Film Studies (FILM_S)

FILM_S 1000: Introduction to Film for Non-Majors
Introduction to terms and concepts for film analysis, including mise-en-scene, cinematography, editing, sound narrative, genre, and other elements. No credit for students who have completed FILM_S 1800. No credit for film majors or minors. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 1800: Introduction to Film Studies
(same as ENGLISH 1800, DST 1800). Introduction to terms and concepts for film analysis, including mise-en-scene, cinematography, editing, sound narrative, genre, and other elements. No credit for students who have completed FILM_S 2810. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 1880: Introduction to Digital Media Production
(same as DST 1880; ENGLISH 1880). Introduction to concepts and skills for film making, video art, and digital storytelling, including media literacy and forms of narrative manifested historically and currently across a range of media. This course focuses on theories and concepts that support the critical analysis and creation of contemporary narrative in digital form with particular attention to audio, visual and written communication. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 2001: Topics in Film Studies-General
Organized study of selected topics. Subject may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with consent of instructor.

Credit Hours: 1-3

FILM_S 2005: Topics in Film Studies-Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subject may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with consent of instructor.

Credit Hours: 1-3

FILM_S 2010: The Philosophy of Film
(same as PHIL 2010). Philosophical problems having to do with film. Topic may include the nature of films, the differences between fiction and documentary film, ethical issues with film and filmmaking.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 2020: World Cinema for Non-Majors
World Cinema introduces students to the history of international cinema. The course focuses on particular cinematic movements and national cinemas as case studies for trends and trajectories that also characterize the national and non-Hollywood cinemas not covered in the course. Examines the relationship of form and genre to individual national, or localized, cultural contexts. No credit for students who have completed FILM_S 2820. No credit for film majors or minors. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 2160: Film Adaptation of Shakespeare - Non Majors
This course serves as an introduction to the problems and complexities that arise when adapting William Shakespeare's plays to contemporary film. One basic task of the course is to develop students' ideas about adaptation, especially with reference to contemporary adaptation theory. This course hopes both to explain and discredit the value of "fidelity discourse," students should be liberated from the notion of "faithfulness" to the texts. No credit for film majors or minors. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 2540: Introduction to Film Management
Film Production Management is a hands-on exploration of the roles of feature film executive producers, producers and unit production managers. Creating balanced budgets, hiring personnel, creating meaningful business relationships, and managing post-production responsibilities are investigated. The feature film budget will be examined in each phase of the production; creating a sales pitch for a film, and developing a detailed approach to distribution is explored. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: Freshmen and Sophomores only or instructor's consent

FILM_S 2820: Trends in World Cinema
(same as GERMAN 2820 and RM_LAN 2820). This course is a historical overview of the major trends in international cinema. It focuses on the intersection of aesthetics, industry, and ideological and social concerns in cinematic production.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: Sophomore standing, ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 2830: American Film History I, 1895-1950
(same as ENGLISH 2830). Examines the development of American cinema in relation to other national cinemas, from 1895-1950. No credit for students who have completed ENGLISH or FILM_S 1810.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 2840: American Film History II, 1950-Present
(same as ENGLISH 2840). Examines American film history in an international context, from 1950-present. No credit for students who have completed ENGLISH or FILM_S 1820.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 2850: Italian Cinema
(same as ITAL 2850). A course which concentrates on the development of Italian Cinema, primarily since the Post-WWII era, and the ways in which it reflects major economic, social and political events occurring in Italy. No knowledge of Italian required.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: Sophomore standing
FILM_S 2860: Film Themes and Genres
(same as ENGLISH 2860, DST 2860) Topics (e.g. Film noir, African-American filmmakers, Food and Film, The Western) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken in Film Themes and Genres 2860.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 2865: The Art of Soviet and Russian Cinema
(Same as RUSS 2865) Topics (e.g. Distorted Picture: Post-War Cinema in a Soviet State, Cinema in the Soviet Times and Beyond, etc.) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours may be taken toward major.
Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 2865W: The Art of Soviet and Russian Cinema - Writing Intensive
(Same as RUSS 2865) Topics (e.g. Distorted Picture: Post-War Cinema in a Soviet State, Cinema in the Soviet Times and Beyond, etc.) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours may be taken toward major.
Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 2870: Film and Literature
(same as ENGLISH 2870). Explores the complex interplay between film and literature in order to gain an understanding of the possibilities - and problems - involved in the transposition from literature to film. Graded A-F basis only
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 3001: Topics in Film- General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILM_S 3005: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILM_S 3005H: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities - Honors
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor's consent. Honors eligibility required

FILM_S 3005W: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities - Writing Intensive
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.

FILM_S 3490: Indian Cinema
(same as S_A_ST 3490, AR_H_A 3790 and ANTHRO 3490). Indian Cinema provides an overview of the key genres and themes of Indian film, including Bollywood, art cinema/parallel cinema, Indian regional cinemas, and diasporan cinema. The course combines film studies, anthropological, historical, and visual culture analyses to provide a holistic view of Indian culture and society through cinema.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or higher

FILM_S 3530: Principles of Cinematography
An exploration of the principles and techniques of cinematography that includes shot composition lighting styles, and storytelling, using the moving image. Students will examine historical and contemporary approaches to cinematography used in Hollywood, foreign and independent films. Analyzing cinematographic approaches of a wide range of work will help the students discriminate the quality of their own creative work. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILM_S 1800 or ENGLISH 1800; Sophomore standing or higher

FILM_S 3540: Directing for the Screen
Directing for the Screen combines previous knowledge of the cinematic frame with the power of communication. This course focuses on developing the student's ability to effectively communicate to actors, cinematographers, and art departments, while also commanding a film crew and managing relationships with producers. Students develop
concise personal vision and aesthetics with respect to scripts, and will work directly with actors to achieve performances that suit the project.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 3560: Audio Engineering for the Screen
This course is an intensive study of the techniques and science behind the use of audio in today's cinema. The course will focus on four major areas of study: sound in cinema, sound creation, sound manipulation, and environmental sound layering.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILM_S 1800 or ENGLSH 1800, Sophomore standing. May be restricted to Film Studies majors and minors during early registration

FILM_S 3775: The Ancient World on Film
(Same as CL_HUM 3775 and AR_H_A 3775) This course explores how classical antiquity has been represented in twentieth and twenty-first century film, with particular emphasis on the ways in which ancient narratives and iconography have been appropriated by filmmakers to address contemporary cultural issues.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Prior 2000 level coursework in CL_HUM, AR_H_A, or FILM_S. Instructors consent required

FILM_S 3780: Architecture in Film
(same as AR_H_A 3780) Filmmakers use architecture to convey meaning on symbolic, psychological, and ideological levels. Using architectural history and theory, in conjunction with weekly film screenings from a variety of genres, this course explores how architecture operates within film.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 3785: Art and Artists on Film
(same as AR_H_A 3785) This course explores representations of art and artists in film, including documentary films, fictionalized films, and films made by artists.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 3820: Major Directors
(same as ENGLISH 3820 and RM_LAN 3820). Topics (e.g. Hitchcock, Kubrick, Fellini, Allen, Kurosawa, Wilder) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours may be taken for credit toward major. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 3830: History of German Film
(same as GERMAN 3830). Introduction to the development of the German film. Old and recent films are viewed and discussed in terms of techniques, artistry, psychology and social impact. English dubbing or subtitles. No foreign language credit.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor's consent

FILM_S 3840: German Film After 1945
(same as GERMAN 3840). Examines a selection of post-War films by German directors, as well as historical, literary, and theoretical texts.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing, or instructor's consent

