

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Film Studies
COURSE LENGTH: 1 semester
COURSE CREDIT: 0.5 high school credit;
3 hours college credit through SLU

COURSE TYPE: elective
(fulfills English IV requirement)
GRADE LEVEL: 12
PREREQUISITE: Intro to Lit Studies,
GPA of 3.0 or better

COURSE GOALS:

1. Students will develop a vocabulary for use in responding to, analyzing, and evaluating film.
2. Students will use concepts from film production and design in their discussions of and reactions to films watched inside and outside of class.
3. Students will recognize techniques in practice through watching films and excerpts.
4. Students will compare and contrast films from various genres, considering the expectations viewers have for different categories of films.
5. Students will explain how films relate to and construct historical periods, modern reality, and fantastic settings.
6. Students will generate analytical essays responding to, comparing, and assessing films, using techniques appropriate for college writing and film studies.

COURSE CONTENT:

1. History of film
2. Genre
3. Design and composition
4. Cinematography
5. Editing and sound
6. Film theory
7. Response and analytical essays
8. Movies and clips