

FILM STUDIES – 3230
Course Expectations

Course Scope:

In this one-year course, students study the development of the American film as an art form and a social phenomenon. The course surveys century genres, eras, trends, directors, studios and moguls. Students will focus on the techniques of acting as they apply to the electronic and film media. Class work will focus on class discussion and criticism of various films. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course will fulfill either the one arts/humanities credit or one of the elective credits required for graduation.

Course Goals:

1. To expand knowledge of the American film as an art form.
2. To develop the ability to be comfortable in front of a lens and on-camera believability.
3. To recognize the impact of proper interpretation of the elements of film.
4. To apply methods of critical evaluation to viewing of the films.
5. To evaluate recent productions of selected films from a performance perspective.
6. To develop an appreciation and understanding of film in relationship to self and community.
7. To analyze and evaluate dramatic film.
8. To expand the depth and scope of aesthetic judgment by experiencing films of diverse styles.
9. To recognize the importance of respecting alternative textual interpretations and production decisions.
10. To gain insight concerning discipline, knowledge, skills requisite for career preparation in film.

Requirements: \$40.00 course materials fee due by Tuesday September 7, 2010. Write FILM STUDIES and student name in the memo section. Students will be expected to complete all assignments for this course. Many projects and exercises will be completed in class. However, additional work will be required outside of class time. Homework usually consists of reading, writing, research, and attendance at school rehearsals and performances. Many of the activities in this class are mid to long term assignments. This will require the student to plan ahead and budget time accordingly. Do not wait until the night before to begin the assignment.

Materials Needed for Class: A three-ring binder with pockets, five section dividers, and notebook paper.

Materials NOT Needed for Class: Gum, food, drinks (except water), cell phones, pagers, any distracting items, and a negative attitude nor disrespect will not be allowed in class.

Attendance: This is a participation class, thus it is vital that you are present. In accordance with the school policy the student has three days to make up missed work.

Grading System:

Participation	30%
Classwork	20%
Exams	20%
Homework	10%
Film Projects	20%

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100%

Semester grade equals first nine weeks grade at 40%, second nine weeks at 40%, final exam at 20%.

Class Participation: This figure is a summary of the student's effort, attention, participation, and willingness to learn. Points will be deducted from your grade each time you are not making appropriate use of class time. This includes not being prepared for class, inappropriate dress, disrupting behavior, misusing rehearsal time.

Quizzes, Tests, and Finals: Tests will be announced. Quizzes are often unannounced and usually cover the reading assignment or homework from the previous class. Finals are usually a mix of performance and written assignments. There will be a Theatre III Jury at the end of the year.

Late Policy: Assignments that are up to three days late will have 10% deducted per school day. Assignments more than three days late may and usually will be counted for zero credit. Late group assignments are late regardless of excuse. Extensions may be granted under extenuating circumstances and only in advance.

Discipline: In the unfortunate event that disciplinary action is taken the following measures will be used. The items below are generally used in sequence according to the severity of the incident. But each incident will be handled in an individual basis.

- Verbal Warning
- Call to Parents
- Detention
- Dean's Office Referral

Academic Dishonesty: School policy on cheating and plagiarism will be strictly followed in this course.

Office Hours: Preparation periods are 1st & 2nd blocks. Office phone is 799-7800 x 4050 and my cell number is 702-277-9951. Email address is rjconnor@interact.ccsd.net. Please come to me with any questions.