Film and Media Studies

http://krieger.jhu.edu/film-media/index.html

Film and Media Studies is an undergraduate program incorporating courses in film history, aesthetics, and theory; theory and practice in television, popular culture, and new media; and all aspects of 16mm film and digital video production: screenwriting, animation, narrative, documentary, and experimental film. Our mission is to give our students comprehensive preparation in film and media, enabling them to realize their scholarly and professional goals by offering excellent instruction in small classes, intensive hands-on experience, and individual mentoring. In addition, we encourage students to take a broad range of courses in the arts and humanities, in the belief that their creativity will be informed by a deep knowledge of history, the arts, and culture. Upon graduation, many of our students pursue careers in the film and media industry, or attend graduate film school before entering the profession. Others pursue careers in a wide variety of professions, including music or drama, journalism, entertainment law, or business.

Requirements for the B.A. Degree

(See also Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/undergrad-students/academic-policies/requirements-for-a-bachelors-degree).)

These requirements apply to students entering the Film and Media Studies Program in Fall 2016 and beyond.

The major in film and media studies is designed to enable students to understand the history of film and media forms, to think critically about them, and to gain hands-on experience in how they are made.

Majors participate in the Johns Hopkins Film Society, including the planning and organization of regular film series and the Hopkins Film Festival; Hopkins Cinematics, our student-run film blog; and apply for a filmmaking grant through the FMS student-run production group Studio North. Students are encouraged to pursue a variety of internship opportunities in the film and media industries.

In addition to core required courses, each student must complete either a critical studies or production track for the major. All courses applied toward the major must be taken for a letter grade and a grade of C- or better must be earned. The following courses are required for completion of the film and media studies major:

Core Required Courses

- AS.061.140 Introduction to Cinema, 1892-1941 3
- AS.061.141 Introduction to Cinema, 1941-present 3
- One writing course: 3
  - AS.060.113 Expository Writing 3
  - AS.060.114 Expository Writing 3
  - AS.060.100 Introduction to Expository Writing 3
  - AS.061.226 Special Topics: Writing About Film 3
- AS.360.133 Freshman Seminar: Great Books at Hopkins 3
- Foreign language (two semesters at elements level or demonstrated proficiency equivalent to one year of elements) 6-9

Completion of Critical Studies or Production Track

Critical Studies Track

One (1) of the following introductory production/visual theory courses:

- AS.061.145 Introduction to Visual Language 3
- AS.061.150 Introduction to Film Production: Rediscovering Early Cinema 3
- AS.061.152 Introduction to Digital Video Production 3

Two (2) 200-level critical studies film courses (POS tag FILM-CRITST) 6

Four (4) 200-300 level screenwriting course (including, but may not be limited to):

- AS.061.314 Sketching the Scene: Image as Narrative Tool 3
- AS.061.270 Writing for the Screen 3
- AS.061.416 Characters for the Screenplay 3
- AS.220.204 Introduction to Dramatic Writing: Film 3
- AS.061.305 Introduction to Dramatic Writing: Film 3
- AS.220.337 Intermediate Dramatic Writing: Film 3

Intermediate Film Production or Intermediate Digital Video Production course (note: the prerequisite for Intermediate Film Production is AS.061.150) 3

One (1) Advanced Film Production Course:

- AS.061.301 Advanced Film Production: The mongrel film 3
- AS.061.356 Narrative Productions 3
- AS.061.440 Senior Capstone Project: Production 3

Production Track

Two of the following:

- AS.061.145 Introduction to Visual Language 3
- AS.061.150 Introduction to Film Production: Rediscovering Early Cinema 3
- AS.061.152 Introduction to Digital Video Production 3

One (1) 200-level critical studies film course (POS tag FILM-CRITST) 3

Intermediate Film Production or Intermediate Digital Video Production course (note: the prerequisite for Intermediate Film Production is AS.061.150) 3

One (1) 200-300 level screenwriting course (including, but may not be limited to):

- AS.061.314 Sketching the Scene: Image as Narrative Tool 3
- AS.061.270 Writing for the Screen 3
- AS.061.416 Characters for the Screenplay 3
- AS.220.204 Introduction to Dramatic Writing: Film 3
- AS.061.305 Introduction to Dramatic Writing: Film 3
- AS.220.337 Intermediate Dramatic Writing: Film 3

Intermediate Film Production or Intermediate Digital Video Production course (note: the prerequisite for Intermediate Film Production is AS.061.150) 3

Film and Media Studies Minor

Students pursuing the minor selects either the critical studies or production track. All courses applied toward the minor must be taken for a letter grade and a grade of C- or better must be earned. The minor requirements are as follows:

Critical Studies Track

- AS.061.140 Introduction to Cinema, 1892-1941 3
- AS.061.141 Introduction to Cinema, 1941-present 3
- AS.061.145 Introduction to Visual Language 3

One (1) 200-level course in the program 3

Four (4) 300-level courses. Only one cross-listed course may count toward this requirement. Note: Students are strongly encouraged to take one course focusing on cinema outside the United States.
Production Track
AS.061.140  Introduction to Cinema, 1892-1941  3
or AS.061.141  Introduction to Cinema, 1941-present
One (1) 200-level critical studies film course  3
Three (3) 300-level critical studies film courses (only one cross-listed course may count toward this requirement)  9
One introductory film production course:  3
AS.061.150  Introduction to Film Production: Rediscovering Early Cinema 3
AS.061.152  Introduction to Digital Video Production
One intermediate film production course or a screenwriting course at the 200-300 level  3
One advanced film production course:  3
AS.061.301  Advanced Film Production: The mongrel film 3
AS.061.356  Narrative Productions

Sample Program
A typical program might include the following sequence of courses. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their faculty adviser before each registration period to make sure they are on track to meet all requirements.

Critical Studies Track  
Freshman
Fall
AS.061.140  Introduction to Cinema, 1892-1941  3
AS.061.141  Introduction to Cinema, 1941-present 3
One Expository Writing Class  3
One Foreign Language  3

Sophomore
Fall
Two 200-level Critical Studies Film Courses  6
Two 300- or 400-level Critical Studies Film Courses 6

Junior
Fall
Two 300- or 400-level Critical Studies Film Courses  6
Two 300- or 400-level Critical Studies Film Courses 6

Senior
Fall
One 300- or 400-level Critical Studies Film Course  3
AS.061.440  Senior Capstone Project: Production 3.00

Total Credits: 48

Production Track  
Freshman
Fall
AS.061.140  Introduction to Cinema, 1892-1941  3
AS.061.141  Introduction to Cinema, 1941-present 3
One Expository Writing Course  3
One Foreign Language  3

Sophomore
Fall
One 200-level Critical Studies Film Course  3
One 300- or 400-level Critical Studies Film Course 3
One 200- or 300-level Screenwriting Course  3
Production or Intermediate Digital Video Production Course 3

Junior
Fall
One 300- or 400-level Critical Studies Film Course  3
One 300- or 400-level Critical Studies Film Course 3
Advanced Film Production or Narrative Productions 3

Senior
Fall
One 300- or 400-level Critical Studies Film Course  3
AS.061.440  Senior Capstone Project: Production 3.00

