

Film and Media

Overview

The Department of Film & Media at UC Berkeley offers an interdisciplinary program leading to a BA in Film, a PhD in Film and Media, or a Designated Emphasis in Film Studies for doctoral students located in other departments. The Department teaches students to think historically, theoretically, and analytically about film and media within the broad context of humanistic studies. Students and faculty engage with all forms of moving-image culture including film, still photography, television, and digital media. The Department also offers courses in screenwriting, curating, and digital video production.

Undergraduate Program

Film (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/film>) : BA

Graduate Programs

Film and Media (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/graduate/degree-programs/film>) : PhD

Film Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/graduate/degree-programs/film>) : Designated Emphasis (DE)

Film and Media

FILM R1A The Craft of Writing - Film Focus 4 Units
Rhetorical approach to reading and writing argumentative discourse with a film focus. Close reading of selected texts; written themes developed from class discussion and analysis of rhetorical strategies. Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Rhetoric R5A

FILM R1B The Craft of Writing - Film Focus 4 Units
Intensive argumentative writing stimulated through selected readings, films, and class discussion. Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Rhetoric R5B

FILM 20 Film and Media Cultures 4 Units

This course is intended to introduce undergraduates to the study of a range of media, including photography, film, television, video, and print and digital media. The course will focus on questions of medium "specificity" or the key technological/material, formal and aesthetic features of different media and modes of address and representation that define them. Also considered is the relationship of individual media to time and space, how individual media construct their audiences or spectators, and the kinds of looking or viewing they enable or encourage. The course will discuss the ideological effects of various media, particularly around questions of racial and sexual difference, national identity, capitalism, and power.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture, 1 hour of discussion, and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 25A The History of Film 4 Units

From the beginnings through the conversion to sound up until World War II era. In addition to the development of the silent film, the course will conclude with an examination of the technology of sound conversion and examples of early sound experiments.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 25B The History of Film 4 Units

The sound era from World War II to present time.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Film and Media 25A

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 50 Introduction to Film for Nonmajors 4 Units

An introduction to film art and film technique for students who are interested in exploring the history and aesthetics of cinema but do not intend to major in film. The course traces the development of world cinema from the first films of the 1890s to the 1970s, drawing on examples from American, European, Asian, and Third World cinema.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 75 Postmodernism and Film 3 Units

This course examines postmodernism as it manifests itself in film. We will begin with a general overview of the postmodern, and then look at how postmodernism reformulates certain theoretical issues: e.g., ideology, history, subjectivity and gender. Primary films will be juxtaposed not just with theoretical texts, but also with texts from architecture, photography, literature and classical Hollywood cinema. Requirements: take home mid-term, final exam.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructors: Tuma, Forter

FILM 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units

Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: At discretion of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format**Fall and/or spring:**

5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week

10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week

15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-5 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 1.5-3.5 hours of seminar and 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

FILM 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Supervised research by lower division students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Restricted to freshmen and sophomores; consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

FILM 100 History of Film Theory 4 Units

The study, from an historical perspective, of major theorists of film.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25A or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3-4 hours of laboratory per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2-4 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 105 Senior Seminar 4 Units

Intensive study of topics in film and moving-image media.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing; completion of all lower division requirements and two out of three of the upper division requirements; GPA of 3.4 or better in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 108 Special Topics in Film Genre 4 Units

The study of films as categorized either by industry-identified genres (westerns, horror films, musicals, film noir, etc.) or broader interpretive modes (melodrama, realism, fantasy, etc.).

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM N108 Film Genres 4 Units

The study of film by kind. Focus on a particular genre such as the documentary, the western, the animated film, the musical.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 4 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

FILM C115 The American Detective in Fiction, Film, and Television 4 Units

This course considers how the American detective is represented in fiction, film, and popular culture. We will examine how representations of the American detective are affected by diverse historical and socio-cultural factors, including the ideology of American individualism, paradigms of investigation and ordered knowledge, and competing discourses of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. After a brief consideration of early American detectives and detectives in the classic American hardboiled tradition, we will focus on many detectives from traditionally understudied groups, including female detectives, African American detectives, Chicana detectives, Asian American detectives, Native American detectives, and gay and lesbian detectives. This course may be used as an elective in the American Studies major.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Dresner

