

# COMM 1039 INTRODUCTION TO SCREEN MEDIA

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102825

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**Description** Welcome to the dynamic and evolving world of Screen Media. In this subject you will learn how to analyse and critically evaluate cinema, from classic Hollywood to Arthouse and Australian films, along with a range of compelling documentary, animation, immersive and interactive content from around the globe. You'll reflect on the impact of technology and the different approaches to creating and producing powerful content. Inspired by best practice, you will have the opportunity to plan and create simple, short works of your own using accessible media.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Graphic and Design Studies, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LGYB 0161 - Image Sound and Text COMM 1028 - Screen Media COMM 1015 - Foundations of Media Arts and Production COMM 1016 - Foundations of Media Arts and Production (WSTC) COMM 1040 - Introduction to Screen Media (WSTC)

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the processes and practices of screen media arts production and the interdisciplinary and multi-platform nature of screen media arts production.
2. Apply creative strategies and technical skills of screen media production in an environment that link them to theories and histories of screen media.
3. Critically review a screen media work.
4. Make a simple screen media work using accessible mobile and online tools and critically reflect on the outcome.
5. Assess the risk involved in professional production projects.

## Subject Content

Visual language and conventions

Editing in Screen Media

Sound in Screen Media

Screen media narrative structure, genres and diverse production models

Introduction to Documentary

Australian Screen Media

Asia/Pacific Screen Media

Innovative storytelling for the screen, past present and future

Careers in Screen Media

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are

regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	5 multiple choice quizzes (10 questions per quiz)	10	N	Individual	N
Discourse Analysis	1,000 words equivalent	30	N	Individual	N
Participation	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Applied Project	1,000 words plus screen media work (maximum of 3 minutes)	30	N	Individual	N

## Teaching Periods

### Autumn (2025)

#### Online

##### Online

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#### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

##### On-site

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### Sydney City Campus - Term 2 (2025)

#### Sydney City

##### On-site

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### Spring (2025)

#### Online

##### Online

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