Total Credits: 48

For current faculty and contact information go to http://krieger.jhu.edu/film-media/directory/

Faculty
Director
Linda DeLibero  
(Film and Media Studies): American film, film history, cultural criticism

Lecturers
Lucy Bucknell  
Senior Lecturer: literature and film, film genres, screenwriting, American film

Roberto Buso-Garcia  
Lecturer: screenwriting, Latin American film

Thomas Dolby  
Professor of the Arts: sound design, film composition

John Mann  
Senior Lecturer: film production, documentary film theory, experimental film

Laura Mason  
Senior Lecturer (Film and Media Studies; History): history and film, cultural history and media, French film

Matthew Porterfield
Lecturer: film production, screenwriting

Jimmy Joe Roche
Adjunct Lecturer: digital video production

Meredith Ward
Lecturer: film theory, media studies, popular culture theory, film history

Karen Yasinsky
Lecturer: stop-motion and drawing animation, experimental film and video, visual theory

Affiliated Faculty
Anne Eakin Moss
Assistant Professor, Humanities Center

Hollis Robbins
Chair, Peabody Department of Humanities, Director, Center for Africana Studies

Suzanne Roos
Senior Lecturer, Coordinator, Intermediate French

Professor Emeritus
Richard A. Macksey
Professor, Humanities Center

For current course information and registration go to https://sis.jhu.edu/classes/

Courses

AS.061.140. Introduction to Cinema, 1892-1941. 3.00 Credits.
This course teaches students the fundamentals of film analysis and leads them through the first half of our first century of movies. We will focus on the basic elements of film form, as well as their manipulation and use in films across the globe from the turn of the century until the start of World War II. Movements discussed include the silent comedy of Charles Chaplin and Buster Keaton, German Expressionism, Surrealism, Soviet Montage, French poetic realism, Pre-Production Code cinema, and, of course, classical Hollywood. Screenings are required for this course. Students must attend only one of the two screenings. Screenings will almost always be under two hours. Lab fee: $50
Instructor(s): L. DeLibero
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.141. Introduction to Cinema, 1941-present. 3.00 Credits.
Introduction to Cinema provides an overview of American and international cinema from the post World War II era to the present. Through lectures and discussion, weekly screenings, and intensive visual analysis of individual films, we will explore the aesthetic, cultural, political, and economic forces that have shaped the art and industry of film over the past 70 years. Regular quizzes, writing assignments, class participation required. Mandatory film screenings.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.145. Introduction to Visual Language. 3.00 Credits.
This course is a study of the visual language used to create a moving picture. Through screenings and discussion of films, videos, and related readings, students will develop a visual critical facility and will demonstrate this facility in weekly response papers to screenings and a final independent video project. The course will focus on image construction, including composition, framing, movement inside the frame and use of light. Students will learn to be attentive to rhythm and tempo in picture editing and sound. In-class video assignments included, which students will work on in small groups of three. Lab fee: $50
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.147. Introduction to Latin American Cinema. 3.00 Credits.
An introductory overview of the evolution of narrative feature filmmaking in Latin America, with an emphasis on comparing and contrasting myriad technical approaches to visual storytelling in different countries and eras. We address form and content, issues of identity, and politics and aesthetics. We will also discuss the influence, effect and dialogue between the films, their historical contexts and among each other. Filmmakers discussed include Cuaron, Martel, Silva, Alonso, Del Toro, Gutierrez Alea, Reygadas, Salles, Subiela, Babenco, Sorin and Buñuel, among others. Co-listed with Program in Latin American Studies
AS.361.147. Film screenings on T 7:30-10:00 PM are mandatory. $40 lab fee.
Instructor(s): R. Buso-garcia.

AS.061.149. Movies We Love. 3.00 Credits.
Designed for non-majors, this course introduces students to some of the world’s great films. Through lectures and screenings scheduled at the Charles Theater or on Homewood campus, faculty from Film and Media Studies and other disciplines will present films they find uniquely significant and explore what makes them great. Lectures will take place in the state-of-the-art screening room at the new Film Center in Station North, a five-minute ride from Homewood on the JHU Shuttle.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.150. Introduction to Film Production: Rediscovering Early Cinema. 3.00 Credits.
This course introduces students to basic considerations of shooting 16mm film. Through lectures and practice, the course approaches the basics of light meter readings, basic camera operations and shot composition. The course also highlights specific readings from classical film theory to augment weekly shooting exercises. Each week students, working in groups, shoot film exercises, providing a general overview of film production. For the final project, each group shoots and edits (physical edits) a short (3-5 minutes) film on 16mm black and white reversal film stock. Lab fee: $200
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities.
AS.061.152. Introduction to Digital Video Production. 3.00 Credits.
This course introduces students to the world of digital filmmaking. Through screenings, production assignments, and in-class labs, students will develop proficiency in digital cameras, sound recording devices, and software. Students will work individually and in groups to produce several video projects. For their final projects students will pitch an idea and develop a more complex film. Lab fee: $100
Instructor(s): J. Roche
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.158. Lights, Camera, Action: David Lynch. 1.00 Credit.
An introduction to the basics of film analysis, through the work of contemporary American film and television director David Lynch. Though essentially cinematic, Lynch’s mystical, dreamlike style, as evidenced by movies like Wild at Heart, Blue Velvet, Mulholland Drive, and Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me, invites a multitude of entry points for discourse. Short weekly written responses, in-class screenings, and emphasis on discussion over lecture. No prior experience in film required.
Instructor(s): M. Rorison
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.159. Lights, Camera, Action: Hitchcock. 1.00 Credit.
An introduction to the basics of film analysis, focusing on the work of the Master of Suspense, Alfred Hitchcock. Short weekly written responses, in-class screenings, and emphasis on discussion over lecture. No prior experience in film studies required. This one-credit course will meet on Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, and Oct. 12 and will be graded pass/fail.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell; L. DeLibero
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.161. Introduction to Short Film Making. 3.00 Credits.
In this introductory course, students will create short films using digital camera equipment, sound recording devices and the film editing software program, PremierePro. We will watch a variety of films in class; hold readings and discussions based on assigned text, take technical workshops on sound, lighting and hold a short workshop on 16mm film. We will study the history of filmmaking, with a strong focus on the avant-garde and experimental genres. We will also learn about current movements and trends that have developed throughout the world and have the opportunity to meet with Baltimore filmmakers in class. Students will finish the course with a greater understanding of the lineage of cinema and will have learned a range of techniques to create, experiment and develop their own language of visual storytelling. We will discuss, engage, explore and most of all have fun! No prior experience with film or video required.
Instructor(s): M. Rorison
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.163. Lights, Camera, Action: Screwball Comedy. 1.00 Credit.
An introduction to the basics of film analysis through a sampling of Hollywood screwball comedies from the thirties. In-class screenings and short written assignments. Emphasis on discussion over lecture. No prior experience in film studies required. This one-credit course will meet September 17, 24, October 1 and 8, and be graded pass/fail. Perfect attendance is required.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.165. Lights, Camera, Action: Horror. 1.00 Credit.
An introduction to the basics of film analysis through a sampling of classic horror. In-class screenings and short written assignments. Emphasis on discussion over lecture. No prior experience in film studies required. This 1-credit course will meet September 16, 23, 30, & October 7, and be graded pass/fail. Perfect attendance is required.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell.

