

## GCSE Film Studies

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q: What will I learn on this course?

A: Please look at the course specification for further detail (attached below).

The WJEC Eduqas specification in GCSE Film Studies aims to develop knowledge and understanding of:

- The ways in which meanings and responses are generated through film
- A contrasting, culturally diverse range of films from different countries
- Film as a visual medium
- How films reflect the social, cultural and political environments in which they are made
- The relationship between film and film technology over time.

In addition, the specification aims to enable learners to apply their knowledge and understanding of film to filmmaking or screenwriting.

#### Q: How is the course assessed?

A: You will be assessed on two written exams taken at the end of Year 11 and one piece of practical work created over the course of the two years:

- **Component 1:** Key Developments in US Film - Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes (35% of qualification)
- **Component 2:** Global Film: Narrative, Representation and Film Style Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes 35% of qualification
- **Component 3:** Production of a section of film or screenplay (30% of qualification). You will also be required to write an evaluative analysis of the production, where you analyse and evaluate your production in relation to professionally produced films or screenplays.

#### Q: How will my work be stored?

A: You will be required to store your paperwork in a lever-arch folder and to store electronic work in a OneDrive folder shared with your Film Studies teacher.

## **Q: Do I need to have knowledge of Film to take this course?**

**A:** There are no previous learning requirements for this specification but skills in English, Literacy and Technology will be useful. This specification is designed to provide a foundation for subsequent study by encouraging learners to explore, through formal study and their own productions, how films are constructed as well as the role the screenplay takes in the film production process.

## **Q: Will I have to look at films I'm not really into?**

**A:** We watch and analyse a huge variety of full films and extracts so there is something for everyone!

## **Q: Will I have to do loads of writing?**

**A:** You will be expected to make notes during lesson time and to produce exam style essay responses and mocks.

**Course Specification:** <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/sjyhrqeu/eduqas-gcse-film-studies-spec-from-2017-e.pdf>

**Past exam papers:**

**Component 1 -** <http://pastpapers.download.wjec.co.uk/s19-5670-01.pdf>

**Component 2 -** <http://pastpapers.download.wjec.co.uk/s19-5670-02.pdf>