Also listed as: AMERSTD C115

FILM 128 Documentary 4 Units

A survey of the history, theory, and practice of the documentary film (including video). How have the forms and ethics of the documentary changed since the beginning of cinema? A range of practices and strategies will be covered: cinema verite, direct cinema, narrational documentary, autobiography, investigative documentary, and recent fictional styles that combine the essayistic with the observational. The course moves between classic works of the genre as well as highly experimental works that critique traditional approaches. Throughout, the emphasis will be on the formal analysis of the films focusing on their narrative structures and the ways in which they make meaning.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25A

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 128 after taking 28A.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1-3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2-4 hours of laboratory per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2-4 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 129 History of Avant-Garde Film 4 Units

This course is a survey of the rich history and aesthetics of the international film Avant-Garde from the 1920s to the present. The course explores the development of a range of experimental film forms and practices, situating them in relation to the larger artistic, social, and intellectual contexts in which they arise. We look at the ways artists have not only created new film languages in order to express their unique ideas and vision, but also how they inverted alternative modes of production, distribution, and exhibition for their work. We examine the major formal modes of Avant-Garde cinema, moving between historical and current developments. These include abstract, surrealist/Dada, psychodrama, the lyric film-poem, autobiographical, materialist and structural forms, political and activist, new narrative, recycled cinema, the film essay, feminist and queer cinemas, as well as expanded forms such as installation and web based cinema.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25A

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture, 1 hour of discussion, and 1-3 hours of laboratory per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 140 Special Topics in Film 4 Units

Selected topics in the study of film.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Declared film major or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 9 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 151 Auteur Theory 4 Units

The study of films from the perspective of directorial style, theme, or filmmaking career.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Film and Media 25A

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 160 National Cinema 4 Units

This course will focus on the cinema of a particular nation or region.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Declared film major or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM N160 National Cinema 4 Units

This course will focus on the cinema of a particular nation or region.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Declared film major or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

FILM 180 Introduction to Screenwriting 4 Units

The course explores the art and craft of writing a feature-length, narrative screenplay. Participants present three story ideas to the class, develop one concept into a detailed treatment, and write the first act of the script in professional screenplay form. The focus is on rewriting, with regular presentations of outlines and scripts to fellow writers. The emphasis is on story structure, character development, and screenplay form.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Film and Media 180A

FILM 181 Screenwriting 4 Units

The course explores the art and craft of writing a feature-length narrative screenplay. Participants begin with a detailed outline of a narrative script and a portion of the script in proper form and develop it into a completed screenplay. The focus is on rewriting, with regular presentations of scenes to fellow writers. Participants also write short scripts and explore alternative story structure. The emphasis is on characterization, scene structure, visual story telling, dialogue, and creating a unified script. The class culminates with reading of completed scripts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor; 180A recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Film and Media 180B

FILM C181 Game Design Methods 4 Units

This course offers an introduction to game design and game studies. Game studies has five core elements: the study of games as culture generators, the study of play and interactivity, the study of games as symbolic systems, the study of games as artifacts, and the design of games. One process which is crucial to all these elements is to play. We will study the core elements of game studies through play, play tests, and the study of people playing. There will also be a close examination of classical game studies as well as practice-oriented texts. The final exam for this course is to design, test, and evaluate a playable game.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25A

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 2-4 hours of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: ART C178

FILM 184 Documentary and Nonfiction Film Production 4 Units

This class focuses on practices and techniques of non-fiction digital filmmaking. The class examines important techniques of non-fiction film, such as research and writing for non-fiction, the observational camera, filming in public, the interview, voiceover, working with archival film and other documents, as well as editing techniques - working to find form and structure for non-fiction materials. This class also explores the different modes of the documentary genre including observational, ethnographic, biographic/historical, agit/prop and activist forms, as well as more expanded approaches essay, poetic, autobiography, and archival forms.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of workshop and 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Skoller

FILM 185 Narrative Production 4 Units

The essentials of film and video production--camera, sound, lighting, and editing. Drawing on previous study of narrative, documentary, avant-garde film and video, students gain a deeper understanding of the complex relationship between the visual and aural elements of moving-image through hands-on experimentation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Film 26 or by permission of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 9 hours of studio per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 22.5 hours of studio per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

