

Minor in Cinema Studies

The Minor in Cinema Studies is housed under and administered by the Department of Visual Studies.

Programme Aim:

Students enrolled in the Cinema Studies Minor will gain an understanding of film as an art form and as social practice, the relations between cinema and other arts, and the international dimensions of the medium.

Intended Learning Outcomes of the Minor:

1. To develop a basic awareness and appreciation of film as a modern medium of communication and creativity
2. To read and interpret film images and narratives reflected in a wide range of cinematic works, styles, and movements
3. To understand film's significance as a means of social, cultural, ideological, and/or political expression used for both popular entertainment and social change

For students from the 2020-21 intake and onwards

Programme Details:

Students whose Major is in any programmes other than BA (Hons) Visual Studies and BA (Hons) Film and Media Studies may qualify for a Minor in Cinema Studies after successful completion of five courses in the Film Art Course List, resulting in a total of 15 credits.

Film Art Course List (Select any FIVE courses from the list):

VIS2105	Film Art and Storytelling
VIS3004	East Asian Cinemas
VIS3253	History of the Cinema
VIS3351	Film Genres and Hollywood
VIS3353	Non-fiction Film and Video
VIS3397	Special Topics in Film Art
VIS4002	Hong Kong Cinema in Local and Global Frames
VIS4005	Curating Film Festivals for Alternative Cinema
VIS4007	Independent Cinema
VIS4008	The Film Camera: History, Aesthetics, and Theories (from 2021-22)
VIS4352	Film Theory and Criticism

For students in the 2019-20 intake and before

Programme Details:

1. Students whose Major is in any programmes other than BA (Hons) Visual Studies and BA (Hons) Film and Media Studies may qualify for a Minor in Cinema Studies after successful completion of a required course and four other electives, resulting in a total of 15 credits.
2. The required course must be completed with a grade of C- or above before the student can declare the Minor.

A. Required Course*:

VIS2105 Film Art and Storytelling (3 credits)
(titled as Introduction to Film in 2019-20)

*Students who have passed CUS3309 Film and Cinema Studies in 2018-19 or before may use the course, instead of VIS2105 Film Art and Storytelling (titled as Introduction to Film in 2019-20), to fulfil the requirement.

B. Elective Courses (Select any FOUR from the following with at least 6 credits of VIS courses from the list):

ADA2001 History of Animation (from 2019-20)
ADA2004 Motion Graphics (from 2019-20)
CHI3240 Literature and Cinema
CUS3310 Media, Culture, Society
CUS4331 Cultures of Cinema
(titled as Topics in Cinema & Media Studies in 2018-19 or before)
ENG3264 Asian Voices in English: Fiction, Non-fiction and Film
ENG3274 Literature and Adaptation
HST2262 The Historical Experience in Film
PHI4373 Cinema and Philosophy
TRA3238 Cross-cultural Perspectives in Film: Thematic Comparisons
VIS3001 Video Art (from 2019-20)
VIS3004 East Asian Cinemas (from 2019-20)
VIS3253 History of the Cinema (from 2017-18)
VIS3351 Film Genres and Hollywood (titled as Film Genre in 2019-20 or before)
VIS3353 Non-fiction Film and Video (titled as Non-fiction Film in 2019-20 or before)
VIS3397 Special Topics in Film Art (from 2020-21)
VIS3399h ^ Special Topics in Visual Studies: East Asian Cinemas, Japan and Taiwan
(from 2017-18) (deleted from 2019-20)
VIS3399m Special Topics in Visual Studies: Curating Film Festival: Programmes on
East Asian Documentaries and Independent Films (from 2019-20) (not
offered from 2020-21)
VIS4002 Hong Kong Cinema in Local and Global Frames (from 2020-21)
VIS4005 Curating Film Festivals for Alternative Cinema (from 2020-21)
VIS4007 Independent Cinema (from 2020-21)
VIS4008 The Film Camera: History, Aesthetics, and Theories (from 2021-22)
VIS4251 ^ Art and Power: A Historical Survey of the Political Uses of the Visual (not
offered from 2019-20)
VIS4352 Film Theory and Criticism

^ This course can still be counted as electives if students have completed the course in 2018-2019 or before.