



Communication and Creative & Performing Arts Division  
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## **COM 210: Film History and Appreciation**

Syllabus

Lecture Hours/Credits: 3/3

### **Catalog Description**

*Prerequisite: RDG 099 or ENG 104*

Film History and Appreciation will introduce students to the film industry and history of cinema through the study of classic and contemporary films. Students will learn about the basic elements that distinguish films such as narrative, cinematography, sound, editing and set design, and how these components work together to develop stories and characters. Emphasis will be placed on exposing the class to a wide variety of styles and genres by viewing, analyzing, discussing and writing about films as a means of developing a greater visual literacy.

### **Textbook and Course Materials**

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with the bookstore and/or their instructor the textbook, handbook and other materials required for their specific course and section.

Click here to see current textbook prices at [rcgc.bncollege.com](http://rcgc.bncollege.com).

Evaluation Assessment

### **Online Proctoring**

All courses offered at RCSJ, whether they are web-enhanced, hybrid, or fully online, may include assessments that make use of Online Proctoring. To find out more about Online Proctoring, and to learn about the minimum technical requirements, visit [rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring](http://rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring).

### **Grading Scale**

The grading scale for each course and section will be determined by the instructor and distributed the first day of class.

## Rowan College South Jersey Core Competencies

(Based on the NJCC General Education Foundation - August 15, 2007; Revised 2011)

This comprehensive list reflects the core competencies that are essential for all RCSJ graduates; however, each program varies regarding competencies required for a specific degree. Critical thinking is embedded in all courses, while teamwork and personal skills are embedded in many courses.

1. **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
2. **Quantitative Knowledge and Skills:** Students will use appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data and to solve problems
3. **Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning:** Students will use the scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
4. **Technological Competency:** Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
5. **Society and Human Behavior:** Students will use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens.
6. **Humanistic Perspective:** Students will analyze works in the fields of art, history, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language
7. **Historical Perspective:** Students will understand historical events and movements in World, Western, non-Western or American societies and assess their subsequent significance.
8. **Global and Cultural Awareness:** Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
9. **Ethical Reasoning and Action:** Students will understand ethical issues and situations.
10. **Information Literacy:** Students will address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

### COM 210 Core Competencies

This course focuses on two of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Written and Oral Communication
- Humanistic Perspective

## Student Learning Outcomes: Film History and Appreciation

Successful Completion of COM 210 will help students:	RCSJ Core Competencies	Evaluation / Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)
Identify the significant people and events in the development of Film History and Appreciation	Humanistic Perspective Historical Perspective	Class Discussion Quizzes Written Assignments
Evaluate the media of individuals who have set Trends in the art of Film History and Appreciation	Humanistic Perspective Historical Perspective	Class Discussion Quizzes Written Assignments
Analyze and compare the work of significant film through writing and discussion	Humanistic Perspective Historical Perspective	Class Discussion Quizzes Written Assignments
Identify and describe the relationship between film and other contemporary events that have shaped the nation and the world	Humanistic Perspective Historical Perspective	Class Discussion Quizzes Written Assignments
Relate film to social and historical events, issues, and trends	Humanistic Perspective Historical Perspective	Discussion Photographic and Written Assignments
Discuss the historical relationship between movies, television and other media	Humanistic Perspective Historical Perspective	Discussion Photographic and Written Assignments

### Topical Outline

- Beginnings of Film
- Narrative Film
- Expressionism & Surrealism
- Film Editing
- Silent Comedy
- Sound
- Social Commentary & Science Fiction
- Horror
- Studio System/Gangster Films
- Musicals
- Auteur
- Sound Comedy
- Cinematic Touchstones:

This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

## Class Policies

### Attendance Policy:

Class attendance and participation in class discussions are essential to this course. Students are responsible for all materials during class absence and should make arrangements **with other students** to acquire class notes. If you are aware in advance of a class you must miss please notify the instructor and make arrangements to make up the work you will miss.

**Plagiarism:** Please refer to the online syllabus for definitions of plagiarism. The first instance of plagiarism will result in a zero (0) for that assignment and require a student instructor conference. A second offense will result in an F for the course. In addition, a second offense will be reported to the Dean of Liberal Arts and the Director of Student Affairs.

**Deadlines:** Project deadlines must be met. If your project is not finished at the scheduled time, it will affect your grade, unless you have made special arrangements with your instructor.

