

# Film Studies, PhD

## Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in film studies requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit, of which 39 s.h. must be earned at the University of Iowa after a student has received their MA degree. Semester hours are earned through coursework and eventually work focused on the completion of a dissertation. Students must earn a minimum program grade-point average of 3.25.

The program's coursework is broadly concentrated in film history and film theory, with specific courses offered on a wide range of topics. With the regular consultation and guidance of a faculty advisor and committee, students formulate and pursue a plan of study during their first year in the program; prepare and conduct a written and oral comprehensive examination typically in their second or third year; write and present a dissertation prospectus to a carefully selected committee; and complete a dissertation in an area of advanced, original research that is defended orally in a meeting with the student's committee prior to final deposit. A detailed summary of the requirements for the PhD in film studies is available on the Department of Cinematic Arts website.

The PhD in film studies requires the following coursework.

## Core Requirements

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these (must be taken at the University of Iowa):		
CINE:5500	Success in Graduate Studies (consult advisor about semester hour enrollment)	1-3
CINE:5673	Advanced Film Theory (taken twice for 3 s.h. each)	6
CINE:5675	Advanced Film History (taken twice for 3 s.h. each)	6
CINE:7615	Film Studies Seminar	3
CINE:7700	PhD Comprehensive Exam Preparation	3
CINE:7992	Thesis	4

Seminar course numbered 7000 or above

## Electives

Students are required to enroll in the two graduate courses offered by the Department of Cinematic Arts each semester. This requirement of two per semester does not include the required CINE:5500 Success in Graduate Studies or CINE:7700 PhD Comprehensive Exam Preparation (typically taken in the fourth semester when the student does their comprehensive exams). Remaining elective hours may be taken in courses selected from other departments; students should consult their advisor.

More information on the program is available on the Department of Cinematic Arts website.