Description: Reel to Real: Cinema Text and Theory

Subject  | Cat-nbr | Class | Term | Mode | Units | Campus
CMS     | 2013    | 44860 | 2, 2005 | ONC | 1.00 | Toowoomba

Academic group: FOART
Academic org: FOA004
Student contribution band: 1
ASCED code: 100700

STAFFING
Examiner: Bruce Horsfield
Moderator: Andrew Mason

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: CMS1010 or CMS1011 or other course approved by the examiner.

SYNOPSIS
This course provides students with a study of aspects of the expressive and aesthetic history of cinema, with attention to feature films prior to the 1960s. Key theories of the evolving narrative, anti-narrative and textual dynamics of cinematic forms and the institutional practices of film production will be studied with close reference to a selection of popular and "classic" moving pictures. Considerable emphasis will be placed on viewing and analysing representative films and on the theories and written statements of various seminal film makers and theorists. A selection of "national" cinemas, including American and Australian, will be studied.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. conduct an informed discussion of a selection of theoretic approaches to the analysis of film;
2. display knowledge and understanding of selected classical realist Hollywood texts;
3. participate effectively in informed firsthand post-viewing group responses to films selected for screening in lectures.

TOPICS

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<td>2. Lumiere, Melies, and the early stages of narrative development.</td>
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<td>3. Porter, Griffiths, and the emergence of continuity editing.</td>
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4. German Expressionist cinema, Russian Formalism and Australian film before and after World War II. 10.00
5. Genre and the classical realist text. 10.00
6. Auteur film criticism. 10.00
7. Mise-en-scene film criticism. 10.00
8. Semiotics of cinema. 10.00
9. Psychoanalysis and feminist critiques. 10.00
10. Modern and postmodern cinema. 10.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).


REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

1981, Pictures and words, Australian Film & Television Radio School, North Ryde.
(Videocassette)
The Australian movie guide, Webster's Publishing, Frenchs Forest, NSW.
(CD-ROM)
1995, The celluloid heroes, Film Australia, Lindfield, NSW.
(Videocassette)

(Rev. edn)

Lotman, J 1981, Semiotics of cinema, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES

1. Exam dates will be advised when timetable is finalised.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration. To satisfy course objective (c) above, students must attend all screenings and subsequent tutorial discussions.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.

4. Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by: (i) satisfactorily completing the examination and assignments; and (ii) obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment items.

5. Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
6 Examination information:
The exam for this course is a CLOSED EXAMINATION, and candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any deferred or supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner. (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 If assignments in the course require the use of surveys, interviews, etc., students should be aware of the University and Faculty of Arts ethical requirements/guidelines. (The course syllabus distributed to students in the first week of teaching provides this information.)