

Ph.D. program in English

General Theory and History of Art and Culture specialization in Film and Visual Studies

The Film Studies department is happy to announce that we are now accepting applications for our new Ph.D. program in English set to begin in fall 2009.

The standard period of study towards the Ph.D. is three years, culminating in the writing and defence of a dissertation thesis. Topics should be linked with the research interests of department faculty. The dissertation will be based on individual research and close work with the student's departmental advisor. During the course of their study, students will be able to interact with other students and professors in seminars, panel discussions, and other academic events. The department also provides doctoral students the opportunity to instruct courses for local and visiting undergraduates as a source of additional income and teaching experience.

Preferred research areas

Film Studies at the Charles University is particularly interested in projects that assume innovative approaches to visual culture under totalitarianism and in societies in transition. Faculty specializations include:

- Czech cinema in the context of Central Europe - origins of the national cinemas, "new waves", contemporary developments (post-1989)
- Czech-German-Austrian film relations
- Cinema and ideology, film culture under totalitarianism
- Theories of cinema and visual culture

Application Process

Applications are currently being accepted for study beginning in October 2009.

An M.A. or other degree equivalent to the Czech Magister in a relevant discipline is expected prior to admission to the program. Applicants are also required to possess advanced knowledge of English. If English is not your first language, you will be required to present an appropriate certificate of proficiency (e.g. TOEFL or similar). A complete application must include a *Curriculum vitae*, a 4-5 page project outline, and a preliminary bibliography.

The deadline for application is April 30, 2009. Applications will then be reviewed by faculty and decisions for the admission of new students will be made known by July.

For more information on the application process please visit the department website or contact our office (katerina.svatonova@ff.cuni.cz or film@ff.cuni.cz)

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Program features

- Thriving film studies environment at the oldest university in Central Europe (est. 1348)
- Vibrant student atmosphere in Prague, the major metropolitan center in the region, recognized worldwide for its cultural traditions and cinematic institutions
- Innovative research community involved with a number of international exchanges and collaboration projects
- Excellent resources: extensive book and DVD collection, plus access to the Czech National Film Archive and collections in the National Library and National Archive