

World Cinema

Instructor Information:

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Course Description: This writing and discussion intensive class focuses on developing film literacy by introducing students to an international selection of cinema classics. Students will be taught the specialized vocabulary that directors and cinematographers use to shape their work. By gaining experience in “reading” films, students will enhance all their film viewing experiences. By writing about movies, students will develop their skills in expression and analysis. In viewing a selection of films that span the history of the medium, students will gain a greater understanding of global history and culture.

Required Materials:

- Text: *Understanding Movies* by Louis Giannetti (11th edition)
- Pencils and pens
- Notebook paper

Course Expectations/Procedures:

Behavior

You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that follows school policy as described in your student handbook. If you choose to behave in a way that hinders the learning process of others or yourself I will warn you. After the warning, if the behavior continues I will issue you a detention. I am available for individual discussions before school and during 3rd and 5th hours.

The class rules are:

1. Be positive!
2. Be respectful
3. Be punctual
4. Be responsible

Tardy Policy:

2nd tardy = teacher assigned detention (office referral if not served)
3rd tardy = teacher assigned detention (office referral if not served)
4th tardy = office referral

Homework Expectations:

On every piece of homework turned in your must put the following:

Name

Date

Assignment

Homework is expected to be turned in on time. If you miss class it is *your* responsibility to find out what homework you may have missed (this includes bellwork). If you have an excused absence you will have one extra day to turn in your homework. If you are going to miss school for a sporting or other extracurricular event you must turn in your homework to me the day BEFORE you leave. As stated above, homework is expected to be turned in on time. If you are in class the day the homework is due and do not turn it in you will receive a zero. There will be **very** few exceptions to this rule.

Cell Phones:

If I see or hear your cell phone I will take it away. It will go to the office.

Academic Integrity:

Cheating is an unacceptable behavior in this classroom! Students caught cheating will receive a zero on the assignment. If a student is caught a second time or cheating occurred on an exam, the student will receive a zero as well as an office referral.

Course of Study

Unit 1:

Photography
Mise En Scene
Editing
Sound

Unit 2:

Acting
Drama

Unit 3:

Story
Writing

Unit 4:

Critique
Creation