

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE, FILM, AND MEDIA ARTS

Film Minors - contributing course list for AUTUMN 2026

Undergraduate minors

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FILM STUDIES MINOR – courses offered this semester

FS Minor – Introductory course offerings:

ENGLISH 2263 – Introduction to Film

- Intro to methods of reading film texts by analyzing cinema as technique, system, cultural product.

FILMSTD 2270.01 – Introduction to Film Studies for non-majors

- Intro to the field of Film Studies based on a survey of film history and the major theories of film analysis.

FILMSTD 2271 – Introduction to Film Studies for majors

- Intro to the field of Film Studies and survey of major theories of film analysis for incoming FS majors.

GERMAN 3351 – Democracy, Fascism, and German Culture (*taught in English*)

- Culture of Weimar Republic and Nazi Germany in literature, film, arts; roots of fascism and its echoes.

HISTART 2901 – Intro to World Cinema

- Chronological survey of the most influential and recognized film artists / film movements of the world.

WGSST 2317 – Introduction to Gender & Cinema

- Gender representation in relationship to race, sexuality, class in cinema.

FS Minor – Film Studies course offerings:

ACCAD 3350 – The History of Animation

- Overview of history/theory of animation, including origin, Hollywood studio, World, contemporary forms.

AFAMAST 4571 – Black Visual Culture and Popular Media

- Examination of African Americans in visual culture and theories of representation in popular media.

CHINESE 4405 – China in Chinese Film

- Overview of Chinese cinema, with focus on issues of nationhood, national identity, and national trauma.

COMPSTD 3607 – Film and Literature as Narrative Art

- Relationship between film, literature, and emergence of cinematic art; emphasis on cultural traditions.

ENGLISH 2263 – Introduction to Film

- Intro to methods of reading film texts by analyzing cinema as technique, system, and cultural product.

ENGLISH 3378 – Special Topics in Film and Literature (*Topics Vary by semester*).

- Relationship between film and literature; topics vary.

ENGLISH 4578 - Special Topics in Film (*Topics Vary by semester*).

- Examination of topics, themes, genres, movements in cinema.

FILMSTD 2270 – Introduction to Film Studies for Non-Majors

- Introduction to the field of Film Studies and major theories of film analysis.

FILMSTD 2271 – Introduction to Film Studies

- Introduction to Film Studies based on a survey of the major theories of film analysis; for FS majors.

FILMSTD 4650– Studies in Regional Cinema (*taught in English*)

- Upper-level course on topics in a (sub-)national, geographic, or cultural region's cinema.

FILMSTD 4895 – Senior Seminar in Film Studies

- Selected problems (themes, movements, theories, genres, styles, etc.) in film studies; topics vary.

FRENCH 2801 – Classics of French Cinema (*taught in English*)

- Intro to the cinema and classic films of France.

FRENCH 5701 – Topics in French and Francophone Cinema (*Offering may have language prerequisite*)

- Study of the history and aesthetics of French cinema. Topics vary, taught in French.

GERMAN 3351 – Democracy, Fascism, and German Culture (*taught in English*)

- Culture of Weimar Republic and Nazi Germany in literature, film, arts; roots of fascism and its echoes.

HISTART 2901 – Introduction to World Cinema

- Chronological survey of most influential and recognized film artists and film movements of the world.

HISTART 3901 – World Cinema Today

- Intro to the art of international cinema, including its forms and varied content, socio–political conditions.

HISTART 3905 – The Developing World on Screen

- Exploring the lived environments of the so-called “developing world” and their representations on film.

HISTART 5645 – Video Art

- History of Video Art (1965-present), and the cultural and political forces that shaped its form/content.

HISTART 5910 – Documentary Film

- History of documentary cinema as it shapes a wide range of moving image practices.

ITALIAN 2055 – Mafia Movies (*taught in English*)

- Exploration of Italian and American Mafia movies, television hits, and the myth of the Mafia.

ITALIAN 2056 – Love and Difference on the Italian Screen

- Students will reflect on representations of love and how they are conditioned by questions of identity.