AS.061.202. Intermediate Film Production: Personal Essay Film. 3.00 Credits.
In this course students will consider variations of the personal essay film, wherein filmmakers explore their own experiences, both real and imagined. These films constitute dialogues between filmmaker and world using subjective approaches, including but not limited to first person narration. Students will make a short (4-6 minutes) 16mm film from original and possibly archival footage; their own filmic essays based upon personal experiences. We will look at the works of several essay filmmakers including Ross McElwee, Jean Luc Godard, Chris Marker, and Su Friedrich.
Prerequisites: AS.061.150[C]
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.203. American Contemporary Classics. 3.00 Credits.
An introduction to the basics of film analysis through the close examination of notable American films from 1980 to the present, including works by Woody Allen, the Coen Brothers, Courtney Hunt, Spike Lee, and Martin Scorsese. No prior experience in film studies required. In-class screenings and emphasis on discussion over lecture. Each student will write regular film responses, give an oral presentation, and write a short essay, 8-10pp., with a revision.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities Writing Intensive.
AS.061.204. Intermediate Digital Film Production. 3.00 Credits.
This course is designed to further the filmmaking skills students have begun to develop in previous production courses. Students will acquire a more robust proficiency in directing, editing, and cinematography. During the first part of the semester, students will be presented with several “challenges” designed to allow them to hone their creative vision while also solving problems behind the camera and in editing. The second half of the course will allow each student time to produce a 6 - 12min digital film project that is either narrative, documentary, or experimental.
Prerequisites: AS.061.145 OR AS.061.150 OR AS.061.152
Instructor(s): J. Roche
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.205. Introduction to Dramatic Writing: Film. 3.00 Credits.
In this course we will explore the basic principles of visual storytelling in narrative film as they apply to the design and execution of a screenplay. During the course of the semester, each student will work on different writing exercises while they search for their specific story and the best way to approach it. We will study different narrative tools and methods of screenwriting by analyzing films to ascertain how they work or fail to do so at script level. Through in-class critiques, group discussions and one-on-one sessions, students will apply these techniques to their own work as they undergo the process of designing, breaking down, outlining and writing a screenplay for a short film. In-class analysis and debate on the strengths and challenges posed by the students’ work will help shape the thematic emphasis of the second half of the course.
Instructor(s): R. Wolfson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.208. Special Topics) Experimental Video. 3.00 Credits.
This course has been modified to fall under the FMS major’s special topics 200-level requirement. An introduction to experimental video from the 1960s to present. Understanding experimental as an operative to change existing forms of video using aesthetic and ideological innovation. With four video projects. Lab fee: $40
Prerequisites: AS.061.145 OR AS.061.150
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.209. Special Topics: Surrealism and Film. 3.00 Credits.
We will define Surrealism through readings, including those of Andre Breton and Rene Daumal and texts that influenced the movement in the early part of the 20th c. Using an understanding of the practice of surrealism found in the readings as well as surrealist games and writing, we’ll study a diverse group of filmmakers influenced by the practice including Joseph Cornell, Rene Clair, Luis Bunuel and contemporary artists such as Jack Chambers and David Lynch. Assignments include weekly papers and one final creative project. Lab fee: $40
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.211. Intermediate Film Production: First Person/Third Person Essay Film. 3.00 Credits.
Each student shoots an essay film (16mm color and/or black and white) written either in first person or third person, or perhaps, both. The third person essay incorporates the ideas of various authors while the first person film is written chiefly from personal experience. Each film should run between 4-8 minutes. Lab Fee: $200. This course satisfies the Intermediate Film Production requirement.
Prerequisites: AS.061.150
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.219. Special Topics: Animation Workshop. 3.00 Credits.
Students will produce several animations using hand-made techniques, including drawing animation, paper puppets and stop-motion. Screenings and readings will provide a historical and conceptual context to the exploration of animation as an experimental technique within both narrative and non-narrative works.
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.220. Special Topics: Silent Classics. 3.00 Credits.
A survey of silent era masterpieces. From Murnau’s horror film Nosferatu to Keaton’s slapstick comedy Sherlock Jr to Dreyer’s great tragedy The Passion of Joan of Arc, these are films of exceptional beauty and artistry. Chaplin, Eisenstein, von Sternberg, and others also considered. Recommended course background: AS.061.140 or AS.061.141 or AS.061.145. Lab Fee: $90. Counts toward 200-Level critical studies requirement.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.221. Special Topics-Producing the Independent Film. 3.00 Credits.
This class will guide students through the process of producing an independent film in the United States. The chronology of lectures and coursework will follow the lifeline of a project, from conception through financing and development, production, postproduction, marketing, and exhibition. Students will learn how to package and pitch projects, budget and schedule a screenplay, develop a financing plan, supervise production and post-production, and mount a viable festival and distribution strategy. Lab Fee: $40
Prerequisites: AS.061.150 OR AS.061.145 OR AS.061.151 OR AS.061.152
Instructor(s): M. Porterfield.

AS.061.222. Analyzing Popular Culture. 3.00 Credits.
This course provides an introduction to the critical analysis of popular culture through the major theoretical paradigms of media and cultural theory. The teaching method uses a combination of media studies and sociology to explore popular culture and is designed to encourage students to become more active critics. The course presents a range of media from contemporary popular music to film and television. Smaller subjects include the teen pop love song, the politics of representation, and the forming of subcultures.
Instructor(s): M. Ward
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.225. Special Topics: Introduction to Animation. 3.00 Credits.
Students will produce several animations using hand-made, stop-motion techniques, including drawing animation, collage-based and puppet animation. Work will be shot digitally. Screenings and readings will provide a historical and conceptual context.
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.061.226. Special Topics: Writing About Film. 3.00 Credits.
A workshop that focuses on writing critical and analytical essays about
movies recent and classic. Students will write progressively longer and
more complex essays—submitting working drafts and making revisions—and
participate in critiques and discussions of one another’s writings.
Fulfills Film and Media Studies expository writing requirement. Lab Fee:
$50
Instructor(s): L. Mason
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.228. Almost Grown. 3.00 Credits.
An introduction to the basics of film analysis through a survey of
American coming of age films from the mid 20th century to the present.
Attention to questions of race, class, and gender. A variety of genres
considered. No prior experience in film studies required. In-class
screenings and emphasis on discussion over lecture. Each student will
write regular film responses, give an oral presentation, and write a short
essay, 8-10pp., with a revision.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.229. French New Wave. 3.00 Credits.
An exploration of the major films and directors of the French New Wave
that is also designed to help students consolidate their skills in the
analysis of film. The course will examine the origins of the French New
Wave, looking at the directors as critics and as passionate film fans,
along with the institutional and historical context of the films. It will also
ask how the French New Wave changed the process of filmmaking, and
transformed the way we think about the work of the director—inspiring
more vocations in filmmaking than any other movement in cinema
history. Film screenings T 7:30-10:00PM. $40 lab fee.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141 OR PERMISSION OF
INSTRUCTOR
Instructor(s): S. Roos.

