

Programme Title: English and Film Studies



Programme Specification

Awarding Body/Institution	Queen Mary, University of London
Teaching Institution	Queen Mary, University of London
Name of Final Award and Programme Title	BA (Hons) English and Film Studies
Name of Interim Award(s)	
Duration of Study / Period of Registration	3 Years
QM Programme Code / UCAS Code(s)	QW36
QAA Benchmark Group	
FHEQ Level of Award	Level 6
Programme Accredited by	N/A
Date Programme Specification Approved	
Responsible School / Institute	School of English & Drama

Schools which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme

School of Languages, Linguistics & Film

Institution(s) other than Queen Mary that will provide some teaching for the programme

N/A

Programme Outline

This degree offers a detailed investigation of the range of theoretical and critical approaches that have shaped English and Film Studies in recent years. The programme's unique approach combines textual analysis and critical theory with hands-on production work. As part of the programme students will have the opportunity to use the College's state-of-the-art film-making facilities, which include the 41-seater Alfred Hitchcock screening cinema, a 'black box' production studio, and two editing suites. We are proud of our strong commitment to undergraduate teaching, and our staff are internationally recognised researchers who will expose students to the most innovative work in the two disciplines.

Aims of the Programme

The programme aims:

1. To provide a coherent, innovative and accessible programme that promotes the study of literature and film to a broad and well-qualified constituency of students.

2. To develop advanced skills of literary and cultural analysis, with attention to genre, period, form and style.
3. To foster an understanding of the historical, aesthetic and intellectual contexts for the development of different forms of filmic texts, practices and critiques.
4. To offer knowledge and understanding of the history, practice and theory of film studies, of cinema as institution and cultural practice and of performance and mise-en-scene as forms of communication, expression and socio-political intervention.
5. To familiarize students with the key technical and practical aspects of film production.
6. To enable students to develop independent critical thinking and judgment and to undertake both practical group projects and independent research tasks.
7. To develop a range of skills necessary to the effective communication of ideas and arguments (interpretation, analysis, synthesis, critical appreciation, argumentation, presentation, communication, and research).

What Will You Be Expected to Achieve?

--

Academic Content:

A 1	To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a wide range of primary and secondary material related to English and Film Studies including cultural products (literary works, films, screenplays, reviews, critical works) and the concepts and techniques necessary to understand, analyse and produce them.
A 2	To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of intellectual and cultural movements such as psychoanalysis, feminism, modernism and post-modernism.
A 3	To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the national and international contexts of the texts studied, and the relation of these to aesthetic forms and to social and political history.
A 4	To use technology appropriate to filmmaking, and its basic applications.

Disciplinary Skills - able to:

B 1	To analyse a literary or film text with sophistication.
B 2	To identify the literary, historical and cultural contexts that inform the production and reception of an individual literary or film product.
B 3	To make theoretically informed connections between texts of different periods, literatures, and cultures.
B 4	To construct cogent and sophisticated critical essays with evidence of independent study and initiative.
B 5	To formulate theoretically informed arguments and express these clearly and effectively in the form of oral presentations.
B 6	To demonstrate and deploy a range of key transferable skills appropriate to analytical investigation and independent critical thinking.

Attributes:	
C 1	To develop effective verbal and written communication skills.
C 2	To use IT skills to present and communicate using electronic means, to find and lodge information in the internet, to search databases and to produce electronic documents.
C 3	To work effectively with others, to listen to others' points of view and to express one's own in a sensitive and enabling manner.
C 4	To develop effective time-management abilities in order to work to deadlines and pursue several different assignments or tasks simultaneously.

How Will You Learn?

The programme is structured around a combination of lectures, seminars and workshops, and independent work:

Lectures: to convey information, to introduce students to the basic concepts of the discipline and to develop examples of sustained interpretation and analysis.

Seminars: to apply and practice the concepts and approaches presented in the lectures and encountered in viewing and reading for the module.

Workshops: to permit practice of methods and concepts encountered in lectures and in viewing and reading for the module.

Independent work (groups, pairs, individually): to enable the assimilation of material, ideas and concepts presented in class.

How Will You Be Assessed?

Assessment will typically be via a combination of examination and coursework, or coursework portfolio. This will vary according to the content of the module. Examination may take the form of discursive essays or sequence analysis exercises. Coursework may consist of essays, research projects, short film production textual commentaries, critical reviews, film production. Non-assessed oral or visual presentations in class may also be used.

How is the Programme Structured?

Requirements

Students must take 135 Credits in Film Studies and 180 Credits in English over the period of their studies.

Year 1

All students take 60 credits of level 4 modules in the Department of English, including the compulsory 30 credits module 'Reading, Theory And Interpretation' AND either 'Shakespeare' (30 credits) OR 'Literatures In Time: Texts and Contexts from the Eighth to the Sixteenth Century' (30 credits) OR both 'Poetry' (15 credits) and 'Narrative' (15 credits).

30 Credits core module Introduction to Film Studies

15 Credits compulsory module Auteurism

15 Credits compulsory module Stars

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 students must pass a minimum of 90 credits including the core Introduction to Film Studies module. Students who have passed 90 credits not including this core module are not eligible for progression.

Programme Title: English and Film Studies

Year 2

30 Credits core module What is Cinema?

Minimum 30 Credits/Maximum 60 Credits to be chosen from English list 'A' of modules at level 5.

