



Film Studies Minor

Curriculum:

The film minor requires a minimum of 21 semester hours of course study that will include 9 hours of required courses from broadcasting and English with the remaining 12 hours to be selected from among 12 elective courses.

Required: (9 hours)

BCOM 201	Introduction to Cinema
ENG/FILM 366	History of Narrative Film
ENG/FILM 465	Film Genres

Electives: (12 hours)

ENG 309	Documentary Film
BCOM 378	Film Animation
BCOM 481	Problems in Mass Communication & Film
THEA 303	Acting for the Camera
ANTH 448	Visual Anthropology
BCOM 250	Screenwriting
SPAN 490	Hispanic Cinema
ENG 365	Literature & Film
FILM 466	Film Theory
GERM 437	German Literature & Film
FREN 450	Topics in Francophone Cinema
ENG 499	Directed Study
FILM 369	World Cinema
FILM 469	Topics in World Cinema
FILM 399	Special Topics in Film
SUS 295	Popular Culture & Gender

Objectives of the Minor:

The Minor in Film Studies will synthesize several courses into a coordinated program of study appropriate for the designation of a minor. While the Minor in Film Studies will offer increased specialization in the study of film, it will be tailored to the needs of individual students. Only 9 of the 21 hours in the minor will be made up of required courses; the rest will be electives. At a time when many students are already committed to a large number of required hours, the Minor in Film Studies will offer maximum flexibility for students while providing a concentrated pool of courses that will give depth and focus to the study of film.

Students who complete the Minor in Film Studies will gain a strong foundation in media literacy, including the ability to critically analyze and evaluate a visual text; knowledge of important aspects of the film industry; and an appreciation of the diverse uses of film across different times, cultures, and contexts. Students who complete this minor will be better qualified for graduate study in a variety of fields such as Broadcasting, Film Studies, Fine Arts, and English, and for employment opportunities in film review, in writing for media magazines and entertainment programs, and in other aspects of media production.

Catalog Description:

The Minor in Film Studies requires a minimum of 21 semester hours, including 3 required courses: BCOM 271, ENG 366, & ENG 465. Students will fulfill the remaining 12 hours of the minor by choosing from among 12 elective courses: BCOM 350, BCOM 378, BCOM 481, THEA 303, GERM 437, FREN 450, SPAN 490, ANTH 448, ENG 309, ENG 365, ENG 466, and ENG 499.

The Minor in Film Studies will give students an opportunity to study various aspects of film in an organized, in-depth manner. Because it is an interdisciplinary minor, it will allow students to examine film from a variety of perspectives. Completing this minor will give students a strong background in media history and literacy and in the critical analysis of film.