AS.061.231. In Others’ Words. 3.00 Credits.
"In Others Words" explores an enigmatic relationship between images
and words. Each student creates a short, 16mm film incorporating their
filmed images with texts written by others (fiction and non-fiction).
Guided by the notion of collage, these films become a new form of
documentary, bringing together seemingly disparate elements to
reconfigure our ways of seeing. Drawing from the photo-text works of
Wright Morris and C.D.Wright’s poetry, the course adheres to Paul Virilio’s
suggestion: “sometimes the best way to see better is to look differently.
This is not about B roll. $125 lab fee.
Prerequisites: AS.061.150
Instructor(s): J. Mann.

AS.061.232. Intermediate Video: Dreams, Psychosis, and Altered States
in Cinema. 3.00 Credits.
In this production course, students will create multiple video projects
that reflect the representation of dreams, psychosis, and altered states in
cinema. We will screen and deconstruct a variety of feature films, video
artworks, and music videos to understand the mechanics and language
of subjective realism as a narrative form. We will trace this stylistic
lineage from its roots in art house cinema to its rise as an accepted
Hollywood modality. We will also explore editing and software techniques
that will further students’ ability to create stunning works of strange
beauty. Basic proficiency with digital cameras and editing is required. This
class fulfills the intermediate film production requirement.
Instructor(s): J. Roche
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.242. Teens On Screen. 3.00 Credits.
This course will explore changing representations of adolescence in
films from the 1950s to today across a range of mainstream Hollywood,
independent, and international films. We’ll examine how this dynamic and
understood genre shapes and reshapes perceptions of youth, and
we’ll discuss the frank and sometimes explosive ways teen films address
difficult questions of race, class and sexual identity, often in the guise of
“pure” entertainment. Recommended Course Background: Introduction to
Cinema I or Introduction to Cinema II, or permission of instructor.
Instructor(s): L. DeLibero
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.244. Film Genres. 3.00 Credits.
$40 lab fee A survey of American genres: the Western, the Gangster Film,
Science Fiction, Horror, Comedy, Melodrama, and others. Twice-weekly
screenings. Short film responses and a final paper, 10pp.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.245. Introduction to Film Theory. 3.00 Credits.
This course offers an introduction to the major paradigms of film theory,
with work ranging from Sergei Eisenstein to Andre Bazin. Frequent film
screenings are designed to help illustrate film theory concepts. Designed
around one operative question, “What is cinema?” the course explores
the varied and divergent answers provided by the great thinkers of the
cinema in the past century. Students are expected to enter the course
ready to engage in discussion. Film screenings W 7:30-10:00 PM.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141
Instructor(s): M. Ward
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.248. American Masterpieces. 3.00 Credits.
An introduction to Hollywood cinema and the basics of film analysis
through the close reading of selected 20th century American classics
including Citizen Kane, On the Waterfront, Annie Hall, and others.
Emphasis on discussion over lecture. Several short film responses and
an essay with optional revision.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.249. Film History: Sound and Scores. 3.00 Credits.
This course will explore the history of film sound from the silent film
era to the present day, examining the narrative and aesthetic purpose
as well as the functionality of film music. The course will trace the
history and development of film music and the process of film scoring
through reading, lecture, and film viewing to explore how music and its
relationship to film has changed over the last century. Class includes
discussion and evaluation of different compositional styles and their
purposes. $40 lab fee.
Instructor(s): H. Robbins; T. Dolby