Minimum 15 / Maximum 60 Credits to be chosen from English level 5 optional modules

Minimum 0 Credits/ Maximum 45 Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film, the Faculty of Arts or from the Drama department subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. Up to 30 Credits of these modules may be chosen from level 4 modules offered within SLLF, or level 6 with the advisers' agreement.

Progression Requirements to Final Year

To successfully progress to the Final Year students must pass a minimum of 180 credits from their first and second years including the core modules.

Final Year

Minimum 45 credits/ Maximum 75 credits optional modules to be chosen from FLM-coded modules at level 6.

Minimum 45 Credits/Maximum 75 Credits optional modules to be chosen from ESH-coded modules at level 6

Minimum 0 credits / maximum 30 credits optional module to be chosen all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film and the Faculty of Arts subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. These modules may be at level 5 or 6.

Requirements for Award

Students must pass a minimum of 270 including the core modules.

Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester

What Are the Entry Requirements?

Your application will be assessed by a member of the Department of English who will refer to both your UCAS form and the personal interview that you will have been invited to attend. We typically require 360 UCAS points from three A2 Levels, with an A in English Literature / English Language and Literature. In addition, we welcome well-motivated candidates with non-standard qualifications who demonstrate achievement in literary study.

How Do We Listen and Act on Your Feedback?

The Staff-Student Liaison Committee provides a formal means of communication and discussion between Schools and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in the school/institute together with appropriate representation from staff within the school/institute. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Staff-Student Liaison Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

Each school operates a Learning and Teaching Committee, or equivalent, which advises the School/Institute Director of Taught Programmes on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at school level including monitoring the application of

relevant QM policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in this Committee's work in a number of ways, such as through student membership, or consideration of student surveys.

All schools operate an Annual Programme Review of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. The process is normally organised at a School-level basis with the Head of School, or equivalent, responsible for the completion of the school's Annual Programme Reviews. Schools/institutes are required to produce a separate Annual Programme Review for undergraduate programmes and for postgraduate taught programmes using the relevant Undergraduate or Postgraduate Annual Programme Review pro-forma. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of the NSS and module evaluations.

Academic Support

All students beginning study on the programme participate in a series of Welcome Week activities, which involve introductions to the programme and specific inductions in the use of the online learning environment. These events also include opportunities for social interaction, and scheduled small group and individual meetings with personal advisers.

Each student's academic progress and personal welfare is monitored by an adviser in each Department, with whom regular meetings are scheduled. Advisers are the designated members of staff with whom students can raise issues and problems, and from whom they can seek advice and guidance.

All teaching staff hold regular office hours in which students are actively encouraged to discuss their work and their progress.

There is a dedicated Student Support Administrator in the School of English and Drama, who works with academic staff to assist students in need of support.

Both the Student Support Administrator and all advisers are able to refer students, where appropriate to relevant professional service departments in the College, including Disability and Dyslexia, Welfare, and Counselling.

A dedicated post of E-Strategy Manager supports students in their use of the online learning environments used on all modules.

The School of English and Drama and the School of Language, Linguistics and Film collaborate with the College's Thinking Writing team and Language learning unit to support students in the development of their writing skills. The School of Languages, Linguistics and Film runs a Writing Support Centre which offers weekly workshops to any students who would like to develop their academic writing further. Additional support is regularly provided by professional writers working in the College as Royal Literary Fund Fellows.

Programme-specific Rules and Facts

Specific Support for Disabled Students

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- Finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia
- Applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Arranging DSA assessments of need

- Special arrangements in examinations
- Accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders)
- Specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition
- Ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille)
- Providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants)
- Mentoring support for students with mental health issues and conditions on the autistic spectrum.

Links With Employers, Placement Opportunities and Transferable Skills

A BA in English and Film Studies encourages students to develop a life-long love for learning and equips them with a set of rigorous analytical and communication skills. This gives graduates some particularly sought-after qualities in the workplace. Whether they choose to go into the world of business, media, or journalism, to enter the public or not-for-profit sectors, or to pursue further academic study or professional training, graduates of the English programme can expect to have developed:

- o communication skills, as students are challenged to express themselves in both speech and writing.
- o presentation skills, as students are asked to introduce seminars, make points clearly and effectively, maintain discussion, and field questions.
- o reading skills, using a range of approaches to tackle different kinds of texts.
- o analytical abilities, as students respond to and assess their underlying agendas and meanings.
- o writing abilities, through preparing a range of assignments (including reports, learning journals, and research essays).
- o research skills, locating, sifting, and interpreting a range of sources (from printed books to electronic journals).
- o time-management skills and the ability to work under pressure, as students organise and fulfill extensive reading commitments and written assessments.
- o team-working skills, as students participate with peers in seminars and group research presentations.

English and Film Studies graduates are successful in the huge range of careers that seek out candidates with these attributes. Publishing, print journalism, and the broadcast media are all popular choices for students who want to use their communication skills, creative and production skills. Others use their ability to write critically and persuasively to go into public relations, marketing, and advertising. In addition, many of our graduates embark upon professional careers in finance, management, law, and teaching; whilst every year the Departments see a number of students progress to take higher degrees, both at Queen Mary and elsewhere.

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification

Jenny Gault

Person responsible for management of programme

Professor Mark Currie

Date Programme Specification produced/amended by School Learning and Teaching Committee

30 Apr 2012

Date Programme Specification approved by Taught Programmes Board