

HISTORY OF FILM

Fall/Winter: 2017/2018
Fridays: 2:30-5:15 pm
Room 1L11

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

History of Film surveys the history of narrative film from the 1890s to the present day. Students gain an understanding of the evolving technical advancements of the medium in the context of both artistic expression and industrial modes of production. The course takes an international perspective, focusing on major film movements and major filmmakers.

REQUIRED TEXT

A Short History of the Movies by Gerald Mast and Bruce Kavin, 11th abridged ed. 2011

CLASS PARTICIPATION

Students are required to attend screenings and do the required readings as outlined in the class schedule and participate in classroom discussion.

Classes begin promptly at 2:30pm. Please be on time. Persistent unexcused tardiness or absences will adversely affect your class participation grade.

Have respect for your fellow students. Do not conduct private conversations in class during screenings or class discussions or when the Instructor is speaking. Please mute any electronic devices in your possession during class time.

GRADING

Class Participation	5%
Essay Assignment (Due November 10)	20%
Mid-Term Test (Date and Location TBA)	25%
2 nd Essay Assignment (Due TBA)	25%
Final Exam (Date and Location TBA)	25%
Total	100%

A separate detailed assignment sheet will be handed out in class.

Presentation of Assignments: All written assignments **must be submitted TYPED**, on standard 8½ X 11 paper, with 1 staple in the top left corner. No binders or folders of any kind please.

NUMBER THE PAGES! Written assignments must be double-spaced and single-sided. All written assignments must be handed in; assignments submitted by email will not be accepted.

CONVERSION SCALE

For the calculation of the final grade the following conversion table will be used:

A+	90 – 100%	GPA	4.5	C+	65 – 69.9%	GPA	2.5
A	85 – 89.9%	GPA	4.25	C	60 – 64.9%	GPA	2.0
A-	80 – 84.9%	GPA	4.0	D	50 – 59.9%	GPA	1.0
B+	75 – 79.9%	GPA	3.5	F	below 50%	GPA	0
B	70 – 74.9%	GPA	3.0				

Work not submitted will be graded as 0%.

Late assignments will not be accepted and will be given a grade of 0% (F) unless prior arrangements have been made with the Instructor or in the case of a documented emergency.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**Fall Term**

September 8 – The Birth of Cinema

Reading: Mast/Kawin – Chapter 2 – Birth

September 15 – Early Narrative Film in France, Britain and America

Reading: Chapter 3 – Film Narrative

September 22 – The Development of the Narrative: D. W. Griffith and Louis Feuillade

Reading: Chapter 4 – Griffith

September 29 - The Birth of Hollywood

Reading: Chapter 5 – Mack Sennett & Chaplin Shorts

Chapter 6 – Movie Czars and Movie Stars

October 6 – German Expressionism

Reading: Chapter 7 – The German Golden Age

Fall term essay assignment

October 8 – 14 – READING WEEK

October 20 – Soviet Cinema in the 1920s

Reading: Chapter 8 - Soviet Montage

October 27 - The Transition to Sound

Reading: Chapter 9 – Sound

November 3 – French Cinema in the 1930s

Reading: Chapter 10 – France between the Wars

Fall term essay assignment due

November 10 - British Cinema in the 1930s

November 17 – The Hollywood Studios

Reading: Chapter 11 – The American Studio Years

November 24 – The Hollywood Studios (Con't)

December 1 – Fall term review

Winter Term

January 5 - Italian Neorealism

January 12 - Post World War II American Film

January 19 - European Film of the 1950s

January 26 - Japanese Cinema

February 2 - The French New Wave

February 9 - New American Cinema

February 16 - New German Cinema

February 18 – 24 - READING WEEK

March 2 - 5th Generation Chinese Cinema

March 9 - American Independent Film

March 16 - Post-Revolutionary Iranian Cinema

March 23 - Contemporary European Film

March 30 - Good Friday: no class

April 5 – Thursday - Make-up class for Good Friday - Review

HEALTH AND ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Life happens to everyone. If you are experiencing a crisis in your life, or if you have a physical or mental health issue, communicate with your Professor or Accessibility Services – let us know so we can provide support or direct you to those who can. The earlier we know, the earlier we can discuss what resources might be available. Students with documented disabilities, or temporary or chronic medical conditions requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams/presentations (e.g., private space or more time) or during lectures/labs (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204-786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility>. If you are registered with Accessibility Services, do not assume that Accessibility Services (AS) has informed your instructor that you have registered with them.

"THE REAL THING" LECTURE SERIES

The Department of Theatre and Film is presenting a series of six lectures which will be held on Wednesdays during the free period (12:30-13:20) in Theatre 1T15. Please note the dates in your diary **NOW**: Sept 20 (playwright Judith Thompson), Oct 18, Nov 15, Jan 17, Feb 28, Mar 14. This series will feature speakers from a range of areas in the performing arts: technical, performance, design, management, film, directing, playwriting, etc. These speakers will specifically address issues related to “the business of the business.”

