



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Film Studies

Syllabus

Film Studies I

Course Code: FVGA01

Course Title: Film Studies I
Filmvetenskap I

Credits: 30

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

Major Field of Study:

FVA (Film Studies)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-03-14, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- use basic film terminology and concepts,
- analyse moving pictures in terms of form and function,
- give an account of the most prominent philosophy of science traditions in film studies,
- discuss the relationship between film and audiovisual culture,
- give an account of and explain the most significant events in the history of the moving picture,
- demonstrate knowledge of the basic techniques for producing and editing moving pictures and sound.

Content

The course comprises the following modules: Introduction to film studies, 7.5 ECTS cr, The History of the Moving Image I, 7,5 ECTS cr, Film Practice, 7.5 ECTS cr, The History of the Moving Image II, 7,5 ECTS cr.

The course provides an introduction to Film Studies as a subject and a survey of the history and film practice of Western moving images, on the basis of a broad understanding of the moving image and audiovisuality. Film history includes everything from its pre-history, the development of TV, the moving image as artistic expression, the documentary image, the moving image in a mass media context, to contemporary cinema and the moving image in digital environments. Film practice includes basic skills in practical film work: the camera, cutting, lighting, sound and script revision.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, screenings, practical tasks and seminars.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on individual hand-in assignments (Modules 1, 2 and 4) and on the production of a short film (Module 3).

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course and its modules. The grade of Distinction is awarded to students who has earned this grade for at least 15 of the 30 course credits.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

The course FVGA01 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course FIVA01.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.