

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Communications Department

Course Number and Title

COMM 1003, 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

ENGL 1013

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours

3

Target Audience/Transfer

Film Arts is a transferable Humanities/Fine Arts course.

General Education Outcome(s)

Students develop higher order thinking skills.

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

Student 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.

Topics

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

Assessment

- A minimum of 3 analytical papers
- One group project

Required Materials

None