

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BA (Hons) Filmmaking
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0897 P313
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		

6	Course Description
	<p>This cutting edge BA programme will develop your skills across key filmmaking debates and practice conventions. You will be taught by noted film scholars and established practitioners, who will provide their knowledge of international film criticism and filmmaking perspectives.</p> <p>The course is designed to equip graduates with the theory, practice and industry trends that will enable them to succeed in a rapidly changing film environment.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>The course considers of a wide range of filmmaking conventions, from theory, practice and industry perspectives. Not only will you gain an understanding of Hollywood cinema conventions (from silent movies to modern blockbuster spectacles), you will apply these to a variety of production scenarios and be enriched by exploring international film storytelling techniques.</p> <p>A key focus of the course will be on the aesthetic and creative aspects of filmmaking, with consideration being given to both mainstream and experimental modes of film creation, as well as how these traditions are mediated by differing production and postproduction techniques. Whilst theoretical and practice based considerations of filmmaking techniques remains a central focus to the award, the course also provides modules on film festival programming and film entrepreneurship, which help provide core skills relevant to the film industry.</p> <p>How you will learn</p> <p>You will be taught in a range of lectures, seminars, writing workshops and production sessions, while regular film screenings help you contextualise cinema traditions against your own script creations.</p> <p>Your formal studies will be enhanced by the possibility to work on a range of external events, such as the Cine-Excess International Film Festival, and assisting on commercial projects in our industry standard studios, whose clients have included the likes of Sony, Disney, Channel 4 and Jaguar Land Rover.</p>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Filmmaking	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Filmmaking	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Filmmaking	5	240
	Bachelor of Arts Filmmaking	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations		
	Not applicable		

9	Delivery Patterns			
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
	Full-Time	City Centre	3 years	US0897
	Professional Placement Year	City Centre	4 years	US1358

10	Entry Requirements		
	<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/, or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the https://www.ucas.com/.</p>		

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge & Understanding
1	Explain filmmaking debates, practices and industry perspectives, and the relationships between these systems of knowledge.
2	Identify a range of research approaches and apply them to film and screenwriting in their theoretical, practical and industrial contexts.
3	Explore a range of film traditions, conventions and industries within both cinematic and screenwriting contexts.
4	Evaluate your own filmmaking practices and industry skills against wider theoretical debates in the field.
	Cognitive & Intellectual Skills
5	Research and apply a wide range of concepts relevant to film studies/filmmaking conventions.
6	Analyse and evaluate a series of filmmaking methodologies in order to apply them to theoretical, practice and industry case-studies.
7	Critically evaluate your own work in a reflexive manner, with reference to academic and/or professional issues, debates and conventions.
8	Formulate research questions and employ appropriate methods and resources to explore them, drawing on a range of sources, and conceptual frameworks.
	Practical & Professional Skills
9	Apply a range of filmmaking and production practices to wider film debates.
10	Develop as a thinking creative worker, able to apply film debates to a real world working environment.
11	Experiment and take risks, using creative skills to shape concepts based on secure research strategies.
12	Produce work which demonstrates an understanding of film forms, traditions and audiences in their international contexts.
	Key Transferable Skills
13	Work independently and creatively in a group or team in a variety of film research and film practice based settings.
14	Deliver work to a given length, format, brief and deadline, properly referencing sources and ideas and making use, as appropriate of a problem-solving, and creative approach.
15	Communicate effectively in written and or creative practice contexts.
16	Gather, organise and deploy ideas and information in order to formulate arguments cogently, and express them effectively.

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Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
GFA6011	Professional Practice	40
GFA6016	Film Finance and Entrepreneurship	20
GFA6004	Global Cinema Narratives	20

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only as modules will only run if selected by 15 or more students. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

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Year One Semester One			Year Two Semester One	Year Three Semester One	
20 Credits			20 Credits	20 Credits	
Film Industry Primer	Film Primer	Hollywood Early Film to Blockbuster	Film Festivals	Postproduction Techniques	
			40 Credits		40 Credit
			Filmmaking Practices	Professional Practice	
				OR 2x 20 credit	
Global Cinema Narratives					
Film Finance & Entrepreneurship					
Year One Semester Two			Year Two Semester Two	Year Three Semester One	
20 Credits			20 Credits	60 Credits	
Foundations of Filmmaking			Collaborative Practice	Final Major Project	
40 Credits			20 Credit Options (pick 2)		
Documentary; Theory & Practice			Cinema of the Seventies		
			Cinematography		
			Foundations of Screenwriting		

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	250
Directed Learning	710
Private Study	240
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	78%
Exam	
In-Person	22%

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	200
Directed Learning	760
Private Study	240
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	88%
Exam	
In-Person	12%

Level 6**Workload**

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	119
Directed Learning	841
Private Study	240
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	
In-Person	