

# Drama, Film, and Theatre Studies



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## Why Choose This Course?

Drama, Film, and Theatre Studies is a dynamic new Leaving Certificate subject, currently being piloted in 50 schools across Ireland. Designed for those with a passion for creativity, storytelling, and the performing arts, this course offers a comprehensive exploration of stage, screen, and production. Whether your interest lies in acting, filmmaking, or behind-the-scenes craftsmanship, this subject provides the tools and opportunities to develop your skills and express your vision.

## What You'll Do:

By taking this course, you'll get to:

- **Watch:** Attend live performances and cinema screenings.
- **Learn:** Explore different genres, styles, and techniques in drama, film, and theatre.
- **Create:** Work on your own theatre pieces and short films.
- **Critique:** Analyse and review films and performances, both prescribed and those you choose.
- **Master Skills:** Dive into lighting, sound, editing, and production.
- **Document:** Keep a portfolio of your creative process and ideas.



You will explore a prescribed film and play, along with one of your own choosing. This will involve analysing their creation and examining the process of transforming an idea into a fully realized production.



## Who Should Pick This Subject?

This course is for you if you:

- Have an interest in drama, film, or theatre and want to know more about how they work.
- Enjoy watching movies and live performances across different styles and genres.
- Feel comfortable performing for or presenting to your class.
- Like working with others in teams (even though your assessment is individual).

You don't need to be an expert in every part of the course — whether you're into acting, filmmaking, or production, this subject is all about learning and growing in every area.

## How You'll Be Assessed:

The assessment is a mix of practical and written work:

**50% Creativity in Practice Project:** Design, create, and evaluate your own projects, showcasing your creative and technical skills.

**50% Written Exam:** Demonstrate your knowledge of genres, techniques, and your ability to critically analyse works.

You can take the subject at either Higher or Ordinary level, depending on what suits you best.

## What's Next?

This course is a great stepping stone if you're interested in:

- Studying the arts or humanities at college. There are currently 79 third level courses on listed on Careers Portal with film in the title, and 32 with drama. These are in universities like Trinity, UCD, DCU, TUD, Maynooth and many other colleges of further education.
- Careers in film, theatre, production, education, or arts management. The Irish film industry is growing fast, with the Irish film industry estimated to be worth over €692 million and 11,960 people employed in this area.
- Becoming part of cultural and artistic communities in the future.