Attendance at **ALL** lectures is **MANDATORY** for **ALL Honours students in Theatre (4000-level courses, all areas), as well as students in: THFM-3101 Acting III: General, THFM-3201 Styles in Design, THFM-3801 Production II, and THFM-3920 Musical Theatre**. Penalties for absence may be assigned by individual instructors.

Attendance for potential Theatre Honours/Majors and for Film Majors is optional but highly recommended.

2017 ORIENTATION ASSEMBLY

Each year in September we hold an *Orientation Assembly* to welcome students to the new term, introduce our new students to faculty and other students; provide information about the department, its various activities and those of its professors; and deliver news about what's coming up. This year our *Orientation Assembly* will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 12:30-13:20 in Theatre, 1T15. ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY** for all Majors and Honours students. Those considering Honours are strongly recommended to attend. All others are welcome and encouraged to attend.

TAFSA

All students enrolled in at least one theatre or film class are automatically members of TAFSA, the Theatre and Film Students' Association, which plans a number of exciting activities each academic year. We are looking forward to regular **Performance Jams, Socials, DioFest** (an exciting new play festival featuring student written and produced plays), and the very popular **24/7 Event** during which students move into our building and several plays are written, rehearsed, produced, and presented – all in a period of 24 hours! Please join TAFSA to find out more at its organizational meeting: Mon Sept 18, 12:30-1:20, Room OT10. This is a great opportunity for students to connect with other like-minded people and a way to get involved in the department events.

BUILDING SECURITY

The Asper Centre for Theatre and Film (home to the Department of Theatre and Film) is open from 8:00 am and 5:30 pm weekdays only. Students are permitted to be in the building between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm seven days per week (except statutory holidays when the University is closed) **BUT PLEASE NOTE:** outside of regular building hours, it is **MANDATORY** that everyone in the building **EITHER** carry an access card **OR** have a booking confirmation form in their possession (hard copy or electronic). **ALL EVENING STUDENTS in the building for classes MUST have an access card.** If a Security Guard checks and you do not have proper accreditation, **you may be evicted.**

These rules are in place to protect our students and our equipment; please respect them.

ELECTRONIC COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDA

Students must check our website at <http://uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film> and read the menu items called ***Fire Safety Instructions in the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film, Access Card/Building Use Policy AND Room Booking Instructions.*** The link to the electronic ***Online Room Booking Form*** is also found at this location. Please read and note all instructions carefully.

GENERAL NOTES

This course outline should be considered a guideline only. Time constraints and other unforeseen factors may require that some topics be omitted or covered in less detail than indicated.

Archival records such as videotapes, sound recordings, and photographs may be made or taken during class or lab times. The University uses such materials primarily for archival, promotional, and teaching purposes. Promotional use may include display at open houses or conferences, or use in advertising, publicity, or brochures. In reading and accepting the terms in this course outline, students acknowledge consent for such use by the University. Should a student not wish to convey such consent, s/he should withdraw from this course immediately.

Cellular phones **MUST** be turned off during classes and examinations; texting is **NOT** permitted in class.

Any student attending a test or final examination may be required to present proof of identity; photo identification is preferred.

It is the student's responsibility to retain a photocopy or computer disk copy of **ALL** assignments submitted for grading; in the event of loss or theft, a duplicate copy is required.

Students are strongly advised to read the sections 8, 9, and 10 of the *Academic Calendar* for information on Academic Misconduct including plagiarism, and Appeals, (found on-line at: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>).

Students conducting research interviews, focus groups, surveys, or any other method of collecting data from any person, including a family member, must obtain the approval of the appropriate ethics committee before commencing data collection. Exceptions are research activities in class as a learning exercise. See <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/human-ethics.html> for submission requirements and deadlines.

All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect.

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make up work examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 is the final date to withdraw without academic penalty from courses which begin in September 2017 and end in April 2018 (2017-18 Fall/Winter Term).

STUDENT PARTICIPATION POLICY

Theatre is a communal art form in which a number of interdependent artists and crafts people co-operate to create a work of art. This fact is necessarily transferred to the learning situation, and is reflected in many of the Department's courses. Consequently, it is the Department's policy that students are required to: complete homework such as reading, line-learning, script analysis, prop lists, design drawings, etc.; attend classes; attend rehearsals both within and outside of class times; and, in short, to exhibit commitment towards the inevitably shared endeavours of our field of study.

Any student failing to fulfil these requirements is harmful to the progress of dedicated students and may, after due warning, be asked to withdraw from any individual Departmental course.

COURSE CONTENT NOTE

Dramatic Literature depicts a wide variety of human action, both elevated and base, public and private, physical and psychological, sexual and non-sexual, etc. The Department of Theatre and Film will not undertake to censor the subject matter of dramatic works.

Students who have concerns about dealing with the full range of content and style in drama/film are urged to discuss these concerns with the course instructor.