FILM_S 3845: Modern Israeli Film
(same as HEBREW 3845). Examines the modern film of developing Israel. Discusses complex social relationships. Introduces concepts of Hebrew language and its use in the arts world-wide. Discusses varied communities in Israel, and universal themes such as democracy and social justice. Provides introduction to Israeli culture.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor required

FILM_S 3850: Studies in Film History
(same as ENGLISH 3850). Topics (e.g. Classical Period of Hollywood cinema, silent era, Post-WWII American film, German Weimar cinema, French New Wave) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours count as credit toward major.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 and ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 3855: Documentary Film
(same as ENGLISH 3855; DST 3855). Surveys the history of documentary film including the development of subgenres, sound and voice over in documentary, re-enactment, ethical issues in documentary film production, and more. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000

FILM_S 3861: Film Themes and Genres
Topics (e.g. Film noir, African-American filmmakers, Food and Film, The Western) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken in Film Themes and Genres 3861.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 or ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 3865: The Holocaust on Screen
(same as GERMAN 3865). This course explores how the Holocaust has been depicted on film in a variety of national and historical contexts. Drawing on films from 1945 to the present, from the U.S., Germany, Poland, France, and Italy, we will consider to what end images of the Holocaust have been used. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILM_S 3870: Russian Women and Film
(same as GERMAN 3870, WGST 3870) Traces image(s) of the Russian woman in 20th-century Russia as constructed in Russian, Soviet and late-Soviet film. Discusses heroines of pre-revolutionary melodrama and “new Soviet man and woman” of the 20s. Considers war-time re-alignment of gender roles in defense of motherland and their subtle revamping in post-war and post-Stalinist period, and the shifting relations between women and men, women and women, and women and the
Films that explore issues of the culture or language required.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor’s consent

FILM_S 3875: Brazilian Cinema  
(same as PORT 3875). An introduction to Brazilian cinema, culture, and society through the study of contemporary cinematic productions. Topics include: Hollywood perceptions of Brazil; redefinition of national identity and history, representations of race and gender.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000

FILM_S 3885: Twenty-First Century South American Cinema  
(same as SPAN 3885, PORT 3885). Broad overview of the major national cinemas of the 21st century in South America. Approximately 14 feature films screened from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and other nations of the region. Instructor provides a thematic framework for films within the context of film theory, Latin American cinematic history and cultural studies. Course taught in English. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000 or ENGLISH 1000H

FILM_S 3890: Russian and Soviet Film  
(same as RUSS 3890). Introduces three significant genres of Russian cinema: comedy, literary adaptations, and films that explore issues of identity and autobiography. Includes examples from different epochs. Considers Soviet and post-Soviet films. Russia and Russian culture. Course conducted in English; films have English subtitles.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor’s consent

FILM_S 3895: Korean Society Through Cinema  
(Same as KOREAN 3890). Examines the way in which Korean film reveals the cultural, political, and ideological orientation of the society in which it is created and circulated. Compares films from North and South Korea, considering modernity, gender, nation-hood, and class. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: Sophomore Standing

FILM_S 3930: Screenwriting for Television and Film  
(same as THEATR 3930). Fundamentals of storytelling utilizing tools and structure used by television and film.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: ENGLISH 1000

FILM_S 4001: Topics in Film-General  
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.

Credit Hour: 1-3  
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILM_S 4005: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities  
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.

Credit Hour: 1-3  
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILM_S 4005W: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities - Writing Intensive  
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.

