



Course Objectives, Student Learning Outcomes, and Promotion Requirements

Interpretation of Achievement Scale – Cinema and Culture 5-8

Cinema and Culture offers a foundation for understanding American cinema and its relation to culture and history. The goal of this course is to develop ESL students’ knowledge and skills in cinema studies, critical thinking, persuasive and creative writing, and oral presentations. This course is designed for upper level students who seek to improve and refine their critical reading, academic writing and oral communication skills through film analysis. By the end of Cinema and Culture:

- Students will learn to successfully express complex ideas in English;
- Apply critical inquiry skills to selected films and articles;
- Utilize commonly used concepts and words in film studies;
- Understand and use advanced grammatical structures in reading, writing and speaking.

Cinema and Culture Objectives:

1. Develop students’ critical thinking skills about films
 - 1.1. Analyze themes
 - 1.2. Detect point of view, bias and tone
2. Develop students’ vocabulary of common concepts and words in film studies
 - 2.1. Utilize situation-specific vocabulary in composing film response journals
 - 2.2. Utilize concepts and terms of the film genres effectively in oral/written film analysis
3. Develop students’ oral presentation skills
 - 3.1. Utilize debate and discussion etiquette

Course Evaluation

Projects	50%
Quizzes	25%
Comprehensive Final Exam	25%



Cinema and Culture Student Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:

Students will be able to:

- CC1.Utilize debate and discussion etiquette
- CC2.Utilize level-appropriate mechanics and grammar
- CC3. Compose their own reviews of films
- CC4. Analyze dramatic, cinematic and narrative aspects of the films
- CC5 .Demonstrate increased confidence in delivering presentations
- CC6. Prepare appropriate media for oral presentations
- CC7. Employ effective planning, organization and delivery techniques
- CC8. Utilize effective questioning skills for group discussion and activities
- CC9. Acquire and utilize a range of domain-specific words and phrases
- CC10. Interpret media texts

Grading Scale

SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
S 71 - 100	U 0 -70
The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is generally accurate and is characterized by competence in the SLOs listed above.	The student does not demonstrate level-appropriate English ability and is incompetent in the SLOs listed above.

Cinema and Culture Requirements Passing

1. Students must pass the class with a cumulative grade of C- (71%) or better.