



A Course of Study for
FILM STUDIES (AA)
Associate Degree

The objectives of this program are to prepare students for upper division study at a four-year college and/or to earn an Associate degree.

Students planning to transfer to a four-year college should complete the lower division major requirements and the general education pattern for the appropriate transfer institution.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE - 60 UNITS

The Associate degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher including the required units in the area of emphasis (articulated below), fulfillment of the Global Citizenship requirement, and fulfillment of all Santa Monica College general education requirements, CSU GE or IGETC.

Catalog rights dictate that a student may satisfy the requirements of a degree or certificate by completing the general education and major/area of emphasis requirements in effect at any time of their continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

At least 50% of the area of emphasis (major) units must be completed at Santa Monica College.

Each course in the area of emphasis (major) must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

FILM STUDIES (21 units)

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will be able to demonstrate critical thinking and aesthetic judgment skills, both verbally and in writing, to the analysis of film as an art form and entertainment medium, utilizing and applying the specialized vocabulary of film studies as it has developed in the academic context and in the film industry. Students will also be able to identify and discuss the major historical developments, both artistic and technological, that have influenced the cinema throughout the twentieth century, as well as the social, economic and cultural factors that have shaped films from different gender and ethnic perspectives, and from domestic and international contexts.

Required Courses: (9 units)

- Film Studies 1**, Film Appreciation: Introduction to Cinema (3)
- Film Studies 2**, History of the Motion Pictures (3)
- Film Studies 5**, Film and Society (3)

Please note: Film Studies 1 is intended as a beginning course to introduce students to film studies.

Select additional courses to total 21 units from the following:

- Entertainment Technology 61**, History of Animation (3) (*same as Graphic Design 74*)
- Film Studies 6**, Women in Film (3)
- Film Studies 7**, American Cinema: Crossing Cultures (3)
- Film Studies 8**, The Popular Film Genres (3)
- Film Studies 9**, The Great Film-Makers (3)
- Film Studies 10**, Film Criticism and Interpretation (3)
- Film Studies 11**, Literature to Film (3)
- Film Studies 20**, Introduction to Scriptwriting (3)
- Film Studies 21**, Advanced Scriptwriting (3)
- Film Studies 30**, Production Planning for Film and Video (3)
- Film Studies 31**, Introduction to Digital Film Making (3)
- Film Studies 32**, Advanced Digital Filmmaking (4)
- Film Studies 33**, Directing the Short Film (3)
- Film Studies 40**, Cinematography (3)

Additional graduation requirements for the Associate degree from Santa Monica College are listed on a separate sheet in the Transfer/Counseling Center, as well as online (go to www.smc.edu/articulation).