Program Description

Film and media are ever-present in our world today in various formats, whether in film theaters, on television screens, on handheld devices, or online. Film and Media Studies explores the theory, criticism and history of motion pictures and of continually evolving media platforms that shape and influence our everyday lives.

The Film and Media Studies Department at Santa Barbara City College offers a wide variety of courses designed for film majors and interested non-majors who wish to enhance their knowledge and appreciation of film and media as part of their undergraduate education. Students learn about media literacy through a vast array of films and media from the early years of film history to the contemporary era, including both American and international works.

The goals of the Film and Media Studies Department are for students to articulate and demonstrate an understanding of the history of U.S. and world cinema, in relation to filmmakers, style, movements, film industries and genres, as well as an understanding of the theories and critical models of cinema, in relation to auteur studies, styles, movements, genres and social ideology, using film terminology and standard English in written and oral presentations. Students are prepared to continue their studies in upper-division coursework and pursue baccalaureate degrees in such majors as Film Studies, Cinema and Media Studies, Film and TV Production, Communication Studies and others. Film and Media Studies courses articulate to UC and CSU campuses, as well as other 4-year universities.

SBCC Students are able to immerse themselves in film and media research and analysis in an academic setting, as well as in current film industry practices. The Film and Media Studies Department offers a vast survey of courses on-campus, online, and as hybrids; internationally through Study Abroad and at film festivals, such as the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, AFI Fest in Hollywood, and the Los Angeles International Film Festival. Students also have the opportunity to gain practical work experience through the Film and Media Studies Internship Program at various film festivals.

The required courses in the Film and Media Studies track are designed to provide students with an introduction to film and media literature, film, and media criticism and theory, a basic knowledge of film history and the motion picture industry, and a familiarity with major directors, actors, and practitioners of cinema. Electives enhance this course of study by exposing students to the principles, technology, and techniques of motion picture and media production.

The Film and Media Studies Department at SBCC has an excellent record of course articulation and student transfer to the University of California and campuses throughout the CSU system, as well as top four-year film schools such as UCLA, USC, NYU and Chapman University.

Go to the Film and Media Studies website for more information: http://film.sbcc.edu and the SBCC Film Reviews site: http://sbccfilmreviews.org.

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Programs of Study

- Film and Media Studies, Associate in Arts (AA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/film-media-studies/film-media-studies-aa)
- Film and Media Studies, Certificate of Achievement (C) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/film-media-studies/film-media-studies-c)
- Screenwriting, Certificate of Achievement (C) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/film-media-studies/screenwriting-c)
- Screenwriting, Skills Competency Award (SCA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/film-media-studies/screenwriting-sca)

Credit Courses

Film and Media Studies (FS)

FS 101 Introduction to Film Studies (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Introduction to one of the most powerful cultural and artistic mediums of our time: cinema. Focuses on the aesthetics, history, literature and creative techniques, as well as the depiction of social cultures, history and values in film. Lectures, discussions and reading are supplemented by the screening of representative films.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: FS 101 combined: maximum credit, one course.

FS 101H Introduction to Film Studies, Honors (4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Acceptance into the Honors Program.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 90 (63 lecture, 27 lab)
Focuses on film aesthetics, history, literature and creative techniques, as well as a depiction of social cultures, history and values in film. Includes an in-depth examination of major directors and important film movements. Lectures, discussions and readings are supplemented by the screening of representative films.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: FS 101 and 101H combined: maximum credit, one course.

FS 104 American Film to 1960’s (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of the development, history and aesthetics of the Hollywood studio system, as well as its impact on our culture. Study of classic films as forms of popular entertainment and cinematic art, including various Hollywood genres and their independent counterparts. Lectures, discussions and readings are supplemented by the screening and critical analysis of representative films.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
FS 105 Introduction to Television Studies (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Introduction to the basic concepts, forms, practices, and policies that have guided the evolution and operation of television in the United States. Examines developments in programming, industrial and institutional structure, regulation, audiences, technological innovation, and cultural significance of television. Lectures, discussions and readings are supplemented by the screening and critical analysis of representative programs.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3A, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

FS 107 Contemporary American Film (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for English 110 or 110H.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of the changes to the Hollywood studio system, alternative productions, and independent film since the 1960s. Covers such topics as the decline of the studio system, the rise of American New Wave cinema, the history of the blockbuster, the parallel histories of independent and underground film, and the presence of media conglomerates.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

FS 108A Film Festival Studies: 10 Days (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for English 110 or 110H.
Hours: 90 (36 lecture, 54 lab)
Ten-day field course at film festivals to study U.S. and international fiction, experimental and documentary films. Focuses on the role of festivals in the film marketplace, emergence of new filmmakers, national cinemas and the practice of writing film criticism. Film screenings supplemented by lectures, discussions, readings and panel discussions. Fee required; contact department for information.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

