## CREDIT COURSE OUTLINE

## I. COVER PAGE

(1) FILM 1

## (2) Introduction to Film Studies <br> (3) 3

Number
Title

## Units


(12) Catalog Description:

A course demonstrating the uses of photography, editing, and sound in the telling of film stories; it will explore film and social issues, filmic meaning, and the main issues of film theory and criticism.

## II. COURSE OUTCOMES:

(Specify the learning skills the student demonstrates through completing the course and link critical thinking skills to specific course content and objectives.)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
I. recognize and explain the role of photography, editing, and sound in film narratives
II. demonstrate an understanding of the varieties of filmic meaning
III. demonstrate an understanding of some main issues of film theory and film criticism
III. COURSE OBJECTIVES:
(Specify major objectives in terms of the observable knowledge and/or skills to be attained.)
In the process of completing this course, students will:
I. view and analyze in the classroom feature-length films, most with high critical reputations
II. read one suitable text or one suitable trade book and articles in respectable film journals and/or film reference works or data bases
III. be tested on these films or perform written analyses of a target film or required readings no fewer than three times during the semester
IV. write no fewer than 4,000 words in the form of journal entries, essays, essay exams, and quizzes
IV. COURSE OUTLINE:

## Lecture Content:

## I. Content:

1. Cinematics
a. Photography/framing, composition, lighting, movement, perspective, optics, mise en scene, props, production options
b. Editing/match cutting, cross cutting, cutaways, controlling time, controlling space, pacing, tempo, meaningful juxtaposition
c. Sound/ambient, SFX, dialog, musical score, narration, mixing, editing, editing to image
2. Story/plot, conflict, character, setting, mood, symbol, theme
3. Filmic Meaning
a. Characterization
b. Sybolism and iconography
c. Theme
d. Myth
e. Social significance
4. Film Theory
a. montage vs. mise en scene
b. Words vs. images and sounds
c. Liberal vs. conservative tendencies
d. Realism vs. idealism and stylization
e. Theatrical vs. documentary
f. Film genres
g. Recent academic theories
5. Film Criticism
a. Confirming viewers expectations vs. challenging them
b. Hollywood values vs. independent values
c. Banality of purpose and means vs. originality of purpose and means
d. Film as art
II. Methods:
6. These five main areas of study (cinematics, story, theme, theory, and criticism) should not be taught sequentially or separately from each other. They ought to be paired or grouped in various ways; for example, story and meaning, cinematics and meaning, or theory and criticism.
7. Most films will be exhibited with a large-screen video system consisting of a video projector, a VCR, LaserDisc, or DVD player, and speakers.
8. Prior to screening a film, the instructor will provide historical, esthetic, and social background for students in the form of handouts or lectures or assigned readings.
9. During screening, the instructor will occasionally comment on important aspects of story or cinematics. He/she may even turn off the projector for extended lecture or discussion.
10. After screenings, the instructor will conduct discussions about pertinent aspects of the film.
11. After the screening of a film, students may meet in small discussion groups and come to conclusions for class presentations.
12. The instructor may elect to show no films for a period of a week or longer for lectures and/or discussions about films recently screened or to prepare students for films soon to be screened.
13. For purposes of illustration, the instructor may occasionally show excerpts from a number of films that are easily cued.
14. Students will keep journals or write essays on subjects that enhance their understanding and appreciation of classic films.

## V. APPROPRIATE READINGS

## Reading assignments may include but are not limited to the following:

I. Sample Text Title:

1. Recommended - Dick, Bernard F. Anatomy of Film, ed. 6th Bedford/St. Martins, Boston, 2010, ISBN: 0312487118
2. Recommended - Pramaggiore, Maria \& Wallis, Tom Film: A Critical Introduction, ed. 2nd Pearson, Boston, 2008, ISBN: 0205518692
3. Recommended - Phillips, William H. Film: An Introduction, ed. 3rd Bedford/St. Martins, Boston, 2009, ISBN: 0312487258
II. Other Readings
4. Recommended - Reference Works: The Motion Picture Guide, Magill's Survey of Cinema Leading Film Magazines:

Global or international materials or concepts are appropriately included in this course
X Multicultural materials and concepts are appropriately included in this course

If either line is checked, write a paragraph indicating specifically how global/international and/or multicultural materials and concepts relate to content outline and/or readings.
The course utilizes international films whose characters, storylines, and filmmakers reflect diverse cultures.
VI. METHODS TO MEASURE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND DETERMINE GRADES:

Students in this course will be graded in at least one of the following four categories. Please check those appropriate. A degree applicable course must have a minimum of one response in category $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}$, or C .

| A. WritingCheck either 1 or 2 below |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| X | 1. Substantial writing assignments are required. Check the appropriate boxes below and provide a written description in the space provided. |  |  |
|  | 2. Substantial writing assignments are NOT required. If this box is checked leave this section blank. For degree applicable courses you must complete category B and/or C. |  |  |
| X | a) essay exam(s) | X | d) written homework |
| X | b) term or other paper(s) |  | e) reading reports |
|  | c) laboratory report(s) |  | f) other (specify) |

Required assignments may include but are not limited to the following:
See attachment.

## B. Problem Solving

Computational or non-computational problem-solving demonstrations, including:

|  | a) exam(s) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| d) laboratory reports |  |  |
|  | b) quizzes |  |
|  | c) homework problems | e) field work |

## Required assignments may include but are not limited to the following:

| C. Skill demonstrations, including: |  |  |
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|  | a) class performance(s) |  |$|$| c) performance exams(s) |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | b) field work |

Required assignments may include but are not limited to the following:
D. Objective examinations including:

| $X$ | a) multiple choice | X | d) completion |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | b) true/false |  | e) other (specify): |
|  | c) matching items |  |  |

## COURSE GRADE DETERMINATION:

Description/Explanation: Based on the categories checked in A-D, it is the recommendation of the department that the instructor's grading methods fall within the following departmental guidelines; however, the final method of grading is still at the discretion of the individual instructor. The instructor's syllabus must reflect the criteria by which the student's grade has been determined. (A minimum of five (5) grades must be recorded on the final roster.)

If several methods to measure student achievement are used, indicate here the approximate weight or percentage each has in determining student final grades.
$35 \%$ essays $55 \%$ objective tests $10 \%$ participation

## VII. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

For degree applicable courses, the adopted texts, as listed in the college bookstore, or instructor-prepared materials have been certified to contain college-level materials.
Validation Language Level (check where applicable):

| $\substack{\text { College-Level Criteria Met } \\ \text { YES } \\ \text { Y } \\ \mathrm{X} \\ \mathrm{X}}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| X | - |
| X | $=$ |

Indicate Method of evaluation:
Used readability formulae (grade level 10 or higher)
Text is used in a college-level course
Used grading provided by publisher Other: (please explain; relate to Skills Levels)


Computation Level (Eligible for MATH 101 level or higher where applicable) Content
Breadth of ideas covered clearly meets college-level learning objectives of this course
Presentation of content and/or exercises/projects:
Requires a variety of problem-solving strategies including inductive and deductive reasoning.
Requires independent thought and study
Applies transferring knowledge and skills appropriately and efficiently to new situations or problems.
List of Reading/Educational Materials
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## Comments:



## CONTENT REVIEW

## REQUISITES

No requisites