JAPANESE 4400 – Japanese Film and Visual Culture (*taught in English*)

- An overview of Japanese cinema and visual media, with a focus on genre.

SLAVIC 3310 – Science Fiction: East vs. West (*taught in English*)

- Slavic, American, British sci–fi as reflection of cultural concerns, including progress, utopia, identity, etc.

SPANISH 2380 – Introduction to Latin American Cinema

- Intro to Latin American film traditions; analysis of genres, filmmakers, and alternate aesthetics.

WGSST 2317 – Introduction to Gender & Cinema (*previously 3317*)

- Study of gender representation in relationship to race, sexuality, and class in cinema. Topics vary.

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SCREENWRITING MINOR – courses offered this semester

Screenwriting Minor – Introduction to Film Studies course offerings:

ENGLISH 2263 – Introduction to Film

- Intro to methods of reading film texts by analyzing cinema as technique, system, and cultural product.

FILMSTD 2270 – Introduction to Film Studies for Non-Majors

- Introduction to the field of Film Studies and major theories of film analysis.

FILMSTD 2271 – Introduction to Film Studies

- Intro to the field of Film Studies based on a survey of the major theories of film analysis, for FS majors

HISTART 2901 – Intro to World Cinema

- Chronological survey of the most influential and recognized film artists / film movements of the world.

ACCAD 3350 – The History & Theory of Animation

- Overview of history/theory of animation, including origin, Hollywood studio, World, contemporary forms.

Screenwriting Minor – Introduction to Storytelling course offerings:

ENGLISH 2220 – Introduction to Shakespeare

- Intro to Shakespeare through the study of selected plays, for understanding of drama as theatrical art.

ENGLISH 2261 – Introduction to Fiction

- Examination of elements of fiction: plot, character, setting, narrative, themes, etc., and interrelations.

ENGLISH 2265 – Writing of Fiction 1

- Fundamentals of technique, craft, composition of fiction writing. Students write, analyze, discuss works.

ENGLISH 2268 – Writing of Creative Nonfiction 1

- Fundamentals of technique, craft, composition of non-fiction. Students write, analyze, discuss works.

ENGLISH 2269 – Digital Media Composing

- Analysis and composition of digital media texts, studying complex forms/practices of textual production.

ENGLISH 4559 – Introduction to Narrative and Narrative Theory

- Study of narrative in different manifestations (novel, autobiography, etc.); theories of form/significance.

THEATRE 3731 – History of Performance

- Survey of representative theatre/performance from Western/non-Western traditions (ancient-1700s).

Screenwriting Minor – Screenwriting Concentration course offerings:

FILM STUDIES 4880: Screenwriting and the Business of Cinema

- Screenwriting as a literary art form and profession; essentials for success in writing for film.

FILM STUDIES 4881: Screenwriting and the Business of Television

- Television writing from a creative and business perspective.

FILM STUDIES 4890: Advanced Screenwriting

- Advanced screenwriting, with a particular focus on producing a script suitable for submission to fellowship, festival, or pitching as part of a professional internship.

THEATRE 5331: Screenwriting

- Exploration of creative scriptwriting for video/cinema; development of short or feature length scripts.

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MEDIA PRODUCTION AND ANALYSIS MINOR – courses offered this semester

Media Production and Analysis minor – Required Foundational course offerings:

I. Media and Criticism

COMM 2540 – Introduction to Communication Technology

- Intro to major communication technologies with a focus on societal, relational, psychological effects.

THEATRE 2700 – Criticizing Television

- Critical analysis of a variety of television programs through viewing, discussing, reading, and writing.

II. News and Production Practicum

COMM 2223 – Lantern Practicum

- Practice of journalism as a member of the staff of the Lantern student newspaper and Web news site.

THEATRE 3351 – Television Production

- Fundamentals of tv broadcasting; lectures, labs, practicum involvement in student TV station/media lab.

III. Field Studies

Students are responsible for identifying and securing qualified internships for academic credit.