AS.061.252. School Daze. 3.00 Credits.
Teen angst and togas in comedies of American youth from The
Graduate to Animal House to Lost in Translation. Course will provide
an introduction to the basics of film analysis with an emphasis on
discussion over lecture. Several short film responses and an essay with
optional revision. No prior experience in the subject required.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell; L. DeLibero
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.061.254. Watching the Detectives. 3.00 Credits.
Films of surveillance and detection from the Humphrey Bogart/Howard Hawks classic The Big Sleep, to Polanski’s Chinatown with Jack Nicholson, and David Simon’s HBO series The Wire. The course will offer an introduction to the basics of film analysis. No prior experience in film studies required. In-class screenings and emphasis on discussion over lecture. Each student will write regular film responses, give an oral presentation, and write a short essay, 8-10pp., with an optional revision. Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.263. Poetry and the Moving Image. 3.00 Credits.
Using P. Adams Sitney’s text: The Cinema of Poetry, this course will explore the relationship between poetry and the moving image. When experimental film began to define itself in the 1950s and 60s the terms cine-poem and film-poem were ubiquitous as identifying avant-garde cinema. Poetic structures in the moving image will be studied in relation to language, images and formation of meaning. Students will independently research a poet who greatly inspired and influenced a filmmaker/moving image artist and write on that filmmaker’s work. One moving image project will be undertaken and completed during the semester as well. Weekly assignments will include screenings, reading, writing, and or video work.
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.270. Writing for the Screen. 3.00 Credits.
An Introduction to dramatic writing for film. Weekly film screenings. Several short, written exercises in story, scene, and character design, and a final complete script for a short film. AS.061.148 Storytelling for Film and Fiction or Introduction to Film and Poetry strongly recommended. This course is the equivalent to AS.061.205 Introduction to Dramatic Writing.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.271. ‘Inside Station North’ TV/Webcast Show. 3.00 Credits.
Students will create a series of short episodes for a TV magazine show about the Station North Arts District surrounding the Film Centre. The pilot for this series was made by students of JHU and MICA in Spring 2016. You will be part of a small crew interviewing its resident artists and musicians, and covering local performances and events. You will get hand-on experience with background research, writing, liaison, shoot planning, operation of camera and sound equipment, and editing. You will also be involved in the marketing of the show, and broadcasting it via the internet or with the help of networks and distribution partners. A number of guest instructors from different professional fields will be on hand to help during classes. [NOTE: much of the activity around this class takes place outside of Friday class hours. There is online correspondence all week about research, planning and editing. You will need to have most of your Fridays completely free, and shoots may run late into the evening. You will need to organize some of your own transportation and food and drink. There are JHU and MICA shuttles to and from Station North; it is a relatively safe neighborhood, and you will generally be in a group, but you need to be aware of the risk of walking around late at night with valuable equipment!] Lab fee: $100
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR (AS.061.141 AND AS.061.152)
Instructor(s): T. Dolby
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.301. Advanced Film Production: The mongrel film. 3.00 Credits.
In this course, each student is responsible for the design and production of a short 16mm film. The film may be shot on color and/or black and white negative stock. The format is Super 16mm. The film may include sync and/or non-sync sound. The idea behind the “mongrel” film is for the student to incorporate a variety of genres within this project. These may include stylistic elements typically associated with documentaries, experimental, narrative, animation, and lost and found films. $125 Lab fee
Prerequisites: AS.061.150 AND AS.061.202
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.307. In the City. 3.00 Credits.
Glittering or gritty, rich with opportunity or pestilential to the morals, the health, and the liberties of man: the city in popular film from the silent era to the present. Lab fee: $40
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 AND AS.061.141 or instructor permission
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.308. Experimental Video. 3.00 Credits.
An introduction to experimental video from the 1960s to present. Understanding experimental as an operative to change existing forms of video using aesthetic and ideological innovation. With four video projects. Lab fee: $40. Recommended Course Background: AS.061.145 or AS.061.150
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.313. Story and Character Design: for the Screenplay. 3.00 Credits.
A workshop devoted to developing dimensional characters and compelling, original stories. Weekly screenings, short written exercises, and a longer final project. Weekly screenings M 7:30-10 PM.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.314. Sketching the Scene: Image as Narrative Tool. 3.00 Credits.
In the first half of the semester, students will be presented with prompts from a variety of media – photography, literature, popular music, et al. – intended to stimulate the imagination and spark ideas. These ideas will be explored, cultivated, and mined for their visual information, with emphasis on information that might appear in their filmic representation. In the second half of the semester, students will search independently for cinematic ideas with an eye toward the details of a scene. As students identify scenic elements, their ideas will be developed and carried through the traditional workflow: outline, scenario, and screenplay. At the end of the semester, students will have prepared short scenes ready for pre-production. Lab fee: $40
Instructor(s): M. Porterfield
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.316. Characters for the Screenplay. 3.00 Credits.
A workshop devoted to creating complex characters for the screen. Students will examine memorable film characters from the silent era to the present, with attention to how these characters are revealed through both the drama and the mise en scene. Weekly screenings. Short critical and creative written exercises and a longer, creative final project.
Prerequisites: (AS.061.270 OR AS.220.204 OR AS.220.337) or instructor permission.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.061.323. Masculinities. 3.00 Credits.
Prereq: One Core Course Or Permission From tap dancer to gangster, assassin to anguished teen, versions of the male in film from the silent era to the present. Cross-listed with Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.325. The Westerns of Ford, Leone, & Peckinpah. 3.00 Credits.
A study of three masters – John Ford, Sergio Leone, and Sam Peckinpah – their impact on the genre and on each other. Lab fee: $40
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 or AS.061.141 or Permission
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.328. Gangster Films. 3.00 Credits.
The bad guy as hero from Little Caesar to Goodfellas. Film screenings Th 7:30-10:00 PM, Sun 7:00-9:30 PM. Lab fee: $40.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.335. Monster Films. 3.00 Credits.
$40 and one core course or permission required. Monstrous others and monstrous selves in classic 20th century horror.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141 or permission of instructor is required.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.339. A Cinema Of Anxiety: Film Noir. 3.00 Credits.
Postwar film noir: Fuller, Huston, Lang, Mann, Tourneur, and others.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.341. The Wilderness Within and Without. 3.00 Credits.
Savage landscapes and savage states of mind in films by Ford, Herzog, Boorman, Weir, and others. Lab fee: $50 Counts toward 300 or 400-level critical studies requirement.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.342. Going On the Road: The Road Movie. 3.00 Credits.
This course explores the road film, one of the most popular thematic constructs in American film. Although the journey narrative has its roots in literature, the road film presents a unique variation of stories of wanderlust. Perhaps this is because cinema’s very nature lends itself to the form; the art form entails the creation of space and motion in time. We will follow the road movie from classical cinema to the present, concentrating on its position as a central trope in American mythology but also looking at the ways filmmakers in other cultures have made use of it. Lab fee: $40
Prerequisites: Prereq: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141
Instructor(s): L. DeLibero; M. Ward
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.343. Deadwood and American Justice. 3.00 Credits.
The course aims at generating well-grounded discussion on issues of justice and social fairness in the wilderness of American westward colonization and spoliation. Issues such as the rule of foul language, chattel sex work, grassroots democracy, gun justice, and other basic elements of the American ethos of conquest and populist sovereignty.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.344. The Viewers in the Dark: One Hundred Years of Cinephilia, from Lumiere to Tsai Ming-Liang. 3.00 Credits.
The movies have attracted a devoted following in their first hundred and twenty years. Here, we discuss the act of moviegoing itself, exploring the ways that film fans have traditionally considered themselves in relation to the silver screen, the movie house, and film culture, from the silent era, with its first moments of illuminated wonder at moving pictures, through early cine-clubs in the 1920s and the enthusiastic movements of film critics-turned-filmmakers with the French New Wave in the 1960s, up through the video store boom and bust. How does the way we literally engage with cinema affect the way that we love movies? With our culture now engaging with the rise of the home theater, we consider where we have come from as moviegoers as part of a genealogy of watchers in the dark, and how theorists have positioned themselves as regards the activity. This course also involves a practicum to enable students to think through questions of moviegoing in acts of moviegoing itself, and reflection on the experience. Thinking through how we have felt and thought about movies, we come to some conclusions about both the nature of film art and its most loyal spectator, the cinephile.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141
Instructor(s): M. Ward.

