terminology
4. Recognize film as a global medium of diverse cultural styles and voices
5. Become acquainted with a variety of aesthetic and cinematic movements
6. Recognize film as a vehicle for forming cultural values
7. Understand how cultural events and technologies have shaped (and continue to shape) film styles, genres, and narrative techniques
8. Understand the historical development of film as an art form.

Summary of Requirements for Minor in Film Studies

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1. Required Core Courses: (9 hours)

- ENGL 207* Introduction to Film Studies (Fall)
 ENGL 208* Film and American Culture
 (Spring, even-numbered years)
 ENGL 344* Film Theory (Spring, odd-numbered years)

*Must have C or better to count toward minor.

2. Elective Courses: (9 hours)

- ENGL 281 Literature into Film (Fall, even-numbered years)
 ENGL 282 Shakespeare on Film (Fall, odd-numbered years)
 ENGL 421 Jane Austen in Literature and Film (variable)
 MCOM 287 Intro to Video Production (every semester)
 MCOM 387 Multi-Camera Studio Production (Fall)
 MDFL 407 Latin American and Spanish Film (variable)
 MDFL 417 World Film (variable)

Relevant Special Topics courses (such as HIST 490) will be welcomed as electives as approved by the Coordinator.