- **COMM 4191 – Internship** comm.osu.edu/undergraduate/internships/credit
- **THEATRE 4191 – Internship** theatreandfilm.osu.edu/internships
- **THEATRE 5189 – Fieldwork in Theatre, Cinema, or Video** theatreandfilm.osu.edu/internships

Media Production and Analysis minor – Electives

COMM 2321 - Writing for Strategic Communication

- Introduction to writing, reporting, and editing for the strategic communication industries.

COMM 3403 - Sports Journalism

- Sports journalism, with skill development in writing, social media, multimedia, research, broadcasting.

COMM 3405 - Introduction to Lantern TV

- Preparation to work in tv news; focus on writing, editing, shooting video, creating/presenting content.

COMM 3414 – Sports Media Relations

- Hands-on, active-learning of theory and practice of sports media relations, strategic communication.

COMM 3554 - Social Implications of Comm Technology

- Individual, interpersonal, and societal impact of digital and Internet technologies and issues.

THEATRE 3351 - Television Production 1

- Fundamentals of tv broadcasting; lectures, labs, practicum involvement in student TV station/media lab.

THEATRE 5321 - Video Production 1

- Basic video production including camera, sound, lighting and editing techniques.

THEATRE 5322 - Editorial Process

- Exploration of post–production techniques from editorial concepts to outputting video.

THEATRE 5323 - Video Production 2

- Intermediate film/video analysis and production; storytelling through research and projects.

THEATRE 5331 - Screenwriting

- Exploration of creative script-writing for video/cinema and script development.

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VIDEO ARTS MINOR – courses offered this semester

Video Arts Minor – Foundation Course offerings:

ART 2555 – Photography I - Digital Camera

- Digital camera techniques; exploration of contemporary and historical issues in photography.

ART 3000 – Visual Studies: Digital Image Manipulation

- Acquisition of digital software skills; creation of digital media artwork and knowledge of digital artists.

DANCE 3401 – Dance in Popular Culture

- Popular dance in the United States, with emphasis on how movement constructs identity/community.

HISTART 2901 – Intro to World Cinema

- Chronological survey of the influential and recognized film artists and film movements of the world.

THEATRE 2341H – Moving Image Art (Honors)

- Concepts and concerns fundamental to the moving image; screenings, discussion, readings, writing, and creative projects for an understanding of film/video aesthetics and strategies.

THEATRE 2700 – Criticizing Television

- Critical analysis of a variety of television programs through viewing, discussing, reading, and writing.

Video Arts Minor – Basic Tools and Concepts Course offerings:

ART 3009 – Film/Video I

- Intro to the fundamental concepts, language, and technologies needed to work in video.

DANCE 5211 – Dance-Film I

- An introduction to creating short films of dance made specifically for the camera.

THEATRE 5321 – Video Production 1

- Basic video production through research and project assignments.

Video Arts Minor – Issues and Techniques Course offerings:

ART 4009 – Film/Video II: Experimental Strategies

- Overview of a strategies and issues unique to the practice of experimental/avant-garde film.

ART 4101 – Moving Image Art

- Creation of 2D animations through generation, manipulation, and montage of multiple media elements.

ART 5019 – Film/Video IV: Topics in Theories and Strategies

- Conceptual issue or set of issues related to contemporary film and video practice.

THEATRE 5322 – Editorial Process

- Post–production techniques from editorial concepts to outputting video. Pre-Req: MIP 2201 and 2202.

THEATRE 5323 – Video Production 2

- Intermediate film/video analysis and production; storytelling in filmmaking through research/projects.

Video Arts Minor – Elective Course offerings:

DANCE 5213 – Intermedia Performance

- Exploration of the unique characteristics of performance that integrates movement and digital media.

THEATRE 5331 - Screenwriting

- Exploration of creative script-writing for video/cinema and script development.

THEATRE 5341 – Studies in the Documentary

- Exploration of the conceptual, aesthetic, critical, social, ethical, and practical issues in documentary.

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