AS.061.352. Media Workshop. 4.00 Credits.
Media Workshop mixes the theory and practice of media-making in a workshop environment that allows upper-level students to hone their craft as filmmakers. Based upon the idea of a creative community, the workshop is an advanced lab designed to give students a place to share ideas, create new work, and receive intensive and supportive critique. Work produced in this class will consist of non-narrative experimental exercises, exploring issues of the image, editing, perception, and sound. Students will read filmmaker-theorists like Sergei Eisenstein, Robert Bresson, Stan Brakhage, Maya Deren and Wim Wenders and will produce creative work inspired by the texts.
Instructor(s): M. Porterfield; M. Ward
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.356. Narrative Productions. 6.00 Credits.
This course is designed to immerse students in the creative and practical challenges of narrative production. It is our hope that you will emerge with a greater understanding of the professional structure of a film crew, as well as with an understanding of the collaborative creativity necessary to make a narrative short. We will work hard, but if you are interested in video, film and filmmaking, we guarantee you will learn a great deal. In this course students will be divided into teams, each of which will produce a short narrative film based upon a script written by a fellow student. All films will be fully student produced. Students will fill all principal roles: scripting, casting, producing, directing, designing, shooting, sound recording, and editing. Throughout the course, instructors will expose students to relevant films and film professionals in order to illuminate the key creative roles necessary in the making of any film. Instructors will serve a guiding role in the production of student projects, offering technical information and advice. Students will be evaluated not only on the films they produce, but also on their ability to create and contribute to the collaborative art of filmmaking. Lab fee: $100
Prerequisites: Prereq: AS.061.152
Instructor(s): M. Porterfield
Area: Humanities.
AS.061.358. Directing Actors. 3.00 Credits.
This class, intended for students of film, will explore the theory, practice, and ethics of directing actors for the screen. Texts, screenings, production, and performance exercises will be combined over the course of the semester. The goal of this workshop is to inspire young directors and enhance their ability to communicate with their cast with confidence and empathy.
Instructor(s): M. Porterfield
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.361. Documentary Film Theory. 3.00 Credits.
Counts toward 300 or 400-level critical studies requirement.
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.362. American & European Experimental Film. 3.00 Credits.
Examines an eclectic group of experimental filmmakers including Stan Brakhage, Trin T. Mihn-ha, Leslie Thornton, and Michael Snow. Includes screenings of filmmakers' works and their writings on the subject.
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.364. The Films of Alfred Hitchcock. 3.00 Credits.
Close examinations of Hitchcock’s films from the Lodger to Frenzy. $40 lab fee.
Instructor(s): L. DeLibero
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.365. The New Hollywood: American Films of the Seventies. 3.00 Credits.
Films of Altman, Peckinpah, Coppola, Penn, Scorsese, and others. Intensive examination of the films and their cultural/political context.
Instructor(s): L. DeLibero
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.369. The 1930s in Jazz, Film, and Poetry. 3.00 Credits.
The 1930s in Jazz, Film, and Poetry will focus on three art forms, jazz, film, and poetry, both separately and in conversation with each other during a decade of political, economic, technological, and cultural upheaval. A decade after the invention of amplifiers and public address systems, advances in sound recording and synchronized sound revolutionized film and recording arts. Jazz musicians, filmmakers, and poets collaborated on innovative and radical projects, often funded by the New Deal Federal Writers Project. Team-taught by faculty in Film and Media Studies, the Department of Jazz (Peabody), and the Center for Africana Studies, this course will bring together students from Peabody and the Krieger School of Arts & Sciences to engage with issues of art, culture, and politics during a turbulent decade.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141
Instructor(s): H. Robbins
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.370. Theorizing Popular Culture. 3.00 Credits.
This course examines popular culture’s role in everyday life, tracing its path from its origins to the present. It explores the aesthetics, politics and theory of cinema, television, popular music and internet culture, as well as the study of subcultures and fandom. The endpoint of the experience is to draw students into a more complex and conscious relationship to the mediascape that surrounds them. It also encourages the cultivation of an active practice of cultural critique. Students will debate issues central to a long history of dealing in popular culture, including the potential dumbing down of mass culture, the use of artistic formulas in the creation of popular works, the celebration of the popular in the notion of popular art, representations of race, gender, and sexuality in media, power and the question of the popular, and the basis of taste in media. It will apply it to a range of media as diverse as films, television programs, the punk and pop movements, and internet phenomena. A background in writing on media is encouraged. Lab fee: $40
Instructor(s): M. Ward
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.371. Unrealities: The Fantastic in Film & Fiction. 3.00 Credits.
The fantastic, the absurd, the blackly comic in films by Cocteau, Hitchcock, and others; and in the short fiction of Barthelme, Cortázar, Hrablal, and others. Several short creative exercises and a longer final project.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.372. French Crime Films, Thrillers, and Noirs. 3.00 Credits.
An exploration of French films about crime with a particular focus on the reciprocal relations between French and American cinema: how did the French tradition of poetic realism influence the American film noir—and why is our name for the genre one invented by French critics? How did French directors respond to American genre movies, and to the films of Hitchcock? Screenings will include films by Melville, Godard, Clément, Clozot, Audiard, and Haneke.
Instructor(s): S. Roos.

AS.061.373. Intermediate Dramatic Writing: Film. 3.00 Credits.
This course will explore different approaches towards understanding the fabric of story as it pertains to film. Students will be exposed to key challenges in conceiving, structuring and executing a compelling, memorable and vibrant feature-length screenplay. By studying key examples, we will discuss possible solutions to these issues. In every class, students will share their work in progress and will help each other find approaches or solutions to their specific challenges and issues. We will analyze films with screenplays that effectively play with the form to create lasting, thought-provoking and affecting stories. Through in-class critiques, group discussions and one-on-one sessions, students will apply new tools and approaches to their own work as they undergo the process of designing, breaking down, outlining and writing a full step outline, a beat sheet and the first ten pages of a feature length screenplay. As the semester progresses, in-class analysis and debate on the strengths and challenges posed by the students’ work will shape the thematic emphasis of each class.
Prerequisites: AS.220.204 OR AS.061.205 OR AS.061.270
Instructor(s): R. Buso-garcia
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.061.374. Kubrick/Malick: The Poetics of Space. 3.00 Credits.
Beyond their balding pates, their notorious reclusiveness, and the relative paucity of their output, Stanley Kubrick and Terrence Malick share a mastery of cinematic space. This course will closely examine selected films from their work, with particular emphasis on their visionary manipulation of the epic vastness and lyrical intimacies of screen space. With this primary concern in mind, we will consider the directors’ engagement with philosophies of history and time, their experiments with narrative and generic conventions, and their enduring fascination with the relationship between the human and natural worlds. Sunday 7:00pm-9:30pm weekly film screenings. $40 lab fee.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141 OR PERMISSION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.
Instructor(s): L. DeLibero
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.375. Surrealism and Film. 3.00 Credits.
We will define Surrealism through primary texts, including those of Andre Breton, Antonin Artaud and Rene Daumal and other works that defined and influenced the movement in the early part of the 20th century. Using an understanding of the practice of surrealism found in the readings, as well as in surrealist games and automatic writing, we’ll study a diverse group of filmmakers influenced by the practice, including Luis Buñuel, Joseph Cornell, Raul Ruiz and contemporary artists such as David Lynch.
Assignments include weekly papers and one final creative project. Weekly film screenings Thursday 7:30-10:00 PM. $50 lab fee. Media, Online
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky.

AS.061.376. Arts and Culture Journalism: Interactive Media, Online Publishing. 3.00 Credits.
Students will participate in the ongoing creation of BmoreArt.com, an online arts and culture publication that serves the Baltimore community. In conjunction with visiting professionals, students will investigate the Baltimore cultural community and create different types of editorial content using interactive media including film, video, sound, and writing. Students will produce creative content utilizing their individual areas of expertise - such as visual art, art history, music, literary arts, film, and theater - while working together as a professional organization. A strong emphasis will be placed on the student’s collaborative participation and creative experimentation. Students with differing backgrounds in media will approach this project from unique perspectives, which will be valued and cultivated. Students with previous experience in journalism are welcome. An introductory writing or film course is suggested as a prerequisite.
Instructor(s): C. Ober
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.377. Automatic Animation. 3.00 Credits.
A hand-made, 2-D animation course based on ideas of automatism. Students will create their own animated movie during the semester. Readings will included Dada and Surrealist texts, poetry and theory of poetics including Eisenstein, Breton, Desnos, P. Adams Sitney and Lyn Hejinian. Weekly film screenings will include Robert Breer, Luther Price, etc. Sounds ideas will be discussed and pursued related to the ideas explored throughout the semester. $125 lab fee.
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky.

