

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

COMM

Course Number

1003

Course Title

Film Arts

Catalog Description

Film Arts is a transferable Humanities/Fine Arts course in American film, concentrating on the evolution of film and its ideology from the late 1800's to the present. The course is designed to increase students' understanding of film as an art form and to develop critical analysis skills necessary to interpret mediated information.

Prerequisites

N/A

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact Hours

45 contact hours

Load Hours

3 load hours

Semester Offered

Fall and Spring

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

- Utilize historical and cultural frameworks for writing and discussing films
- Develop and apply an understanding of film language and style to the analysis of films
- Recognize narrative and stylistic conventions of film genres studies

- Analyze and describe the ideological implications of films in terms of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, and nation.

General Education Outcomes Supported

Students develop higher order thinking skills.

Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.

Standard Practices

Topics List

Cinematic history events from 1800s to present which influenced film, genres, basic film production concepts

Learning Activities

Students will analyze and discuss technical, historical, and ideological theories concerning films and visual media. Knowledge of film terminology should be demonstrated and the ability to apply that knowledge in essays, projects, or presentations.

Assessments

- A minimum of 3 analytical papers
- One group project

Grading guidelines

Papers may be assessed using the standard scoring rubric. Quizzes and exams may be scored in Canvas.

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