

Module code: MOD000341	Version: 4 Date Amended: 01/May/2025
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1. Module Title
Filmmaking on Film: 16mm

2a. Module Leader
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2b. School
Cambridge School of the Creative Industries

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Arts, Humanities, Education and Social Sciences

3a. Level
5

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
15

4b. Study Hours
150

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:	BA (Hons) Film, BA (Hons) Film and Media, BA (Hons) Writing and Film, BA (Hons) Drama and Film		

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

In this module, you will have the opportunity to work exclusively with film. What film is, how it is different from video, its relationship to photography and the theoretical and practical benefits of its intrinsic nature, are the foundation of this module.

The project requires you to work in a group of two or three. Each group is given one roll of 16mm film (100ft/3.5 minutes). You are required to devise a piece no shorter than one minute for your final project. The module seeks to develop your skills in visualisation as well as conceptual skills. There is a strong emphasis on pre-production in this module. You are required to plan/script/design your film before any shooting begins. The success of this piece is based on how well you stick to what you set out to do. You will receive a strong technical induction in using the Bolex 16mm camera. Attention is paid to the features of the camera, exposure, and film stock.

The module is informed by photography as well as film. Specifically addressed is the relationship the two have with each other. The module begins with an address to the proto-cinematic motion studies of Muybridge and Marey and work by Cindy Sherman and Hiroshi Sugimoto is also examined. Films that are screened range from artist filmmakers Stan Brakhage and Guy Sherwin, to European art house, Godard, Bergman, Antonioni, as well as a more mainstream auteur, such as Hitchcock. Theoretically the module is underpinned by texts by Doane, Barthes, and Hamlyn. All texts seek to further establish issues arising through practice.

6b. Outline Content

- Technical inductions in working with film
- Presentation of idea for film project
- Screening and critique of work
- Critical essay
- Consideration of the relationship of film with photography and video.

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

A designated space/dark room. 16mm film cameras. Steenbecks, tape splicers, Light meters. 16mm projector Video/DVD player. 35mm slide projector. Screening theatre/cinema.

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)		
No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Investigate through practice and discursive writing the aesthetics and terminology of the photomechanical process.
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Address critically the intentions and objectives of 16mm film work in the broader communicative and cultural domains.
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Display creative and technical skills in the conventions and practices of lighting for film, editing, shooting and composition and in the operation of film cameras, steenbecks and film splicing.
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Draw on and synthesize a range of approaches addressed in the module and throughout the field to produce work in this medium.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2025/6	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	12	1-4	3hr session per week combining lecture and workshop.
Other teacher managed learning	24	1-4	3hr session per week combining lecture and workshop.
Student managed learning	114	1-4	Researching, shooting, and editing.
TOTAL:	150		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Practical	3-4	80 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
16mm Film: 1-3 minutes					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
011	Coursework	1-2	20 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Commentary and Evaluation: 1000 words					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

- (a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above
- (b) pass any pass/fail elements

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]