Course Catalog

Film Studies

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Overview

The Minor

The minor in Film Studies is an interdisciplinary program that explores film as a cultural, artistic, and commercial product. Students will have the opportunity to study film principles through theory, history, and practice.

Requirements

The requirements for a minor in Film Studies are as follows:

I. Complete 21 credit hours in the following distribution:

   A. FILM 1301 (Introduction to Film Studies).

   B. One of the following seven courses:

      CHIN 3312  Chinese Cinema
CHIN 3313  Cities of Strangers: Trans-Cultural Chinese Cinema
ML&L 3311  French Cinema
ML&L 3321  German Cinema
SPAN 3321  Spanish Cinema
SPAN 3322  Spanish American Cinema

C. Six additional hours taken from at least two departments or languages from the Study Coursework list.
D. Three hours from the Practice Coursework list.
E. Six hours of electives chosen from either the Study or Practice Coursework list.

II. Guidelines for selection of coursework:

A. At least nine hours of coursework in the Film Studies Minor must be upper division.

B. No more than nine hours of the coursework can be taken from one department to fulfill the requirements of the minor.

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Study Coursework

ARTH 3357  History of Photography
CHIN 3312  Chinese Cinema
CHIN 3313  Cities of Strangers: Trans-cultural Chinese Cinema
COMM 3325  Special Topics: Film Noir
HIST 3372  Black Images in Film
ML&L 3311  French Cinema
ML&L 3321  German Cinema
PHIL 3457  Philosophy of Film
PLSI 1332  Film, Literature, and Politics of the Third World
SPAN 3321  Spanish Cinema
SPAN 3322  Spanish American Cinema
RELI 3418  Religion and Film
THTR 2332  Play Structure and Analysis

Practice Coursework
ART 2450  Beginning Photography  
ART 3350  Intermediate Photography  
ART 4-50  Advanced Photography  
ART 2352  Beginning Digital Photography  
ART 3352  Intermediate Digital Photography  
ART 4-52  Advanced Digital Photography  
ART 2380  Digital Art  
ART 3380  Advanced Digital Art  
COMM 3340  Media Writing: Scriptwriting  
COMM 3342  Visual Communication: Narrative Video Production  
COMM 3342  Visual Communication: Theory and Practice of Montage  
ENGL 3402  Fiction Writing  
THTR 1320  Introduction to Production Techniques  
THTR 1352  Acting I  
THTR 2310  Principles of Design  
THTR 2314  Principles of Stage Lighting  
THTR 2352  Acting II: Scene Study  
THTR 3340  Directing  
THTR 3360  Playwriting  

Courses

FILM-1301 Introduction to Film Studies  
This course is an introduction to the artistic, cultural, and scholarly importance of film. The course focuses on the development of film as a complex art form, the evolution of narrative as part of a formal system, the development of the industry and film genres, critical and cultural approaches to film analysis, and the construction of the audience. Students will read excerpts from primary texts as well as more general texts dealing with film interpretation and criticism. (Also listed as COMM 1302).

FILM-2301 International Cinema  
This course focuses on the cultural and critical analysis of international films as an expression of particular artistic
genres and/or styles within specific historical, ideological, and cultural contexts. Films selected have achieved wide, critical acclaim; others reveal unique and important visions of human experience; while others are selected for their political, ideological, or sociological significance. Students should develop an awareness that the medium of film has a history and that its history is not confined to national boundaries. (Also listed as COMM 2301).