

Film Studies

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“Movies sell us images, they manipulate us, they assault our senses;
But they also move us, excite us, and above all entertain us.”
Thomas H. Ohlgren, author

The purpose of Film Studies is to help students understand how films work, how they affect our values, and construct reality. In this course students will have the opportunity to view films from a variety of genres; comedy, fantasy, drama, action, science fiction, musical, teen pictures, horror, and holiday movies. Students will learn about various terms related to film, the roles of different members of a film-making crew, technical elements of the movie (sound, music, special effects, camera angles, color, etc.), character development and credibility, themes, and the relationship the movie has to the individual's own life.

Students will be involved in a variety of activities in addition to viewing films such as discussions, dramas, written responses, and pictorial representations.

Students will be expected to participate in all discussions and complete assignments to the best of their ability.

Remember, this exploratory can only be as good as you make it. Positive attitudes, high effort and enthusiasm go a long way to contribute to an interesting and enjoyable course.