### Rubrics

Activity/Assignment		Levels of Achievement	
Criteria	Needs Improvement	Criteria	Needs Improvement
Demonstrates Understanding of the Topic • image or activity demonstrates inclusion of ideas important to the topic. Weight 34.00%	60%	80%	100%
Composed or Organized Well: • Provides clear purpose and subject; supports conclusions/ideas /images with evidence related to the topic. Weight 33.00%	60%	80%	100%
Demonstrates Use of Research and/or Critical Thinking Skills • Identifies not only the basics of the activity/image, but recognizes nuances of the issues/ideas/assumptions related to the topic. Weight 33.00%	60%	80%	100%

Discussions		Levels of Achievement	
Criteria	Needs Improvement	Criteria	Needs Improvement
Content	2 Points Topic is poorly developed, with vague or absent supporting detail. Trite ideas and/or unclear wording reflect a lack of understand of the topic. There is no indication of research or support for ideas.	4 Points Topic is evident with some supporting details; generally meets requirements of the assignments. Little indication of research or support for ideas	5 Points Topic is well developed, effectively supported, and appropriate for the assignment. Effective thinking is clearly expressed. Support for ideas is indicated, research is cited.
Organization	2 Points Writing is rambling and unfocused, with the main theme and supporting details presented in a disorganized, unrelated way.	4 Points Writing demonstrates some grasp of organization, with a discernible theme and supporting details.	5 Points Writing is clearly organized around a central theme. Each sentence is clear and relates to the others in a well-planned framework.

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**Department of Special Services**

The Department of Special Services is located in the Instructional Center, room 425A. The Special Services Department is committed to providing support services and ensuring equal

access to eligible students with documented disabilities as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act with Amendments. If you are an eligible student with a documented disability please visit our website at [RCSJ.edu/SpecialServices](https://www.rcsj.edu/SpecialServices) or call the office at 856-415-2265 or 856-415-2247 to speak to the Assistant Director Carol Weinhardt, [cweinhar@rcsj.edu](mailto:cweinhar@rcsj.edu).

## Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault and Resource Referrals (8/2020) Gloucester Campus

There are multiple safe places for students to report allegations of sexual assault, both on and off campus. Reports of sexual assault can be made to any of the following offices listed in the chart below.

All students are encouraged to report alleged crimes on campus. Crimes that pose a threat to the campus community must be reported to 9-1-1, Security, the Sheriff's Office or the Deptford Township Police Department. All employees, including Security staff, must report incidents of discrimination, harassment or sexual misconduct to the Title IX Officer.

Service	Resource	Phone Number/Location/Website
<b>Non-Confidential Reporting</b>  Local Law Enforcement	Gloucester County Sheriff's Office Deptford Township Police Dept. Gloucester Co. Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Response Team	856-681-2200 856-845-2220 856-384-5500 856-384-5555
<b>Non-Confidential Reporting 9-1-1 and Campus Security</b>	<b>9-1-1</b> Gloucester County Emergency Management Dispatch  Campus Security <b>Blue Light Emergency Phones OR ext. 4444 from any campus desk phone</b>	<b>9-1-1 or push RED button on</b> Campus <b>Blue Light</b> Emergency Phones  856-681-6287
<b>Non-Confidential On-Campus Reporting Support Services</b>	Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President <b>Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Compliance</b>  John F. Ryder Director <b>Student and Veteran Affairs</b>	856-415-2154 College Center, Room 116 <a href="mailto:ajones@rcsj.edu">ajones@rcsj.edu</a>  856-468-5000, ext. 6456 College Center, room 202 <a href="mailto:iryder@rcsj.edu">iryder@rcsj.edu</a>
<b>Confidential On-Campus Counseling and Support Services</b>	Lois Y. Lawson-Bridgell, Ph.D. MSW, LSW, Director <b>Counseling &amp; Wellness Services Center</b>  William Leonard, Ph.D. <b>Intervention Teams Consultant</b>  Crystal Noboa, LSW, MSW Director, The Center for <b>People in Transition (PIT)</b>  Diane Mussoline, EdS, LMFT <b>Director of Behavioral Services</b>	856-464-5236 <a href="mailto:l Lawsonb@rcsj.edu">l Lawsonb@rcsj.edu</a> College Center, Room 206  <a href="tel:856-415-2119">856-415-2119</a> <a href="mailto:wleonard@rcsj.edu">wleonard@rcsj.edu</a> <b>College Center, STEM Office C-168</b>  856-415-2264 <a href="mailto:cnoboa@rcsj.edu">cnoboa@rcsj.edu</a> <b>Workforce Development Bldg., room 809</b>  856-494-5665 <a href="mailto:dmussoli@rcsj.edu">dmussoli@rcsj.edu</a> College Center, Room 200A
<b>Confidential Off-Campus Full-Service Support</b>	<b>Center for Family Services/ Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)</b>	1-866-295-7378 Camden and Gloucester counties <a href="http://centerffs.org/serv">centerffs.org/serv</a>
<b>Hospitals with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners</b>	<b>Inspira Medical Center</b>  <b>Jefferson Washington Township Hospital</b>	700 Mullica Hill Rd. Mullica Hill, NJ · 856-508-1000  435 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd., Turnersville, NJ · 856-582-2500