John A. Ferguson Senior High School
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Film Studies I Course Syllabus
Room 1006

Course Objectives
- Introduce students to fundamental film terminology and techniques
- Develop skills and habits of perceptive movie watching
- Encourage students to discover complex aspects of film art

Textbook & Materials
You need the following materials for class meetings:
- Notes and other supplementary texts/readings
- Blue or black pen(s) for writing
- Composition-style notebook
- Loose-leaf paper (no spiral notebooks please)
- Additional materials for specific projects and presentations
- USB flash drive
- $10 class fee for each film class you are enrolled in

Notebook Organization
Since most of your work and notes will be kept in your notebook, it is imperative that it is kept neat and organized chronologically, preceded by:
- Table of Contents page
You must bring the notebook to each class meeting. I will not accept “I forgot my notebook” or “I brought the wrong notebook” as an excuse. There will be quarterly checks of the notebook itself worth 3 grades.

Grading Policy

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Class Rules All students are expected to abide by the Code of Student Conduct!
1) Respect the learning environment of others.
2) Be on time to class.
3) Always try your best and be responsible for your own behavior.
4) Stay awake during ALL class activities.
5) Always use appropriate language.
6) Follow directions the first time given.
7) Promote and maintain the integrity of Ferguson’s film program.
Consequences
1) Warning
2) Call home
3) Detention
4) Exclusion
5) Referral to administration

Assignments
1) A list and calendar of assignments with due dates are available on my website. Dates are subject to change, if necessary.
2) All homework & projects are due at the beginning of the period on the following class meeting, unless indicated.
3) Work must be legible in blue or black ink unless it is done by computer. All assignments must include the correct heading as follows:

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Assignment Title (example: Vertigo Analysis)

4) NO CREDIT will be given for sloppy, incomplete and plagiarized assignments.
5) ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED to ABIDE BY THE SCHOOL'S HONOR CODE. Violations will result in referrals to administration and parent/teacher conferences.
6) Select written assignments MUST be typed, printed prior to the start of class, and submitted to www.turnitin.com; the class ID and password can also be found on the class website.

Make-up/Late Work
1) I will not remind you about make-up work. **It is your responsibility to ask about missed assignments for excused absences.** Exchange phone numbers with another student or email me to find out about missed assignments. Unexcused absences will result in failing grades for every assignment missed. You may end up with a modified assignment depending on the nature of the missed work.
2) I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE WORK.

Tardy Policy
As indicated in the class rules, I expect you to be on time and ready to start class at your seat when the tardy bell rings. Detentions will be issued after the second unexcused tardy and for each subsequent unexcused tardy per nine weeks. If you have a legitimate reason for being tardy, I expect you to have a signed pass with the time you left from the previous teacher/adult who dealt with you. Staying behind in previous classes is unacceptable unless approved by me.

Bathroom/Hall Passes & Dismissal
1) You will be given 3 bathroom passes per nine weeks to be used at your discretion; please use these wisely. Unused bathroom passes may be turned in at the end of the nine weeks for one extra credit A each (3 maximum). Lost passes WILL NOT be replaced.
2) Hall passes will be given when necessary. I expect you to return with a signed pass as described in the Tardy Policy. You are responsible for making-up any work missed.
3) No passes will be given for the first and last ten minutes of class and for crucial class moments.
4) Hall and bathroom privileges will be suspended if you choose to abuse them.
5) I dismiss you, NOT the bell. Everyone must be at their seats for dismissal.