Film Studies

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The Film Studies Program offers a major that focuses on film analysis and covers the history of cinema, national and global cinemas, film theory and genres, documentary film, and contemporary visual culture. As a classic liberal arts discipline, film studies teaches the fundamental skills that make a college degree essential in career-oriented jobs: research, information management, critical analysis, cogent development of ideas, developing and testing of hypotheses, and writing and communication. It combines an emphasis on critical thinking, research, problem-solving, written expression, and cultural literacy with the discipline's unique attention to visual analysis. Students emerge with a greater degree of visual literacy at a time when our culture is becoming increasingly dependent upon visual communication. As a complement to the main focus on the critical study of film, the program also offers some production courses and occasional opportunities to participate in filmmaking projects. For those who want to pursue a career in the TV/motion picture or the fast-growing digital media industry the major provides a strong foundation that can be combined with the learning of specific industry skills.

The program offers a BA degree in film studies as well as an undergraduate minor.

Faculty

Assistant Professor
Associate Teaching Professor M. H. Barnes*, N. Monnier*,
Assistant Teaching Professor E. Hornbeck, B. Maurer, E. Naveh-Benjamin, L. Roth, M. Volz
Instructor L. Dickinson, C. Gubera, R. Wise

* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master's thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

• BA in Film Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/filmstudies/ba-film-studies)
• Minor in Film Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/filmstudies/minor-film-studies)

Double and Dual Majors

A film studies major can be paired with a major in another department. Students must meet the requirements of both departments. The program for each major must be approved by the advisor in the degree-granting department.

Departmental Honors

To receive departmental honors, a student must earn a minimum overall MU GPA of 3.3 and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in courses in film studies completed at the University of Missouri. In addition, with the assistance of an honors thesis advisor, the student must develop, plan and conduct research on an independent project, normally while enrolled in FILM_S 4995.

Graduate

While MU does not offer graduate degrees specifically in film studies, the University does offer post-baccalaureate opportunities in a number of related areas, both within the College of Arts and Science, and in the other Schools and Colleges that make up the University. The catalog provides a complete list of these degree options (http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms).