

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Film Study and Appreciation

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** ENG 2840

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will learn the film as a world art form and social document, focusing attention on major areas of film, such as history, criticism, and visual literacy. Students explore a range of film productions from silent films to current releases and examine various approaches to film criticism.

Prerequisite: ENG 1530.

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**General Education Requirements Met**

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Humanities

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Discuss various aspects of film history and vocabulary
  2. Discuss genre specific facets of films
  3. Describe the various duties of director, film crew, and others involved in the production of this art form
  4. Critically interpret films
  5. Demonstrate an understanding of the conventions and methods of at least one of the humanities. [SUNY Gen Ed – Humanities]
  6. Recognize and analyze nuance and complexity of meaning through critical reflections on text, visual images, or artifacts. [SUNY Gen Ed – Humanities]
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**Topics Covered:**

- Film history
  - Genre studies (film noir, silent films, drama, science fiction, detective films, westerns, etc)
  - Duties of various members of film crew
  - Film interpretation (viewer response theory)
  - Film techniques (shots, special effects, etc)
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2023