

Department of Humanities & Cultural Studies
Undergraduate Courses

Fall 2024

AMS 2270: 20th-Century American Culture

This course fulfills USF's Ethical Reasoning and Civic Engagement (ERCE) General Education Requirement. We examine contemporary issues facing American society and analyze their sources in the American cultural past. Students in groups do a civic-engagement activity of their own design.

AMS 3930: Jazz and Civil Rights

This course will look at jazz and its history through the ways it shaped and was shaped by racial thinking. In particular, we will consider how jazz came to signify different conceptions of blackness and whiteness. We will combine a close-understanding of jazz musical practices—its unique artistry—with the social meanings that circulated.

AMS 4930: Burlesque

From ancient Greece to the British Blonde's arrival in New York in 1868, the art and history of burlesque has experienced many iterations that have evolved and influenced different forms of American entertainment. In this course, students will explore the roots of burlesque, prominent types of burlesque, key burlesque performers, and how burlesque has influenced American entertainment today.

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FIL 4870: Film, Sound, Music

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HUM 2250: The Twentieth Century (Online)

Analyses of selected works of twentieth century art, including films, paintings, music, and literature, in the context of major political, social, and economic events, such as war, depression, totalitarianism, and technological change.

HUM 2593: Science in Cultural Context (Online)

This course is an introduction to science studies, where students will engage with scientific texts and consider their production from a variety of historical, philosophical, and cultural views.

HUM 3231: The Renaissance

An examination of the arts of the Renaissance, focusing on primary texts and images. Themes include humanism, the revival of antiquity, the concept of the individual, the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, and the impact of New World explorations.

HUM 3241: The Arts in Dante's Italy (Online)

The culture of medieval Italy represents the wide diversity of the European Middle Ages, a world both strange and familiar. Topics are drawn from art, literature, religion, and history.

HUM 3557: Jews, Christians, Muslims / Medieval Light on Modern Issues (Online)

This course examines relations among Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Medieval Europe and the Middle East to understand the relevance of that history today.

HUM 3804: Cultural Studies Theory and Method

This course acquaints students with the most important theories and methods in the field of cultural studies, such as semiotics, feminist and postcolonial theory, affect theory, and phenomenology.

HUM 4391: Culture & Postcolonialism in South & Southeast Asia

This course invites students to explore and cultivate a critical understanding of the complexities of history, the interplay between colonizer and colonized, nuances of power struggle, and colonial processes of forging national identities. Through a diverse range of art forms from South Asia, including music, dance, literature, and film, we examine the colonial past of south and southeast Asia and the intricacies of postcolonial realities.

HUM 4890: Animation History and Theory

This course critically explores animated media around the world from the late-nineteenth century until the

present. Taking seriously animation's status as a distinctly abstract process, we raise fundamental and often unexamined questions about movement, color, rhythm, space, time, collectivity, race, gender, sexuality, nationality, politics, economics, computation, colonialism, and ecology.

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Students are introduced to key concepts and techniques of Film Studies, including the history of film; an examination of film genres; an overview of foreign cinema; and the study of issues of class, race, gender, and sexuality.

FIL 4052: The Hollywood Blockbuster (Summer B)

This course surveys the technological, aesthetic and social significance of the New Hollywood blockbuster from its emergence in the 1970's until the present day. Linking aesthetic shifts in American moving images to broader transformations in political economy, the course traces the historical transformation of screen action from the ethereal "dream factory" of pre-1960s cinema to the impact-driven "thrill ride" of the post-1970s blockbuster.

HUM 1020: Introduction to the Humanities (Summer A and B – Online)

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HUM 2250: The Twentieth Century (Summer B – Online)

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AMS 2030: Introduction to American Studies

An overview of American Studies, the interdisciplinary study of American culture. Analysis of the arts and literature, including music; social issues; popular culture; material culture; cultural diversity; and social change.

AMS/HUM 3930: Race & Representation in U.S. Theatre: From Minstrelsy to Hamilton

This course explores how and why race is a key component in theatre and performance from U.S. minstrel shows ... to the present day. [W]e will read and discuss an array of plays to examine how performances of race and ethnicity structure the American theatre aesthetic. We will consider how the history of race and racialized performance (re)appear ... in theatre and performance today and question the performance of race in everyday life.

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FIL 4831: Black American Cinema

This course provides students with the historical and intellectual grounds of cinema made by Black Americans. [W]e'll cover a broad variety of cinema, moving from the birth of cinema all the way into web series and digital video installations.

FIL 3077: Contemporary Film & New Media

Offering an advanced introduction to global motion picture practice after 1959, this course explores the aesthetics of film and new media across various genres, movements, and national contexts.