FILM 185A Digital Video: The Architecture of Time 4 Units

This hands-on studio course is designed to present students with a foundation-level introduction to the skills, theories, and concepts used in digital video production. As digital technologies continue to expand our notion of time and space, value and meaning, artists are using these tools to envision the impossible. Nonlinear and nondestructive editing methods used in digital video are defining new "architectures of time" for cinematic creation and experience, and offer new and innovative possibilities for authoring new forms of the moving image.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 9 hours of studio per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

FILM C185 Digital Video: The Architecture of Time 4 Units

This hands-on studio course is designed to present students with a foundation-level introduction to the skills, theories, and concepts used in digital video production. As digital technologies continue to expand our notion of time and space, value and meaning, artists are using these tools to envision the impossible. Nonlinear and nondestructive editing methods used in digital video are defining new "architectures of time" for cinematic creation and experience, and offer new and innovative possibilities for authoring new forms of the moving image. Through direct experimentation, this course will expose students to a broad range of industry-standard equipment, film and video history, theory, terminology, field, and post-production skills. Students will be required to technically master the digital media tools introduced in the course, and personalize the new possibilities digital video brings to time-based art forms.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 9 hours of studio per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: ART C171

FILM 187 Special Topics in Media Production 4 Units

This course investigates special topics in, and special technologies of, media production: e.g., experimental film, documentary film, digital special effects, etc. This is a hands-on studio course designed for students who have mastered the basics of media production and are ready to pursue more specialized film or video production.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Film 26 or by permission of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 9 hours of studio per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 13.5 hours of studio per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Film and Media 186

FILM 187A Advanced Digital Video 4 Units

This advanced studio course is designed for students who have mastered basic skills and concepts involved in digital video production and are interested in further investigating critical, theoretical, and creative research topics in digital video production.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 9 hours of studio per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

FILM C187 Advanced Digital Video 4 Units

This advanced studio course is designed for students who have mastered basic skills and concepts involved in digital video production and are interested in further investigating critical, theoretical, and creative research topics in digital video production.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 9 hours of studio per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: ART C174

FILM H195 Film Honors Thesis 4 Units

Students in the honors program are to take H195 for a letter grade to complete a senior honors thesis. Although the production of a film may be part of the preparation of the thesis and the film submitted as a documentation or example, it is expected that the thesis will be a substantial piece of writing of film criticism or film history.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing with a 3.3 GPA on all University work and a 3.5 GPA in courses in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

FILM 197A Field Study at the Pacific Film Archive 2 Units

Students will learn about film bibliography and research materials. Interns will get a thorough orientation to the Pacific Film Archive library through introductory lectures and training sessions. Then, for three hours per week, they will help organize materials for inclusion in the clippings files. Interns will gain experience in library organization and film bibliography, as well as a broad knowledge of the kinds of film reviews and criticism found in a variety of sources.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor; film majors only

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 4 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

FILM 197B Field Studies for Majors 3 Units

The supervised field program may include experience in a broad range of pre- and post-production film and video production related activities. The student will develop the field experience and its relationship to academic training with a member of the faculty on the Film Advisory Committee. Faculty sponsor and student will establish individual meeting times and academic requirements for acceptable completion of the course. Commitment to at least nine hours of field work per week.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor; film majors only

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of internship per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

FILM 197C Film Curating Internship 2 Units

Experience "behind-the-scenes" at the Pacific Film Archive! Interns will learn about film curating through creating a program of works by UC Berkeley students to present at PFA the following spring semester. Students will solicit films and videos, preview them, and make a final selection as a group. Students will write short analyses of local film exhibition programs and will do projects related to PFA's ongoing exhibition program.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Declared film study or art practice major, junior standing (60-unit minimum), and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of fieldwork and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

FILM 197D Field Study at Film Quarterly 2 Units

Interning at Film Quarterly will gain experience in the editorial process. This internship will help the student refine critical skills, develop editorial skills, and experience working on a film journal.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Declared film major with junior or senior standing. Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of fieldwork and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

FILM 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Group studies of selected topics which vary from year to year. Field shall not coincide with that of any regular course and shall be specific enough to allow students to write an essay based on the study.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25A or equivalent and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

