Cinema Studies Program
James Ivory Undergraduate Essay Award

The annual Cinema Studies Program James Ivory Undergraduate Essay Award recognizes undergraduate students who demonstrate extraordinary skill and creativity of research and writing in their term papers. Students can request that a faculty member nominate them to submit an essay or the faculty member can initiate the nomination.

Award winners will be announced at the annual Commencement ceremony in June. Cash awards will be awarded for the top essays.

Award Categories & Criteria
The Awards are offered in two categories:
- Papers and projects from a 300-level or above Cinema Studies course and completed within a single term.
- Papers that were developed over more than a single term.

Eligibility
- Students must be currently enrolled as a full or double major in the University of Oregon Cinema Studies Program.
- Students must submit the online application form, a copy of the essay, and the course syllabus from the class to be considered for the award.
- Papers will be accepted from a course taught in Spring 2014, Fall 2014, or Winter 2015.
- Individuals must agree to contribute their projects to the permanent collections of the University of Oregon Cinema Studies Collection and the UO Scholars' Bank digital repository.

Award Assessment Criteria
Successful projects will demonstrate effective application of information literacy criteria:
- determining specific information needs
- evaluating and analyzing information
- managing, organizing, and synthesizing information
- applying information in the context of the research project
- communicating information in formats appropriate to an academic audience
- making responsible use of information through appropriate and accurate citations and credits
- showing evidence of significant growth as a scholar in describing methods of research and analysis
- demonstrating originality of thought, mastery of content appropriate to class level, clear writing, and overall quality of presentation
Student Application Procedure
Students must submit an online application form, a copy of the essay, and the course syllabus from the class.

Application Submissions
Submissions will be accepted from a course taught in Spring 2014, Fall 2014, or Winter 2015. The final deadline is Friday, April 3rd at 5 p.m.

Essay requirements:
- Eligible projects must have been completed for an upper-division (300 - 400 level) UO credit course in Cinema Studies (not limited to the courses with CINE course numbers).
- To be considered for this competition, an essay should be a final paper that is 8-10 pages in length, preferably formatted in 12 point Times New Roman or other standard font, with one-inch margins. The student’s name should appear on each page along with the page number.

Award Review Process
Submissions are evaluated during spring term by a panel of faculty members on the Cinema Studies Scholarly Activities Committee.

Recipients and course instructors are recognized at the Cinema Studies Commencement in June. Awards are processed through the student’s financial account with the University.