HUM 2250: Studies in Culture: The Twentieth Century

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HUM 4391: Plato's Symposium

Studies in medieval philosophies, visual arts, music, literature, and architecture and their inter-relationships.

HUM 4582: Film Auteurs

Surveys the contributions to American culture of major films from the perspectives of genres and styles, critical methodologies and theories. Variable topics such as: region, subject, or period of time.

HUM 4825: Fight the Power

Focuses on the relationships between social power and individual or group identity. Emphasizes how discourses on race, class, gender, and/or nationality construct individual subjectivity and imagined communities. Topic varies.

HUM 3930: Film Noir and the Western

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HUM 4890: Bollywood Cinema—Nation Modern

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HUM 2230: Renaissance—20th Century

This course will discuss and analyze aspects of Western European culture (as well as various other cultures) from the Renaissance to the 20th Century, exploring various kinds of cultural products. We will focus not only on the artworks themselves, but upon their social, political, and economic context.

HUM 2273: Asia, Colonialism, Film

This course looks at interactions between Asia and the West by focusing on the most important and controversial aspects of this historical interaction: the creation, expansion, and resistance to colonial regimes. The goal of this class is to use the power of four feature films ... as a vehicle to explore how colonialism varied in different places and times, how it operated in everyday life, and the different impacts it had on both colonized and colonizer.

FIL 3052: Foundations of Film & New Media: Film History I (1888-1960)

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FIL 4308: Documentary & Experimental Film

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HUM 4824: Representing Trauma and Disability

This course will focus on empathy, trauma, and disability with a particular focus on arts, culture, representation, and mediation. My main focus is to introduce you to the main theoretical sources and debates in each field. In focusing on representation (be it literary, visual, or auditory), there are overlapping questions, such as: How are audiences meant to relate to representations of others' bodies? For this reason, the issue of empathy will work as a frame for the work we do in this class.

HUM 4890: Genres and Media: Ancient Epics

I comment on why we read the ancient Greek and Roman epics today. I discuss our goals and our methods of analysis and interpretation, the bigger questions and issues we address, and how we connect the different works we read.

AMS/HUM 4930: Aging & Theatre Performance

This course takes a humanities-oriented examination of cultural representations of women and age/aging within the social and historical contexts of race, class, gender, and sexuality, including literature, mass media, and popular culture.

Fall 2022**HUM 3557: Jews, Christians, Muslims: Medieval Light on Modern Issues**

To understand relations among medieval Jews, Christians, and Muslims and their modern legacy, we examine how sacred texts defined their relationships, how rival faiths and believers were portrayed; and how communities interacted in harmony or conflict.

HUM 3241: Central/Medieval/Gothic Europe: The Arts in Dante's Italy

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HUM 4890: Screening the Holocaust

This course will survey ways in which the history and story of the Holocaust is conveyed through film. In this course we will analyze the properties of cinematic language, reconstruct socio-historical and psychological formation of memory and imagination, and question our own reception of films. We will examine aesthetic and philosophical controversies surrounding these representations as well as analyze the narrative and editing strategies filmmakers use to relate collective history and individual trauma.

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HUM 3240: The Early Middle Ages: Early Christian Cultures

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FIL 4883: Media, Ecology, & the Moving Image

This class explores meetings between media and ecology in moving-image culture that organize novel encounters among places, people, and things.

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HUM 3237: The Seventeenth Century

An examination of the development of the art and culture of the Baroque Period, roughly the 17th century, focusing on primary texts and images. Themes will include mysticism, sensuality, rationalism, science, absolutism, and liberty.

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THE 2000: Theatre and Culture

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HUM 3241: Central Medieval and Gothic Europe: The Arts in Dante's Italy

In this course, we will explore the paradoxes of medieval Italy by analyzing a wide variety of literary and religious texts, historical documents, and works of art and architecture from an interdisciplinary perspective. Throughout the course, assigned readings and course materials will provide a foundation of knowledge about medieval Italian culture, society, politics, and religion. The discussion forums will help you apply this knowledge to develop skills in analysis and interpretation of cultural texts, documents, and works of art.

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HUM 4931: Culture and Nationalism

Seminar focuses on the writing of a substantial research paper in the humanities. Topic varies.

HUM 4890: Movie Musical

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HUM 4938: Renaissance Men

The study of an important topical issue in the Humanities. Materials representing diverse views relating to that issue will be read, and works of art in different media that have relevance to the debate will be studied. Topic varies.

HUM 493: Ethics and Film

This course examines contemporary ethical problems and their representation in film.

Fall 2019

AMS 4804: Digital Media & American Society

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HUM 4940: Enduring Questions in American Culture

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HUM 4464: Modern Latin American Culture

Analysis of selected Latin American works of art in their cultural context, with emphasis on the period since the time of independence. The course will focus on a particular historical, geographical, or thematic topic within that period.

HUM 4890: Genres and Media

This course focuses on a particular aesthetic genre or medium. Emphasis is on close readings of generic paradigms and how these shape social ideas and identities. Topic varies.

HUM 4890: Genres and Media: Bollywood Film

This course focuses on a particular aesthetic genre or media. Emphasis is on close readings of the media or genre in question, and on how media or generic paradigms shape ideas and identities. Topic varies.

HUM 4824: Feminist Theory and Cultural Practice

Focuses on a critical issue in cultural theory. Students will delve into an issue central to cultural study and develop their ability to apply cultural theory to the analysis of cultural forms. Topic varies.

Summer 2019**HUM 1020: Introduction to the Humanities (Online & F2F)**

This course introduces students to interdisciplinary cultural studies by looking at different art forms and how they have been shaped by their various social contexts.

HUM 2250: The Twentieth Century

Analyses of selected works of twentieth century art, including films, paintings, music, and literature, in the context of major political, social, and economic events, such as war, depression, totalitarianism, and technological change.

HUM 2593: Science in Cultural Context (Online)

This course is an introduction to science studies, where students will engage with scientific texts and consider their production from a variety of historical, philosophical, and cultural views.

FIL 4308: Documentary & Experimental Film

This course rethinks conventional oppositions between experimental and documentary cinema by exploring their aesthetics, histories, and dominant theories.

Spring 2019

AMS 4804: Ethics of Food Production

This class has two main goals: first, to increase your familiarity with some of American culture's most marked characteristics in the twentieth century, exposing you to people, art, and ideas that set the terms for some of the century's most significant debates; and second, to increase your comfort exploring and adding to the insights and methodologies of scholars of the twentieth century.

FIL 3077: Contemporary Film & New Media

Offering an advanced introduction to global motion picture practice after 1959, this course explores the aesthetics of film and new media across various genres, movements, and national contexts.

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HUM 3240: The Early Middle Ages: Early Christian Cultures

This course examines early Christianity as a religious, social, and cultural phenomenon. Topics include new literary and artistic forms; religious conversion; and Christian ideals martyrdom, virginity, monasticism, and sainthood.

HUM 3241: The Enlightenment

This is a course on the European Enlightenment, a complex cultural phenomenon of the 18th century. We shall explore this idea of Enlightenment through various readings from philosophy, science, politics, and elsewhere, in the hopes of not just understanding the history and meaning of this concept, but also how this idea might inform current ideas and debates.

HUM 3309: Introduction to Food Studies

An experiential course addressing historical and contemporary relationships between people and the food they produce/consume, focusing on the impact of industrialization through examination of visual arts, literature, and popular culture texts.

HUM 4261: Cultural Periods and Styles

Focuses on the relationship between a particular historical period and the cultural forms characteristic of it. An interdisciplinary examination of cultural texts as responding to social and political issues of the day. Topic varies.

HUM 4391: The World on Dante's Inferno

Focuses on relationships between geographical location and cultural dynamics. Emphases include the roles of natural environments, core-periphery relations, and local identities in the development of cultural practices. Topic varies.

HUM 4824: Issues in Cultural Theory

Focuses on a critical issue in cultural theory. Students will delve into an issue central to cultural study and develop their ability to apply cultural theory to the analysis of cultural forms. Topic varies.

FIL 4831: Black American Cinema

This course provides students with the historical and intellectual grounds of cinema made by Black Americans. [W]e'll cover a broad variety of cinema, moving from the birth of cinema all the way into web series and digital video installations.

FIL 4052: The Hollywood Blockbuster

This course surveys the technological, aesthetic and social significance of the New Hollywood blockbuster from its emergence in the 1970's until the present day. Linking aesthetic shifts in American moving images to broader transformations in political economy, the course traces the historical transformation of screen action from the ethereal "dream factory" of pre-1960s cinema to the impact-driven "thrill ride" of the post-1970s blockbuster.

HUM 3557: Jews, Christians, Muslims: Medieval Light on Modern Issues

To understand relations among medieval Jews, Christians, and Muslims and their modern legacy, we examine how sacred texts defined their relationships, how rival faiths and believers were portrayed; and how communities interacted in harmony or conflict.

FIL 4808: Ethics and Film

This course examines contemporary ethical problems and their representation in film.