FS 108B Film Festival Studies: 5 Days (2 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for English 98 or 103.
Hours: 48 (24 lecture, 24 lab)
AFI Film Festival. Five-day field course at film festivals to study fiction, experimental, and documentary films. Focuses on the role of festivals in the film marketplace, emergence of new filmmakers, national cinemas and the practice of writing film criticism. Film screenings, lectures, discussions, readings and panel discussions. Fee required; contact department for information (http://film.sbcc.edu).
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

FS 109 Film Criticism (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility 110 or 110H.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of the formal dimensions of cinema (narration, causality, space, time and sound) through analyses of individual films. Focuses on close readings of films and developing a strong film writing approach, moving beyond the content of FS 101. Lectures, discussions and readings supplemented by the screening and analysis of representative films.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

FS 110 World Cinema to 1960's (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101 or FS 101H.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 098 and ENG 103.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of international film history, theory and aesthetics, from the invention of cinema in the 1890s through the 1950s. Includes fictional narrative film, documentary and avant-garde film of the period. Organized around the history and development of formal devices such as the shot, montage, mise-en-scene, sound design, color technology, and classical narrative form.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

FS 111 Contemporary World Cinema (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of international film history, theory and aesthetics, from 1960 to the present. The film medium is addressed as a technology, a business, an art form and as a medium that both reflects and creates popular culture.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

FS 112A French Film (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of French film history, from the invention of cinema in the 1890s to the present, focusing on changes in narrative and documentary films, as well as experimental movements. Covers significant movements, periods, genres, influences, as well as major directors. Lectures, discussions and readings are supplemented by the screening and critical analysis of representative films.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

FS 112B Art Cinema (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of Art Cinema, beginning in the 1940s, continuing into its heyday in the 1960s, and developing into the contemporary era. Focuses on changes in narrative and cinematic styles, film auteurs, cultural influences, as well as film industries. Lectures, discussions and readings are supplemented by the screening and critical analysis of representative films.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

FS 112C Spanish and Latin American Film (3 Units)
Course Advisories: FS 101 or FS 101H.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 098 and ENG 103.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of Spanish and Latin American film histories from the invention of cinema in the 1890s to the present, focusing on changes in narrative and documentary films, as well as experimental movements. Covers significant movements, periods, genres, influences, as well as major directors. Lectures, discussions and readings are supplemented by the screening and critical analysis of representative films.
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Skills Advisories:
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Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)

Transfer Information:
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FS 173 Screenwriting I (3 Units)
Same as: ENG 173
Prerequisites: English 070 and English 098 or qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of the elements of dramatic writing for the cinema: the three-act structure, character delineation and motivation, conflict development and pacing, dialogue and subtext, unifying the message. Analysis of feature film screenplays for their structure, pacing and characterization; writes scenes in correct format; and completes a treatment for a feature film or television.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: FS 173/ENG 173 combined with FS 174: maximum credit, one course.

FS 174 Screenwriting II (3 Units)
Corequisites: FS 173 or ENG 173.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Study of the structure, development, pacing and revising of a completed screenplay. In addition to analyzing feature film and television screenplays, the student completes a screenplay, learns how to research a story, how to pitch a story, and how to market a script.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: FS 173/ENG 173 combined with FS 174: maximum credit, one course.

FS 175 Screenwriting III (3 Units)
Prerequisites: FS 174.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Advanced study of the structure, development, pacing, and revision of a completed screenplay. In addition to analyzing feature film and television screenplays, the student completes a final draft of a screenplay in a workshop setting, learns how to edit and revise it, how to pitch it and how to market it.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

FS 179 Screenwriting III (3 Units)
Prerequisites: FS 174.
Hours: 72 (45 lecture, 27 lab)
Advanced study of the structure, development, pacing, and revision of a completed screenplay. In addition to analyzing feature film and television screenplays, the student completes a final draft of a screenplay in a workshop setting, learns how to edit and revise it, how to pitch it and how to market it.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

FS 295 Internship In Film and Media Studies (2-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of two courses (in applicable discipline) at SBCC prior to enrolling in an internship course.
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 216 (216 lab)
Structured internship program in which students gain experience with community organizations related to the discipline.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

FS 299 Independent Study-Film and Media Studies (1-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: To be eligible for independent study, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 units at the District, with a 2.5 GPA, and a minimum of four units, with a 3.0 GPA within the department.
Course Advisories: FS 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 192 (192 lab)
Advanced study of film and related fields under the direction and supervision of the Film Studies Department faculty.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable