

# Eduqas WJEC 603 A Level Film Studies

# **Unit Content Guide and Set Films**



Core Unit 4 Genre+ 25 Lessons

Edusites coverage of the Eduqas WJEC set films. Films marked 'live!' are complete case studies

# **Component 1:**

# Varieties of Film and Filmmaking

For this component, learners must study:

- two Hollywood films, one from the Classical Hollywood period (1930 - 1960) and the other from the New Hollywood period (1961 - 1990) (comparative study)
- two American films produced since 2005, one mainstream film and one contemporary independent film (two - film study)
- two British films (two film study)

#### Section A: Hollywood 1930-1990

#### (comparative study)

Group 1: Classical Hollywood

- Casablanca (Curtiz, 1942) live!
- The Lady from Shanghai (Welles, 1947)
- Johnny Guitar (Ray, 1954)
- Vertigo (Hitchcock, 1958) live!
- <u>Some Like It Hot</u> (Wilder, 1959) live!

#### Group 2: New Hollywood

- Bonnie and Clyde (Penn, 1967) live!
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Forman, 1975) live!
- <u>Apocalypse Now</u> (Coppola, 1979) live!
- Blade Runner (Scott, 1982)\* live!
- Do the Right Thing (Lee, 1989) live!

\*To be studied in the Director's Cut version, released 1992.

#### Section B: American Film Since 2005

#### (two-film study)

Group 1: Mainstream Film

- <u>No Country for Old Men</u> (Coen Brothers, 2007) live!
- <u>Inception</u> (Nolan, 2010) live!
- <u>Selma</u> (Duvernay, 2013) live!
- <u>Carol</u> (Haynes, 2015) live!
- La La Land (Chazelle, 2016) live!

Group 2: Contemporary Independent Film (produced after 2010)

- <u>Winter's Bone</u> (Granik, 2010) live!
- Frances Ha! (Baumbach, 2012)
- <u>Beasts of the Southern Wild</u> (Zeitlin, 2012) live!
- Boyhood (Linklater, 2015) live!
- Captain Fantastic (Ross, 2015)

#### Section C: British Film Since 1995

#### (two-film study)

- Secrets & Lies (Leigh, 1996) live!
- Trainspotting (Boyle, 1996) live!
- Sweet Sixteen (Loach, 2002) live!
- Shaun of the Dead (Wright, 2004) live!
- This is England (Meadows, 2006) live!
- Moon (Jones, 2009)
- Fish Tank (Arnold, 2009)
- We Need to Talk about Kevin (Ramsay, 2011)
- Sightseers (Wheatley, 2012) live!
- <u>Under the Skin</u> (Glazer, 2013) live!

# Component 2:

# **Global Filmmaking Perspectives**

#### For this component, learners must study:

- two non English language films, one European and one from outside Europe (two film study)
- one documentary film
- **one** film option from a 1920s silent film movement
- **one** film option from an experimental film movement

#### Section A: Global Film (two-film study)

#### Group 1: European film

- Life is Beautiful (Benigni, Italy, 1997)
- <u>Pan's Labyrinth</u> (Del Toro, Spain, 2006) live!
- <u>The Diving Bell and the Butterfly</u> (Schnabel, France, 2007) live!
- Ida (Pawlikowski, Poland, 2013)
- *Mustang* (Erguven, France/Turkey, 2015)
- Victoria (Schipper, Germany, 2015)

#### Group 2: Outside Europe

- Dil Se (Ratnam, India, 1998)
- <u>City of God</u> (Meirelles, Brazil, 2002) live!
- <u>House of Flying Daggers</u> (Zhang, China, 2004) live!
- Timbuktu (Sissako, Mauritania, 2014)
- Wild Tales (Szifron, Argentina, 2014)
- Taxi Tehran (Panahi, Iran, 2015)

#### Section B: Documentary Film (single-film study)

#### Resource: Analysing a Documentary Film live!

- *Sisters in Law* (Ayisi and Longinotto, Cameroon and UK, 2005)
- The Arbor (Barnard, UK, 2010)
- Stories We Tell (Polley, Canada, 2012) live!
- 20,000 Days on Earth (Forsyth and Pollard, UK, 2014)
- Amy (Kapadia, UK, 2005)

# Section C: Film Movements - Silent Cinema (single-film study)

- One Week (1920), American Silent Comedy
- *The Scarecrow* (1920), American Silent Comedy
- **The 'High Sign'** (1921), American Silent Comedy
- **Cops** (1922) (Keaton, US), American Silent Comedy
- *Strike* (Eisenstein, USSR, 1924), Soviet Montage
- *Sunrise* (Murnau, US, 1927), German Expressionism
- *Spies* (Lang, Germany, 1928), German Expressionism
- Man with a Movie Camera (Vertov, USSR, 1928) Constructivism and modernism live!
- *A Propos de Nice* (Vigo, France, 1930), Constructivism and modernism

### Section D: Film Movements - Experimental Film 1960-2000 (single-film study)

- *Vivre sa vie* (Godard, France, 1962), 1960s European avant-garde
- **Daisies** (Chytilova, Czechoslovakia, 1965), 1960s European avant-garde
- Saute ma ville (Akerman, Belgium, 1968), 1960s European avant-garde
- <u>Pulp Fiction</u> (Tarantino, US, 1994), Postmodern film in the 1990s live!
- *Fallen Angels* (Wong, Hong Kong, 1995), East Asian new wave
- *Timecode* (Figgis, US, 2000), Digital experimentation

## Unit 1 Core Film Language+ - Complete

- Lesson 1 What is Film? Se7en
- Lesson 2 Studying Film The Toolkit
- Lesson 3 The Shot Where, Why, Impact
- Lesson 4 Shots Framing Meaning
- Lesson 5 Framing Thirds Leigh Naked
- Lesson 6 Mise-en Scene 1 Spiderman
- Lesson 7 Film Analysis 1 Three Kings
- Lesson 8 Film Analysis 2 Juno
- Lesson 9 Focus Cuaron
- Lesson 10 Editing 1 Classic Cutting
- Lesson 11 Soundtracks Pace & Tone
- Lesson 12 Location Jeopardy
- Lesson 13 Mise-en-Scene 2 Skyfall
- Lesson 14 Shot Selections Rules
- Lesson 15 Narrative 1 Todorov
- Lesson 16 Narrative 2 Propp
- Lesson 17 Genre Formula
- Lesson 18 Editing 2 Editing through Time
- Lesson 19 Lighting High & Low Chiaroscuro
- Lesson 20 Performance The Body
- Lesson 21 Aesthetics The Concept
- Lesson 22 Auteur Tarantino
- Lesson 23 Contexts Production & Social
- Lesson 24 Examples 1 Application of Knowledge
- Lesson 25 Examples 2 Application of Knowledge

## **Unit 1 Exam Specific Section - Complete**

- Lesson 1 Introduction
- Lesson 2 Hypothesis Brief Encounter
- Lesson 3 Contexts Section A Tasks 1930 1960
- Lesson 4 Contexts Section A Tasks 1960 1990
- Lesson 5 Themes Censorship Production & Social
- Lesson 6 Representation Identity Gender
- Lesson 7 Values American Dream Classic & New
- Lesson 8 Narrative Classic & New Hollywood
- Lesson 9 Character Casablanca & Blade Runner
- Lesson 10 Aesthetics Some Like it Hot & Bonnie and Clyde
- Lesson 11 Auteur Vertigo, Apocalypse Now & Blade Runner
- Lesson 12 Context Classic vs New Model Response
- Lesson 13 Auteur Classic vs New Response Scaffolding
- Lesson 14 Assessment Bonnie & Clyde
- Lesson 15 Assessment Themes Auteur

## **Unit 1 NEA Specific Section - Complete**

- Introduction
- Lesson 1 NEA Structure Film Form Product Evaluation
- Lesson 2 Research Skills Data Evidence Selection -Elephant Exemplar - Alan Clarke
- Lesson 3 Elephant Language Narrative Meanings and Response
- Lesson 4 Elephant Cinematography Auteur Alan Clarke
- Lesson 5 Practical Skills Storyboard

### **Unit 2 Representation+ - Complete**

- Lesson 1 What We See Representation and Contexts
- Lesson 2 Contextual Concerns Hall Thor
- Lesson 3 Contexts 1 Gender Bond
- Lesson 4 Contexts 2 Gender Slumdog
- Lesson 5 Contexts 3 Weimar Metropolis
- Lesson 6 Narrative 1 Passive & Dynamic -
- Lesson 7 Narrative 2 Conventions Captain Phillips
- Lesson 8 Narrative 3 Dominant Ideology & Values
- Lesson 9 Gender 1 Reel to Real Female Warriors
- Lesson 10 Ethnicity 1 Stereotyping Griffiths
- Lesson 11 Review and Assessment
- Lesson 12 Ethnicity 2 Stereotyping Hall
- Lesson 13 Audience 1 Coppola
- Lesson 14 Audience 2 Passive & Active
- Lesson 15 Trope Bechdel & Smurfette
- Lesson 16 Ideology Values
- Lesson 17 Cinematography Camera Techniques
- Lesson 18 Editing Technique, Purpose & Examples
- Lesson 19 Sound Impact on Key Scenes
- Lesson 20 Mise-en-Scene Macro Performance Juno
- Lesson 21 Review Task Application of Context
- Lesson 22 Review Task Character
- Lesson 23 Review Task Spectator Response
- Lesson 24 Review Task Passive & Active
- Lesson 25 Resources References Research Tasks
- Lesson 26 Additional Resource Hall

### Unit 3 Audience and Spectatorship+ - Complete

- Lesson 1 Genre & Attitude Generic Expectations
- Lesson 2 Student Presentations
- Lesson 3 Uniformity & Diversity Sightseers
- Lesson 4 Viewing Conditions 1 Intrinsic & Extrinsic
- Lesson 5 Viewing Conditions 2 Intrinsic & Extrinsic
- Lesson 6 Formative Assessment 1 Skyfall
- Lesson 7 Encoding and Decoding Un Chien Andalou
- Lesson 8 Media Effects 1 Theory
- Lesson 9 Media Effects 2 Social Learning & Catharsis
- Lesson 10 Passive and Active Spectatorship
- Lesson 11 Formative Assessment 2 Compare Theories
- Lesson 12 British Social Realism Study 1 Loach & Leigh
- Lesson 13 Brit Social Realism 2 Angels Share & Fish Tank
- Lesson 14 Brit Social Realism 3 Angels Share & Fish Tank
- Lesson 15 American Contextual Study 1 Griffiths
- Lesson 16 American Contextual Study 2 Selma
- Lesson 17 American Contextual Study 2 Spike Lee
- Lesson 18 Formative Assessment 3
- Lesson 19 Science Fiction Case Study 1 Independence
- Lesson 20 Science Fiction Case Study 2 Independence
- Lesson 21 Science Fiction Case Study 3 Group Essay
- Lesson 22 Creative Application Screenplay
- Lesson 23 Formative Assessment 4 Screenplay Writing
- Lesson 24 Summative Unit Assessment
- Lesson 25 Addressing Learning Gaps & HL Frontiers

# Unit 4 Genre+ - Complete

- Lesson 1 Founding Fathers Genre Theory
- Lesson 2 Genre Story Types
- Lesson 3 Founding Fathers 2 Theorists
- Lesson 4 Case Study 1 Codes & Conv 1 The Gangster
- Lesson 5 Case Study 1 Codes & Conv 2 The Gangster
- Lesson 6 Case Study 1 Codes & Conv 3 Thrillers & Noir
- Lesson 7 Creative Assessment 1 Film Poster
- Lesson 8 Case Study 2- Codes & Conv 1 Science Fiction
- Lesson 9 Case Study 2- Codes & Conv 2 Science Fiction
- Lesson 10 Case Study 2- Science Fiction VS Superhero
- Lesson 11 Formative Asses. 1 Theory & Sci Fi
- Lesson 12 Independent Research How to
- Lesson 13 Formative Asses. 2 Crime & Sci Fi Comparison
- Lesson 14 Case Study 3 Codes & Conv 1 The Musical
- Lesson 15 Case Study 3 Codes & Conv 2 The Musical
- Lesson 16 Theory and Theorists The Return
- **Lesson 17** Independent Research Interim Presentations
- Lesson 18 Case Study 4 Codes & Conv 1 The Western
- Lesson 19 Case Study 4 Codes & Conv 2 The Western
- Lesson 20 Case Study 4 Action vs The Western
- Lesson 21 Case Study 4 War vs The Western
- Lesson 22 Formative Assessment 3 Genre and Meaning
- Lesson 23 Assessment FB Extending & Improving Knowledge
- Lesson 24 Creative Application of Genre Theory
- Lesson 25 Addressing Learning Gaps & Exploring New Frontiers

## Content to be announced soon

**Unit 5 Revision Focus**