

# Film Studies

Film is one of the most significant cultural innovations of the 20th Century. Our aim is to develop passionate filmmakers and perceptive film analysts, by exploring a rich variety of cinema, comparing cinematic styles from different eras and countries. Film students study a diverse range of stimulating topics, including: Hollywood past and present, independent cinema, European and UK cinema, documentary and short films. You will also study key film movements, such as modernism, the Avant Garde or post-modernist cinema. Our course is designed to use analytical study of filmmakers and how films are constructed to develop your own filmmaking. In this way, your studies will balance practical production skills, theoretical understanding and written analysis. This creative and challenging subject promises to be deeply rewarding for enthusiastic, inquisitive film students.

## WHERE TO NEXT?

This is your ideal subject if you aim to pursue a career in one of the creative industries, whilst also offering you with a broad variety of alternative career options. On the course you will develop a diverse range of transferable skills, as well as a portfolio of practical production work, which can strengthen applications for further education, apprenticeships and employment. This prepares you for many potential careers that require critical thinking, teamwork, research skills, analytical skills and practical production skills such as editing and cinematography.

Many former students have gone on to study film, media or TV/film production degrees at universities such as York, Sussex, Bournemouth, Gloucester, Royal Holloway and Reading.



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## Assessment

70% exam,  
30% coursework.

Eddy Pugsley, "This department at The Forest School has been imperative to my film education. The department did not simply instruct me on what I should say about a film but instead equipped me with the skill and understanding to approach films critically. The department did not hold my hand through the course but rather acted as a safety cushion if I needed help."