Credit Hour: 1-3  
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

FILM_S 4030: Video Art and the Moving Image  
(same as ART_GNRL 4030; cross-leveled with ART_GNRL 7030). Video as a fine art form intersection sculpture, performing arts, doc filmmaking, pop culture and the Internet. Theoretical and historical knowledge is integrated with studio practice. Students create video works in Final Cut Pro demonstrating technical ability and aesthetic vision.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 4130: Advanced Character Voice and Dialogue  
Builds upon principles of story arc and screenwriting techniques, while providing an in-depth study of character psyche and unique voice. Students will master the skills necessary to create vibrant, memorable characters through the exploration and development of unique character traits, physical imagery development and distinctive voice. Students will analyze dialog traits of scripts and films of industry professionals, and will craft their own characters using industry standard technology, adhering to the principles of industry standard formatting. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: FILM_S 3530, THEATR 3930, FILM_S 3930, ENGLISH 2510, ENGLISH 2520 or ENGLISH 2530

FILM_S 4370: Film Studies: The Intersection of Documentary Film and Journalism  
(same as JOURN 4370; cross-leveled with FILM_S 7370, JOURN 7370). The popularity of documentary film in the past ten years has skyrocketed, and recent award-winning documentaries such as Inside Job (2010), Blackfish (2013), and The Invisible War (2012) are simultaneously entertaining audiences and investigating serious issues like the financial collapse, killer whale captivity, and sex crimes in the military--issues that in the past might have been covered exclusively by
investigative journalism. What explains the public's growing fascination with documentary? How is documentary film reacting to recent transformations in the media landscape? Is it filling a critical need that journalism is no longer willing or able to meet? This course will explore the intersection of these two nonfiction storytelling forms—documentary film and journalism—and examine the role played by advocacy in both modes, as well as the cultural and ethical implications of the convergence between journalism and documentary film. In that it is centered on contemporary documentary film culture, the course also takes advantage of the True/False Film Festival, and will be host to a conference during Week 6, featuring a number of major visiting filmmakers and film critics. Attendance at some sessions is required. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

FILM_S 4540: Advanced Cinematography
Cinematography is an art based on control of light, motion, and the frame. Introduction to Cinematography gave students a basic understanding of the fundamental principles of cinematography. Advanced Cinematography builds upon these principles, placing students in a collaborative studio environment, focusing on application of advanced techniques and storytelling as an element of meaning within the frame. Students will utilize advanced camera systems, cinema grade lenses, and lab facilities to integrate contemporary post-production techniques to alter their footage, creating highly stylized imagery.

Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites: FILM_S 1800 or ENGLSH 1800; FILM_S 3540; sophomore standing or higher

FILM_S 4550: Introduction to Post Production
Introduction to the Post Production explores traditional and current audio and video post-production concepts, techniques and technology. Using non-linear editing and audio post-production software students develop techniques in video and audio editing, and investigate the post production concepts of color correction, audio mixing, and motion graphics. Using media encoding software, students examine exporting and compressing footage to a wide range of digital delivery formats. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILM_S 1800 or ENGLSH 1800; sophomore standing or higher

FILM_S 4580: Production Practicum
Provides an intensive, comprehensive experience in film production. Students will receiver hands-on experience in lightning and set design, camera operation, grip/electrical and sound capture. The course pits students against a rigorous industry standard shooting schedule - long hours are to be expected each day. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: FILM_S 3540

FILM_S 4810: Film Theory
(same as ENGLSH 4810, DST 4810). This course explores contemporary trends in film theory. Topics may include: psychoanalysis, feminism, Marxism, cultural studies, queer theory, audience and star studies, postcolonialism, among others.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH or FILM_S 1800. Junior standing or above required

FILM_S 4820: Studies in Film Genre
(Same as ENGLSH 4820) Topics (e.g. The Western, film noir) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken toward the major.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH 1800 or FILM_S 1800; Junior Standing or instructor's consent required

FILM_S 4840: Culture and Media
(Same as ENGLSH 4840, DST 4840). Topics (e.g. Cinema and Imperialism, Indigenous Media, Ethnographic Documentary) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken for credit toward the major.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH 1800 or FILM_S 1800. Junior standing or instructor's consent required

FILM_S 4860: Film Themes and Genres
Topics (e.g. Film noir, African-American filmmakers, Food and Film, The Western) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken in Film Themes and Genres 4860.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 4880: Capstone Experience
This course is for Film Studies students who have completed their concentration requirements. The main objective is to help students independently create and complete a capstone project. The project should allow you to conceptualize and enter professional life after commencement.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Film Studies majors only. Consent of instructor required

