



FILM STUDIES

What is Film Studies?

Film Studies offers students the opportunity to engage with moving images from a variety of interrelated critical and practical perspectives. In this discipline, students study films from their origins to the present, and from around the world, that embody a host of different forms: popular, experimental, documentary, animation, and many more. Hands-on courses in Film Studies cover all facets of the production process such as: direction, screenwriting, cinematography, editing, sound, camera acting, and more. This provides students with both all-around and specific skill sets.

As the major art form of the twentieth century, film is at the centre of a liberal arts education. Much of what we know about our modern world comes from film or its related media -- video and television. Our ideas about the past, the present, the future and about the differences between here and there are often cinematic. One of the best ways to understand the world and better prepare ourselves to cope with its complexities is through the study of film.

What is unique about Film Studies at the UM?

Film Studies faculty at the University of Manitoba have a broad mix of scholarly and practical expertise in areas that address multimedia issues in areas like film and surveillance, documentary, and television. Faculty teach a mix of courses on topics such as film aesthetics, video gaming, international cinema and filmmaking every year. Our students all have access to the Media Lab, a post-production space that offers students the use of cutting-edge software and an extensive DVD lending library. Our film production equipment includes up-to-date digital cameras, sound recording technology, a Steadi-Cam harness, and more. In past summers, a unique course has been offered which has provided students with the opportunity to create a feature length film, as well as make short films, working with their peers in a collective context.

Program Options

- B.A. Advanced Major - 4 years
- B.A. Advanced Double Major - 4 years
- B.A. General Major - 3 years
- Minor

Career Opportunities

- Exhibitions Assistant
- Film Critic
- Film Editor
- Producer
- Screen Writer
- Sound Editor