

This course can provide a pathway to a related degree or career in the film industry. However, the skills gained from studying film include essay writing and analytical thought so it is useful in preparation for higher level study of any academic subject.



Destinations

- Cambridge** - French, English
- Bournemouth** - Film Production
- Winchester** - Costume Design for Television and Film
- Kings College London** - English Literature and Film
- Kingston University** - Film Studies and Creative Writing
- Liverpool** - Drama and Theatre Studies



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At Vardean, Film Studies is a thriving course which achieves great results. The teaching team are highly experienced lecturers and are full of enthusiasm about the subject. In addition Media & Film professionals come in to advise students on their productions and academic speakers from universities visit.

The A Level course is made up of three components (two exams and one practical coursework.) Through these you get to look more closely at films you may be familiar with such as Trainspotting, but also develop an understanding of more unusual genres and film forms.



COMPONENT 1: Varieties of film and filmmaking exam

Section A: Hollywood 1930-1990

Section B: American film since 2005

Section C: British film since 1995

COMPONENT 2: Global Filmmaking Perspectives exam

Section A: Global Film

Section B: Documentary Film

Section C: Silent Cinema

Section D: Experimental Film



COMPONENT 3: Production Coursework

You will either write a Screenplay for a short film with a photographic storyboard or direct a short film. You must also submit an evaluation. These films and screenplays can be entered for the exam board's Moving Image Awards with a ceremony and reception held at the BFI each year. Students get to use HD cameras to shoot their films and one of seven digital edit suites to produce their work. They benefit from expert instruction by our full-time technical support instructor.



We also offer **Film Studies International Baccalaureate**. Please see separate leaflet for details.

Enrichments

As part of the course we have visited the fabulous city of Berlin for its inspirational Film Festival. Regular trips are made to Depot in Lewes to attend specialist Study Days designed to support the course and you can apply to be a Young Programmer there, making decisions about what films are screened at the cinema.

This A Level would suit you if you are the kind of person that is enthusiastic about films. If you like reading film magazines, talking about films with your friends and have a membership card to your local cinema then this is the course for you! If you want to be a filmmaker the course will also help you make better films.

"For anyone who is looking at the finer details in films, enjoys analysis and has a creative streak, Film Studies at Vardean is your best option"
Tom Kerr (ex-Southend High School)