Master's in Media Studies

Film Studies

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The Master's programme Film Studies offers a critical and creative engagement with contemporary media culture through the lens of film cultures, both past and present.

The Master's in Film Studies at the UvA is a unique one-year programme that offers a theoretically rigorous engagement with the field of film studies and visual culture. The programme approaches the study of film as a multi-faceted phenomenon, one that plays a vital and ever-changing role in contemporary digital media culture. Film Studies is situated within the internationally ranked UvA Department of Media Studies, which brings together renowned scholars from a variety of media and theoretical perspectives. With its many festivals, its rich cinematic tradition, its archives, museums and cultural institutions, Amsterdam allows you to immerse yourself in a nourishing and dynamic context that continually reflects what you are studying. Thriving venues for film and media culture include the Dutch Film Institute EYE, the International Documentary Festival Amsterdam (IDFA) and the International Rotterdam Film Festival (IFFR), as well as many local cinemas and exhibition spaces.
Career prospects

The Master's in Film Studies prepares you for a career in cultural and art institutions, education, research, media and cultural events, festival programming and media industries. You can also opt to continue your studies in the dual Master's in Preservation and Presentation of the Moving Image, the research Master's in Media Studies or the research Master's in Cultural Analysis, all of which are offered by the UvA.

Curating the Moving Image (12 ECTS)
You learn to academically and critically reflect on the institutional contexts in which audiovisual media are being collected, preserved and made accessible to audiences in the form of programmes, exhibitions, compilation films, websites, etc. You gain practical experience in conceiving, researching and actually curating a moving image presentation. Class participants work with historical film footage in the collection of the Eye Filmmuseum to create a full-evening programme, possibly in collaboration with other institutional partners.
Entry requirements
The Master’s in Film Studies is open for application to all students with a Bachelor’s degree from the UvA, or another accredited university in:
• Film
• A discipline in the Humanities related to Media Studies, or the Social Sciences with a strong focus on Media Studies as developed from a Humanities perspective, including media analyses, media practices, text and audience analysis (to be decided upon by the selection committee). For more information, please check: uva.nl/ma-film-studies
> Application and admission