1. KentVision Code and title of the module

FILM5850 Film Criticism

## Division and School/Department or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module

Arts and Humanities, Film & Media

## The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)

Level 6

## The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents

30 credits (15 ECTS)

## Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)

Autumn or Spring

## Prerequisite and co-requisite modules and/or any module restrictions

None

## The course(s) of study to which the module contributes

Optional to the following courses:

BA Film and associated programmes

BA Media Studies and associated programmes

## The intended subject specific learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 Demonstrate knowledge of the history of Anglophone film criticism in the context of both other forms of criticism as well as other language criticisms and have the ability to coherently articulate their understanding of the relationships between these developments;

8.2 Understand the different modes of analysis made possible by key methods of enquiry and be able to demonstrate their relevance to understanding the impact of film criticism on both moving image making and the ways in which an audience engages with moving images;

8.3 Devise a discussion of film criticism through a sustained engagement with key methods of enquiry based on a synthesis of historical, theoretical, and aesthetic approaches;

8.4 Understand the interplay between film criticism and film culture through their research into relevant scholarly literature.

## The intended generic learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

9.1 Develop skills of critical and historical analysis of the moving image, together with generic intellectual skills of synthesis, summarisation, critical judgement and problem-solving that will allow for the construction of original and persuasive arguments;

9.2 Develop the skills of communication, improving performance, problem-solving, and working with others;

9.3 Communicate ideas and arguments effectively using a variety of methods;

9.4 Read critically, analyse and use a range of primary and secondary texts;

9.5 Locate and use appropriately a range of learning and reference resources (including moving image resources) within the Templeman Library and elsewhere, including the internet;

9.6 Employ information technologies to research and present their work;

9.7 Demonstrate the acquisition of an independent learning style; for example in the preparation and presentation of course work, in carrying out independent research, in showing the ability to reflect on their own learning and by mediating complex arguments;

9.8 Approach problem-solving creatively, and form critical and evaluative judgments about the appropriateness of these approaches to a level where a substantial degree of autonomy and self-reflexive awareness is achieved in these tasks.

## A synopsis of the curriculum

This course introduces students to the history and theory of film criticism, emphasising the coexistence of different approaches to the analysis, evaluation and appreciation of film. The module will also have a practical aspect, offering students the opportunity to write critical pieces on the films screened for the class. In addition to traditional lectures and seminars, some sessions will be devoted to writing and to analysing fellow students' work. Participants will also be encouraged to reflect critically on different media of film criticism (newspapers, magazines, academic journals, the internet, television) and on the current state of film criticism.

## Reading list

## The University is committed to ensuring that core reading materials are in accessible electronic format in line with the Kent Inclusive Practices.

## The most up to date reading list for each module can be found on the university's [reading list pages](https://kent.rl.talis.com/index.html).

## Contact Hours

Private Study: 267

Contact Hours: 33

Total: 300

## Assessment methods

* 1. Main assessment methods

Creative Portfolio (50%)

Project (50%)

13.2 Reassessment methods

Like for Like

## Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods and methods of assessment

**Module learning outcomes against learning and teaching methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.8 |
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| **Private Study** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Lecture | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Seminar | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Screening |  | **x** | **x** |  |  |  |  | **x** |  |  |  |  |

**Module learning outcomes against assessment methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.8 |
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| Creative Portfolio | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Project | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

## Inclusive module design

The Division recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

## Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered

Canterbury

## Internationalisation

The international student body is addressed by teaching methods that encourages students to discuss the critical traditions they are familiar with. The skills developed by students throughout the module will equip them for the job market both here and abroad.

**DIVISIONAL USE ONLY**

**Module record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

| Date approved | New/Major/minor revision | Start date of delivery of (revised) version | Section revised  (if applicable) | Impacts PLOs (Q6&7 cover sheet) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 14/04/16 | Minor | September 2016 | 3 | No |
| 12/09/17 | Minor | September 2017 | 13 | No |
| 21/12/2021 | Minor | 2022/23 | 6,9,12-13 | No |