FILM 199 Supervised Independent Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Reading and conference with the instructor in a field that shall not coincide with that of any regular course and shall be specific enough to enable the student to write an essay based upon his/her study.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 25A or equivalent and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

FILM 200 Graduate Film Theory Seminar 4 Units

This seminar will examine both traditional and recent critical approaches to a systematic and historical study of film. Although we will emphasize contemporary structuralist-semiotic, psychoanalytical, and socio-critical methods, we will also study the classical debates in film theory about representation, filmic vs. literary signification, sexual difference, and the social function of images in modernism and postmodernism. Illustrations will be taken from film history from 1910 to 1980.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FILM 201 Graduate Film Historiography 4 Units

The theoretical and methodological issues raised by the recent practice of film history are the focus of this seminar. Intended primarily for first-year film studies graduate students and other students interested in starting work on film history, the seminar provides both a theoretical overview of film historiography and an introduction to the practice of historically oriented film research. The first part of the course uses both overtly historiographic readings and film history examples to raise historical questions of technology, institution-formation, exhibition, cultural history, and spectatorship.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FILM 203 Film Studies Proseminar 2 - 4 Units

A seminar introducing Film Studies graduate students to the field, the profession, and the faculty practicing film studies. Envisioned as a way for new students to learn what is expected of them and for more advanced students to pass through the all-important last years of their training in an atmosphere of helpful camaraderie. Introduces students to the intellectual and physical resources of the Berkeley campus as well as the Bay Area. By the end of the semester students should gain an understanding of the expectations of their performance in graduate school, have identified the major goals on the way towards getting a Ph.D., and, depending on where they are in their studies, have begun to achieve those goals.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

FILM 204 Compact Seminar 2 Units

A compact seminar features a distinguished, short-term visitor with expertise in Film and Media. During the stay, the visitor meets intensively with graduate students, who then continue to work on research topics for the remainder of the semester. The seminar meets eight times one hundred and twenty minutes, not including screening time, and a substantial (twenty-five page) research paper is required at the end of the semester.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 4 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FILM 220 Film Curating 4 Units

An introduction to the theory, history, and practice of film curating taught by Pacific Film Archive curators. What do curators do? How do they decide what to show? What is the role of film archives and film exhibition in the field of film and moving image study? Using the Pacific Film Archive and its programmers as a laboratory, students will go behind-the-scenes of the Archive's curatorial, print traffic, publicity, and editorial departments and learn how to program by doing. The course will culminate in a proposal for a comprehensive film series.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 1-4 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FILM 221 Film Curating Part 2 2 Units

Students will develop and present a film series for presentation at the Pacific Film Archive. Possibly refining a series proposed in 220. PFA curators will have final approval of the series topic and the film/video selection. Students will locate and book all films, write program notes, do outreach, and introduce programs. Guest speakers will include local press, writers, and artists. Local film and videomakers will trace the history of a work from production through exhibition.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 220

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FILM 230 Graduate Production Seminar 4 Units

Intensive study of the basic elements of film and digital video production and post-production. Graduate students will develop a working knowledge of film and video making through hands-on production experience that will enable them to film and edit their own productions. They will also acquire training to teach basic video and film production classes. The uses of specific technologies and formats will be discussed in relation to aesthetic and theoretical questions. Training includes pre-production-scripting and storyboarding, production elements including image capture, and post-production strategies and aesthetics for non-linear digital editing programs. The course will also introduce problems of how to format video/films for exhibition and approaches to distribution, exhibition, and funding. Classes will consist of technical lectures and hands-on workshops, creative exercises, seminar-style discussion and critique, film screenings, assigned readings, and visiting artists and speakers.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 3-5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FILM 240 Graduate Topics in Film 4 Units

Selected topics in the study of film.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FILM 298 Special Study 1 - 4 Units

Designed to allow students to do research in areas not covered by other courses. Requires regular discussions with the instructor and a final written report.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. Graduate standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 5-20 hours of independent study per week

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FILM 299 Directed Research 1 - 12 Units

Open to graduate students who have passed their Ph.D. qualifying examinations.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-22.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

FILM 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 6 Units

Individual study in consultation with faculty director as preparation for degree examinations.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-6 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-11 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Film and Media/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.