Course Syllabus

**Film Study**

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Welcome to Film Study. This course is an introductory class in the art of film. We will be viewing a variety of films, from early works to current cinema. Each work that we view has been recognized by critics and peers as an example of film excellence. There is more to film than the latest blockbuster at the multiplex, like all art forms, film has a rich and diverse history. This class deals with a small sampling of that history.

Course Requirements

8 – 10 Summative Reaction Papers

8 Chapter Readings with quizzes

Reaction Paper - A minimum one-page response to a film we have viewed. Each response must follow the prescribed format. It may include a synopsis, but should not be simply a retelling of what happened in the film. You may respond to any part or parts of the film; plot, theme, characters, dialogue, direction, acting, or a favorite scene or scenes.

Chapter Readings/Quizzes – Each week a short chapter will be assigned with a quiz to follow. Quizzes will be worth ten to twenty formative points.

Classroom Expectations – Be on time for class and be engaged with the material. This is an elective course, so therefore I assume you have made a choice to be here and that your behavior will reflect that choice.