

Discipline Specific Elective Course-(DSE)

DSE : LITERATURE AND CINEMA

No. of hours- 60(Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials-15 hrs.)

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
DSE-1 Literature and Cinema	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL	English

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To familiarize students with the basic aspects of cinema studies.
- To consider the relationship between literature and cinema.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to acquire knowledge of visual grammar across genres of film.
- Students will understand how cinema deals with issues of gender and sexuality.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-1

UNIT – I

UNIT I: Language of Cinema

- Mise en scène
- film vocabulary
- signs and syntax
- Origin of Cinema as a New Form of Art
- questioning the traditional functions of art
- analysing new art forms in the 20th century
- film as a new form of art
- silent cinema

1. Monaco, James. 'The Language of Film: Signs and Syntax', *How to Read a Film: The World of Movies Media and Multimedia*. New York: OUP 2009. pp 170-249
2. Walter Benjamin: *The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction* (1935)
3. *Modern Times*, dir. Charlie Chaplin, 1936.

FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS:

3. Film script of *Modern Times*:

http://chaplin.bfi.org.uk/resources/bfi/filmog/film_thumb.php?fid=59441&resource=Script

UNIT – II

UNIT II: Cinematic adaptations of literary texts

- theory of adaptation
- the relationship between literature and films
- film as an adapted text

4. William Shakespeare: *Macbeth* (1623)
5. *Maqbool*, dir. Vishal Bhardwaj, 2003.
6. *Throne of Blood*, dir. Akira Kurosawa, 1957.

FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS:

5. Film Script of *Maqbool*:

<https://www.filmcompanion.in/download-the-script-ofmaqbool/amp/>

6. Film script of *Throne of Blood*:

<https://transcripts.thedealr.net/script.php/throne-of-blood-1957-DAL>

UNIT – III

UNIT III: Gender and sexuality

- connection with literature
- the difference between sexuality in films and literary texts
- the gaze
- the body
- cinematography

7. Mulvey, Laura. 'Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema', *Film Theory and Criticism: Introductory Readings*. eds. Leo Braudy and Marshall Cohen, New York:Oxford UP 1999. pp 833-44

8. *Thelma and Louise*, dir. Ridley Scott, 1991.

9. *Margarita with a Straw*, dir. Shonali Bose, 2014.

FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS:

8. Film Script for *Thelma and Louise*:

<https://www.imsdb.com/scripts/Thelma-&-Louise.html>

9. Film Script for *Margarita with a Straw*:

[https://www.scripts.com/script/margarita%2C with a straw 13368](https://www.scripts.com/script/margarita%2C%20with%20a%20straw%2013368)

NOTE: For visually impaired students to be able to take this paper, a number of supplementary readings are offered for Units 2 and 3. The cinematic texts in these units are to be supplemented by close reading of the respective film scripts.

For purposes of assessment/evaluation, a general advisory may be made to assist visually impaired students filter out areas they may not be able to address due to the nature of their disability and to focus on using supplementary texts to instead create other perspectives/forms of knowledge on the same texts.

Practical component (if any) - NIL