

ENGLISH: CINEMA & MEDIA STUDIES, BA

Cinema Studies approaches the history of film and related media from a variety of perspectives: historical, critical, and theoretical. It examines a wide array of texts, from early silent-film-era cinema to YouTube. The advancement of media technology is of particular interest to this field, as the invention of new forms of visual and auditory storytelling necessitates new critical lenses to interpret their societal and political implications. While focused on situating media in the broader contexts of modernism, narrative theory, commercial entertainment and consumer culture, and technologies of production.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 33. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <http://www.english.upenn.edu/Undergrad/>

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Requirement</i> ¹		
Select one course in each sector from ENGL 0010-ENGL 5999, except 3000-3999		6
Sector 1 - Theory & Poetics (Attribute: AETP)		
Sector 2 - Difference and Diaspora (Attribute: AEDD)		
Sector 3 - Medieval/Renaissance (Attribute: AEMR)		
Sector 4 - Literature of the Long 18th Century (Attribute: AE18)		
Sector 5 - 19th Century Literature (Attribute: AE19)		
Sector 6 - 20th-21st Century Literature (Attribute: AE20)		
<i>The One Series (TOS)</i> ²		
ENGL 4500-4998		1
<i>Cinema & Media Studies Core</i> ³		
ENGL 1900/ CIMS 1010	World Film History to 1945	1
or ENGL 1901/ World Film History 1945-Present CIMS 1020		
ENGL 1950/ CIMS 1030	Television and New Media	1
<i>Early-Period Seminar</i> ⁴		
ENGL 0300-0399; 0500-0599; 0700-0799; 2000-2999; 4000-4998; 5000-5999		1
Seminar 1: Literature Before 1900 (Attribute AEB7, AEB9)		
<i>Literature Seminar Electives</i> ⁵		
ENGL 0051; 0300-0399; 0500-0599; 0700-0799; 2000-2999; 3000-3999; 4000-4998; 5000-5999		2
Seminar 2: Any Literature Seminar		
Seminar 3: Any Literature Seminar		

Electives⁶

ENGL 0010-ENGL 5999	1
Total Course Units	33

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You will need to take one course to fulfill each sector of the Major Core, six in total. Two of these courses may double-count with your Literature Seminar Electives. Creative Writing Seminars cannot count in the Major Core.

2

The One Series seminar (TOS) cannot double-count in the Major Core. However, if you take a second TOS course, your additional TOS may count as a Literature Seminar or an Elective.

3

You must take ENGL 1950: Television and New Media and you may choose to take either ENGL 1900: World Film History to 1945 or ENGL 1901: World Film History 1945-Present.

4

This Early-Period Seminar may NOT double-count in the Core.

5

These Literature Seminar Electives may NOT be double-counted in the Core.

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In this Concentration, you only need to have a single Elective.

Honors

Applicants must have a 3.6 GPA in the major. Thesis required.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.