AS.061.378. French Cinema of Immigration, Cultural Identity, and Difference. 3.00 Credits.
An exploration of a series of contemporary French films that bear witness to the contemporary reality—crucial to current politics and to the French presidential elections of 2017—of France as a multi-ethnic society and ask essential questions about cultural identity. Is cultural and ethnic identity something that you are born into or is it a role that you elect or perform? How should individuals living today understand their relation to historical injustices? Are there things that we can learn only through relationships with people from other cultures? Screenings include works of Abdellatif Kechiche, Jacques Audiard, Michael Haneke, Mathieu Kassovitz, Claire Denis, the Dardennes. Recommended Course Background: AS.061.140, AS.061.141, or an expository writing course.
Instructor(s): S. Roos
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.379. Audio for Video. 3.00 Credits.
This 3-credit, 300-level class covers all creative and technical aspects of working in Logic X and ProTools to create professional soundtracks for film, video, commercials and games. It will enable filmmakers, composers and recording arts students to learn how to import and synchronize QuickTime video; ‘spot’ a clip; create tempo maps and click tracks, and blend the three key elements of film sound (dialog, music and effects). Classes will be mainly taught with students at individual workstations, though some classes will be held on the soundstage (for miking and live recording techniques) as well as in the recording studio (dubbing and mixing.) Prerequisites: at least one production course (Intro to Film/Video Production, or Recording Arts); plus fluency in either Logic, ProTools, Final Cut or Premier.
Prerequisites: AS.061.150[C], AS.061.152[C], or other introductory film production course; fluency in either Logi, ProTools, Final Cut or Premier.
Instructor(s): T. Dolby.

AS.061.380. Sound on Film. 3.00 Credits.
This 3-credit, upper-level course will offer undergraduates from both JHU and MICA an unprecedented opportunity to collaborate on all aspects of designing soundtracks for film. Utilizing a combination of pre-existing and in-progress pieces, student filmmakers will create soundtracks, from the initial phases of concept, ‘spotting’, and ‘temping’ through to composition and scoring in the final stages of recording, sound syncing and mixing. Students will work in small teams in a lab setting to create their soundtracks, exploring a variety of scenarios, following the post-production process typical of today’s film industry. Lab work will be supplemented by guest lecturer presentations on various aspects—practical, theoretical, and historical—of applying sound to film. Guests may include sound designers and engineers, composers, editors, and filmmakers working in live action, animation, and documentaries. At weekly screenings of classic and contemporary cinematic masterpieces students will analyze the evolving art and craft of the film soundtrack, applying the principals in their lab exercises. Lab fee: $50
Instructor(s): T. Dolby
Area: Humanities.
AS.061.382. Music for Filmmakers. 3.00 Credits.
This 3 credit upper level course will offer film students the opportunity to learn and collaborate on all aspects of designing soundtracks for film. Beginning with an analysis of the purpose and functions of film scores, student filmmakers will take advantage of The Film Centre’s recording studios and ProTools-equipped edit suites, using library music and re-purposed cues to create new ‘temp’ soundtracks for scenes from contemporary films, as well as for their own student films; beginning from the initial stages of conception of a score, ‘spotting’ and ‘temping’ a film, and continuing through production, the composition of scores and sound design, through to the final stages of audio post-production and ‘dub’ or mix. 
Prerequisites: AS..061.145 OR AS.061.150 OR AS.061.152
Instructor(s): T. Dolby
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.388. Cinema Workshop - Cannes Film Festival. 3.00 Credits.
This workshop provides students with access to professional events at the Cannes Film Festival, including screenings, non-competitive programs, tributes, master classes and directors’ showcases. Students are expected to participate in festival events and take an active role in organized discussions, critiques and dialogues. Written and oral assignments. Special Application: Open to JHU Cannes Program participants only.
Instructor(s): L. Mason
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.389. Women Making Movies (Europe). 3.00 Credits.
This course introduces students to some of the most exciting female directors of the 20th century, asking how gender shaped the production and reception of their films. Do particular directors attribute any significance to the fact of being a woman? Does a director’s gender shape her choice of subject or how she represents it? Does wider knowledge of works directed by women change our sense of the canon and authorship? Covers non-U.S. films, strongly encouraged for FMS majors and minors. Cross-listed with WGS. No pre-requisite.
Instructor(s): L. Mason
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.391. Love and Film. 3.00 Credits.
In this course, we explore different understandings of love and the way that film has dealt with the concept as a medium. We explore a variety of approaches to the question of love - from the agapic to the familial to the romantic - through a series of interdisciplinary readings ranging from philosophy to anthropology. We will also equally explore the question of how film has engaged with the question of love as a concept, and what depictions of human affection - from the general to the personal - it has offered us. Screenings are required for this course. $40 Lab fee. Cross-listed with Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality
Instructor(s): M. Ward
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.396. Modern Paris on Film. 3.00 Credits.
This course uses French film to examine the history of twentieth-century Paris. We will consider how filmmakers interpreted the social, political, and technological transformations that shaped Paris in the modern era, treating movies as expressions of change and means by which filmmakers comment on it. Taught in English. Film screenings Monday 7:30-10:00 PM. $40 lab fee
Instructor(s): L. Mason
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.397. French Masculinities. 3.00 Credits.
Examines changing ideals of masculinity in France after 1960 as they found expression on film, rooting the work of iconic stars and directors in their cultural, political and historical contexts.
Instructor(s): L. Mason
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.398. Godard. 3.00 Credits.
An intensive study of the most important films of this seminal and influential director.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 or AS.061.141
Instructor(s): S. Roos
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.399. Stop-Motion Puppet Animation. 3.00 Credits.
Students will create their own stop-motion models (puppets) based on a wire armature model. In small groups, students will design and create a simple set and make a short stop-motion movie using a DSLR camera. The question of why animate will be explored in student projects and responses to screenings. We will study the history of stop-motion puppet animation from Starewicz to Svankmajer to Nick Park.
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141 OR AS.061.150
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.403. Sound on Film II. 3.00 Credits.
This course continues the explorations in sound and music for film begun in AS.061.381. This 3-credit upper-level course, sponsored by the Film and Media Studies Program at JHU and the program in Recording Arts and Sciences at the Peabody Institute, offers undergraduates and faculty/staff from both institutions an unprecedented opportunity to collaborate on all aspects of designing soundtracks for film. Classic and contemporary film scores are screened and analyzed. Then, using their own short films, students from the Film and Media Studies program work with Peabody students to create soundtracks, from the initial phases of ‘spotting’, composition and scoring, through to final mixing of music with dialog and sound effects using industry-standard Digidesign ProTools. Students work in small teams in a lab setting to create their soundtracks, exploring a variety of scenarios, including the implications of image-driven music vs music-driven images, and the various uses of acoustic and electronic sound. The course also touches on the logistics of music budget, licensing and copyright. Lab work is supplemented by guest lectures and faculty presentations on various aspects - practical and theoretical - of applying sound to film. Guest lecturers may include sound designers and engineers, composers, editors, and filmmakers working in live action, documentary or animated film. Screenings are provided on Sundays from 7:30-10:00 PM. In order to be admitted to the course, students must have completed at least one 5-10 minute short film to be used for scoring a soundtrack during the semester. $40 lab fee.
Instructor(s): T. Dolby.
AS.061.404. Advanced Dramatic Writing: Film. 3.00 Credits.
Intensive workshop course where students will write both a first draft and a full revision of a feature length screenplay. Classes will be designed and centered on the specific challenges of the students' works-in-progress, with an emphasis on exploring and discussing different narrative approaches and solutions that will enhance their writing and revision processes. Select films will be screened and analyzed as they pertain to the students' scripts. Students will aim to have a polished draft of their screenplay to be submitted to industry-recognized screenwriting labs at the end of the semester.
Instructor(s): R. Buso-garcia
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.405. Deep Listening: Sound Studies in Film and Media. 3.00 Credits.
This course explores the sonic elements of film and media studies, and encourages a form of deep and attentive listening in students. Analyzing film, television, music, sound art, and the newer platforms for sound media, it teaches students the tools for sound analysis as well as the basics of sound theory. This course is designed to allow a deeper sonic appreciation of the media created that is created with the ears in mind, even more than the eyes. In this way, it works to fill in what is often missing from an education in media studies - a focus on the other sense of the audio-visual media we experience every day. Lab fee: $50
Prerequisites: AS.061.140 OR AS.061.141
Instructor(s): M. Ward
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.406. Animating Cartoons. 3.00 Credits.
A hand-drawn animation class focusing on the production of a character driven animation. The history of character animations will be studied through screenings and readings, and each student will produce an animation from their original cartoon or comic, or, work on a re-interpretation of an old cartoon animation using roto-scoping. Including in-class animation exercises. Lab fee: $50
Prerequisites: AS.061.219 OR AS.061.378 OR AS.371.140 OR permission of instructor
Instructor(s): K. Yasinsky.

