

The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts
Film Studies Minor (FILMSTD-MN)

Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts
440 Theatre, Film, and Media Arts Building; 1932 College Road
theatreandfilm@osu.edu
Minor Advisor: Emily Carpenter; carpenter.438@osu.edu

The Film Studies minor allows students to unite classes devoted to the analysis of cinema as a unique art form and as a medium influenced and shaped by related fields such as literature and the visual arts. Students enrolled in the Film Studies minor will gain an understanding of the evolution of cinema, relationships between film and other arts, and international dimensions of the medium.

The minor in film studies requires the completion of one of the introductory courses plus an additional 12 credit hours from the approved course list below. At least 6 of the 15 credit hours must be at the 3000-level or above.

Required Courses: (1 course; 3 CH)

Choose one course from the following:

ENGLISH 2263: Introduction to Film
FILMSTD 2270.xx: Introduction to Film Studies
FILMSTD 2271: Introduction to Film Studies For Majors
GERMAN 3351: Democracy, Fascism, and German Culture
HISTART 2901: Introduction to World Cinema
WGSST 2317: Gender at the Movies: Hollywood and Beyond

Elective Courses: (4 courses; 12 CH)

Choose four courses from the list below. Some courses may have prerequisites; please consult the course catalog prior to enrolling.

AFAMAST 4571: Black Visual Culture and Popular Media
ACCAD 3350: The History of Animation
CHINESE 4405: China in Chinese Film
COMPSTD/SPANISH/WGSST 2381: Race, Ethnicity and Gender in Spanish-Speaking Film & TV
COMPSTD 3607: Film and Literature as Narrative Art
EALL 3446: Asian American Film
ENGLISH 2263: Introduction to Film
ENGLISH 3378: Special Topics in Film and Literature
ENGLISH 4578: Special Topics in Film
FILMSTD 2270: Introduction to Film Studies
FILMSTD 2271: Introduction to Film Studies for Majors
FILMSTD 3660: Documentary Film Studies
FILMSTD 4194: Group Studies
FILMSTD 4580: Studies in a Major Director
FILMSTD 4640: Studies in Cinema History
FILMSTD 4650: Studies in Regional Cinema
FILMSTD/GERMAN 4670H: Cinema and the Historical Avant Garde
FILMSTD 4895: Advanced Seminar: Topics in Film Studies
FRENCH 2801: French Cinema
FRENCH 5701: Topics in French and Francophone Cinema
GERMAN 3351: Democracy, Fascism, and German Culture
HISTART 2901: Introduction to World Cinema
HISTART 3901: World Cinema Today
HISTART/INTSTDS 3905: The Developing World on Screen
HISTART 5643: New Media Art and Theory
HISTART 5645: Video Art
HISTART 5901: Silent Cinema, 1895-1927
HISTART 5905: Avant-Garde Film
HISTART 5906: Experiments in Film and Media and Theory
HISTART 5910: History of Documentary Cinema
ITALIAN 2053: Introduction to Italian Cinema
ITALIAN 2055: Mafia Movies
ITALIAN 2056: Love and Difference on the Italian Screen
ITALIAN 4223: Italian Cinema
JAPANESE 4400: Japanese Film and Visual Media

MUSIC 3344: Film Music
RUSSIAN 3460: Modern Russian Experience through Film
SLAVIC 3310: Citizens in a Strange Land: Science Fiction in East European Literature and Film
SLAVIC 3360: Screening Minorities: Representations of the Other in Slavic Film
SPANISH 2380: Introduction to Latin American Film
SPANISH 4580: Latin American Film
SPANISH 4581: Spanish Film
WGSST 2317: Gender at the Movies: Hollywood and Beyond
WGSST 4527.01: Studies in Gender and Cinema
WGSST 4527.02: Studies in Gender & Cinema: The British Horror Film

Film Studies minor program guidelines:

Credit hours required: A minimum of 15 CH. 1000-level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 CH must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required:

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits – No more than 3 credit hours.

Declaring the minor

Students should see their assigned academic advisor to declare the minor prior to the filing of the graduation application. Students do not need the approval of the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts to declare the minor.

Approval of Coursework

Initial approval of the minor coursework:

Students who complete the minor following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor that the minor appears complete on the degree auditing system. No approval from the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts is required.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program:

Students must obtain the approval of the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts to apply courses not listed on this form toward the Film Studies minor. Please email Emily Carpenter.438 to request approval.

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services
306 Dulles Hall 230 Annie & John Glenn Ave.
<http://artsandsciences.osu.edu>

Updated 11-14-22 RLS
Updated 03-20-2023 RLS
Updated 05-27-2026 RLS