FILM_S 4935: Adaptation of Literature for Film
(same as ENGLSH 4935 and THEATR 4935; cross-leveled with FILM_S 7935, ENGLSH 7580 and THEATR 7935). This upper-division course will explore adaptation principles and practices with a variety of forms of literature that were not originally written for film.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH 1800 or FILM_S 1800

FILM_S 4940: Internship
This course is for Film Studies students who have the opportunity to work in an internship position in a related industry or at a government agency where they can gain valuable on the job experience and knowledge. The student must register for the Internship course in the semester in which the work takes place. Graded S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH 1800 or FILM_S 1800. Must have at least 15 hours of Films Studies credit. Online courses do not count for the 15 hours of Film Credit.
FILM_S 4960: Special Readings in Film Studies  
Arranged. Individual work with conferences adjusted to needs of student.  
**Credit Hour:** 1-3  
**Prerequisites:** ENGLSH 1000 and ENGLSH 1800 or FILM_S 1800. Consent of instructor required. Restricted to Film Studies majors in their final year.

FILM_S 4963: Latin American Cinema (in Spanish)  
(same as SPAN 4960). Subject varies according to instructor.  
**Credit Hour:** 2-3  
**Prerequisites:** SPAN 3420 and SPAN 3430

FILM_S 4995: Senior Honors Thesis  
Independent honors research under direction of faculty. Graded on S/U basis only.  
**Credit Hour:** 1-3  
**Prerequisites:** Senior standing required, consent of instructor required, Honors eligibility required

FILM_S 7001: Topics in Film Studies-General  
Topics in Film Studies-General  
**Credit Hour:** 1-3

FILM_S 7370: The Intersections of Documentary Film and Journalism  
(same as JOURN 7370). (cross-leveled with JOURN 4370 and FILM_S 4370), The popularity of documentary film in the past ten years has skyrocketed, and recent award-winning documentaries such as Inside Job (2010), Blackfish (2013), and The Invisible War (2012) are simultaneously entertaining audiences and investigating serious issues like the financial collapse, killer whale captivity, and sex crimes in the military--issues that in the past might have been covered exclusively by investigative journalism. What explains the public’s growing fascination with documentary? How is documentary film reacting to recent transformations in the media landscape? Is it filling a critical need that journalism is no longer willing or able to meet? This course will explore the intersection of these two nonfiction storytelling forms--documentary film and journalism--and examine the role played by advocacy in both modes, as well as the cultural and ethical implications of the convergence between journalism and documentary film. In that it is centered on contemporary documentary film culture, the course also takes advantage of the True/False Film Festival, and will be host to a conference during Week 6, featuring a number of major visiting filmmakers and film critics. Attendance at some sessions is required. Graded on A-F basis only.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

FILM_S 7840: Culture and Media  
(same as ENGLISH 7840). Topics (e.g. Cinema and Imperialism, Indigenous Media, Ethnographic Documentary) announced at time of registration. No more than six hours may be taken for credit toward the major.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

FILM_S 7935: Adaptation of Literature for Film  
(same as THEATR 7935 and ENGLISH 7580; cross-leveled with FILM_S 4935, ENGLISH 4935 and THEATR 4935). This upper-division course will explore adaptation principles and practices with a variety of forms of literature that were not originally written for film.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

FILM_S 7975: Distorted Picture: Post-War Cinema in a Police State  
(Same as RUSS 7975) Considers strategies and stylistic devices employed by East European & Soviet directors to produce artistically worthy films under censorship. Discusses how artists adapted methods, boldness of expression, thematic content, and technical sophistication. Attention paid to production techniques.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

FILM_S 8005: Topics in Film Studies - Humanities  
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.  
**Credit Hour:** 1-3  
**Prerequisites:** instructor’s consent