What is Film Studies?
Many consider film to be the main cultural innovation of the 20th century and a major art form of the last hundred years. Film Studies is designed to develop an understanding of this art form.

The WJEC Eduqas A-level in Film Studies aims to enable learners to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- a diverse range of film, including documentary, film from the silent era, experimental film and short film
- the significance of film and film practice in national, global and historical contexts
- film and its key contexts (including social, cultural, political, historical and technological contexts)
- how films generate meanings and responses
- film as an aesthetic medium
- the different ways in which spectators respond to film

It also aims to enable you to:
* apply critical approaches to film
* apply knowledge and understanding of film through either filmmaking or screenwriting

A-Level Course Content

Component 1: American and British Film
Written examination: 2 hrs 30 (35% of qualification)
This component assesses knowledge and understanding of six feature-length films, including films from Classical Hollywood, independent cinema and British film.

Component 2: Varieties of Film
Written examination: 2 hrs 30 (35% of qualification)
This component assesses knowledge and understanding of five feature-length films and one compilation of short films.

Component 3: Coursework Production
Either a short film (4-5 minutes) or a screenplay for a short film (1600-1800 words) and a digitally photographed storyboard of a key section from the screenplay

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What is Media Studies?
Media Studies is “the ability to create, use, analyse and understand media products, within the context of their audiences and institutions.” In short, it is all about effective communication. This Linear A-Level is designed to provide a coherent, integrated and in-depth approach to studying the media, enabling learners to develop and apply their understanding of the media through both analysing and producing media products.

Course Content

Component 1: Media Products, Industries & Audiences
2 hours 15 mins (35% of qualification)
This unit assesses knowledge and understanding of media language, representation, media industries and audiences.

Component 2: Media Forms & Products In Depth
Exam: 2 hrs 30 mins (35% of qualification)
Includes a study of TV, magazines and online media.

Component 3: Cross-Media Production Coursework
(30% of qualification)
Responding to a set brief

Leading to a career in:
Film
Radio
TV
Journalism
Teaching
Politics

Exam Board: Educas WJEC

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