

Film Studies, MA

Requirements

The Master of Arts in film studies requires a minimum of 36 s.h. of graduate credit, of which 24 s.h. must be earned at the University of Iowa. Students must earn a minimum Graduate College program grade-point average of 3.25. A thesis is required.

Students meet formal degree requirements by taking 12 graduate-level courses that typically span two years. The program's focus is on advanced film theory and film history in an international context.

Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in the two graduate courses offered by the Department of Cinematic Arts each semester, not including CINE:5500 and CINE:5900.

The MA in film studies requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Core Courses	9
Advanced Cinema Coursework	15
Research	3
Electives	9

Core Courses

Both CINE:5673 and CINE:5675 must be taken on an A-F graded basis.

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
CINE:5500	Success in Graduate Studies	3
CINE:5673	Advanced Film Theory	3
CINE:5675	Advanced Film History	3

Advanced Cinema Coursework

Advanced cinema coursework must be taken on an A-F graded basis. All of the courses are repeatable, but students must take at least two different courses for this requirement.

The enrollments in the following courses that count toward the advanced cinema coursework requirement are enrollments beyond what is required in the same courses for the core courses requirement; that is, students begin fulfilling the advanced cinema coursework requirement with the second enrollment in CINE:5673 or CINE:5675.

Course #	Title	Hours
15 s.h. from at least two of these:		
CINE:5673	Advanced Film Theory	3
CINE:5675	Advanced Film History	3
CINE:7615	Film Studies Seminar	3

Research

Students complete 3 s.h. in CINE:5900 MA Thesis in Film Studies in their final semester. With advisor permission, students have the option to take an additional 3 s.h. of this course in the third semester as elective credit, for a maximum total of 6 s.h. of this course toward the degree.

Electives

Students complete 9 s.h. in elective courses. All electives must be taken on an A-F graded basis except for CINE:5500, CINE:5900, CINE:6992, CINE:7700, and CINE:7992. Elective courses are selected in consultation with an advisor.

Students may select elective coursework from cinema courses (prefix CINE) numbered 3000 or above but are strongly encouraged to earn elective credit through additional enrollments in advanced cinema courses as listed in the preceding section. Under certain circumstances, students may also be encouraged to enroll in CINE:4618 Topics in World Cinemas, CINE:4620 Topics in Film Form, Style, and Theory, or CINE:5900 MA Thesis in Film Studies.

Students may also select elective courses numbered 4000 or above from the following subjects. Additional courses not listed here may also count with permission from the program.

Course #	Title	Hours
	American Studies (prefix AMST)	
	Art History (prefix ARTH)	
	Center for the Book (prefix UICB)	
	Chinese (prefix CHIN)	
	Communication Studies (prefix COMM)	
	Creative Nonfiction Writing (prefix CNW)	
	Creative Writing, Writers' Workshop (prefix CW)	
	English (prefix ENGL)	
	French (prefix FREN)	
	Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (prefix GWSS)	
	German (prefix GRMN)	
	Graduate College (prefix GRAD)	
	History (prefix HIST)	
	Journalism and Mass Communication (prefix JMC)	
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Non-Departmental (prefix CLAS)	
	Library and Information Science (prefix SLIS)	
	Rhetoric (prefix RHET)	
	Spanish (prefix SPAN)	
	Theatre Arts (prefix THTR)	
	World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (prefix WLLC)	

Additional Requirements

Students are required to complete a written MA thesis produced in the second year (submitted and accepted by the graduate college) and successfully complete an oral final examination.

Under rare and very limited circumstances, a current student may petition the program for approval to switch to the non-thesis option of the MA in film studies, where a written examination would be required in lieu of the MA thesis. Direct admission to the non-thesis program is not permitted. The above course requirements would be the same for non-thesis students and an oral final examination would be required.