AS.061.413. Lost & Found Film. 3.00 Credits.
This course explores various elements of film production and filmic expression through a somewhat nebulous field typically described as lost films. Lost films (or as they are sometimes called, orphan films) can be generally described as films that have, for a variety of reasons, fallen out of the public view. They frequently come from educational, scientific, medical, or industrial films from the 1950s and 1960s. Using these films as source materials, lost film filmmakers explore and expose cultural conventions, visual icons, and historical value materials. Each week, students are responsible for re-editing sources found on an internet archive site. The assignments follow thematic concerns related to film editing. Students complete a final project (4-8 minutes). All editing for the course is accomplished with non-linear software, generally Adobe Premiere or Final Cut.
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.420. The French New Wave. 3.00 Credits.
Conducted in English Study of the major films of the French New Wave, their origins, context, and afterlife.
Instructor(s): S. Roos
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.421. History and Film. 3.00 Credits.
How do films inform, shape, or fundamentally alter our sense of the past? What are the strengths and limitations of cine-history? This course pairs traditional and avant-garde fiction films and documentaries with essays about history, historiography, memory and the political uses of the past to investigate fast-changing relationships between image and text, film and history. Lab fee: $50
Counts toward 300 or 400-level critical studies requirement.
Instructor(s): L. Mason
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.061.440. Senior Capstone Project: Production. 3.00 Credits.
Permission Required. Production track students complete an independent film project.
Prerequisites: AS.061.240, AS.061.301, AND AS.061.304
Instructor(s): J. Mann; M. Porterfield; M. Ward
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.441. Sen Proj-Film Production. 3.00 Credits.
Critical studies track students complete an independent research project.
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.443. Sen Proj-Digital Vid Prd. 3.00 Credits.
Instructor(s): J. Mann; M. Porterfield
Area: Humanities.

AS.061.444. Sen Proj-Film Production. 3.00 Credits.
Instructor(s): J. Mann
Area: Humanities

AS.061.501. Independent Study - Film. 0.00 - 3.00 Credits.
Permission required
Instructor(s): Staff.

AS.061.502. Independent Study:Film & Media. 3.00 Credits.
For students who wish to explore an aspect of film studies not covered by existing courses. The course may be used for research or directed readings/viewings and should include one lengthy essay or several short ones as well as regular meetings with the adviser. Permanently required:
Lab Fee: $100 (if production related)
Instructor(s): J. Mann; L. Bucknell; L. DeLibero; M. Porterfield; M. Ward.

AS.061.503. Independent Study-Film/Media. 0.00 - 3.00 Credits.
Permission required
Instructor(s): J. Mann; L. DeLibero; M. Porterfield.

AS.061.504. Independent Study-Film. 3.00 Credits.
Instructor(s): J. Mann; L. DeLibero; M. Ward.

AS.061.505. Internship-Film/Media. 0.00 - 3.00 Credits.
Instructor(s): B. Wegenstein; J. Mann; L. Bucknell; L. DeLibero.

AS.061.506. Internship-Film & Media. 1.00 Credit.
Instructor(s): L. Bucknell; L. DeLibero; M. Ward.

AS.061.596. Ind Stdy-Film & Media. 3.00 Credits.
Instructor(s): Staff.

AS.061.599. Internship-Film & Media. 1.00 Credit.
Instructor(s): Staff.
This course provides students an introduction to the discipline of sound studies and its relationship to three eras of historical forms of technological media. Structured around a problematic of emitter, medium, and receiver, it explores how sound was encoded by its creators as a structure of meaning in early media cultures; how it emerged as a means of aesthetic creation with the rise and dominance of the cinematic medium; and last, how it reaches the infatuated individual listener in the new era of mobile earbud audio. Theorizing our relationship to media through the study of sound and listening, we find new histories to be explored, as well as new media aesthetics to be negotiated. Through engagement with thinkers such as economist Jacques Attali, auditory and cultural historians Emily Thompson and Jonathan Sterne, film sound theorists Michel Chion and Rick Altman, and sound studies scholar Michael Bull, we construct how technologically mediated listening allows us to understand the historical and theoretical components of sound’s media aesthetics. Recommended Course Background: AS.061.245 for undergraduates or JHU graduate student status (open to all JHU graduate students).
Instructor(s): M. Ward
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

Cross Listed Courses

English
AS.060.379. Stage and Screen. 3.00 Credits.
Shakespeare’s King Lear has a paradoxical reputation in that it is arguably the greatest drama in English, yet it cannot be performed on stage, at least not without sacrificing its dramatic power. What happens when this notoriously unstageable play is turned into a film, as in Akira Kurosawa’s epic masterpiece Ran? Does Kurosawa compensate for the limitations of the stage? What is gained or lost when the drama takes place in Japanese instead of Shakespeare’s blank verse? This course will examine the ways that playwrights, theatre producers, and filmmakers manage the dramatic possibilities of text, stage, and cinema. Alongside their cinematic counterparts, we will read tragedies by Shakespeare, Marlowe, and Goethe, eighteenth-century comedies, and modernist dramas, and as a class, we will discuss the often fraught transition between literary text and dramatic spectacle. How do filmmakers convey psychological states through camera techniques and editing that are unavailable to producers of live performances? What dramatic effects can be achieved in the intimate setting of a theatre that are impossible at a twenty-screen cineplex, or on your couch while streaming Netflix? Along with addressing these questions, the course is intended to cultivate active, informed viewership in conjunction with close readings of the plays themselves. Authors likely to be included: Shakespeare - Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, King Lear; Marlowe - Doctor Faustus; Goethe - Faust; Wycherley - The Country Wife; Congreve - The Way of the World; Samuel Beckett, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Rabindranath Tagore, Henrik Ibsen. Visual media will include recordings of performances and adaptations by Lawrence Olivier, Kurosawa, Satyajit Ray, Andrei Tarkovsky, Jan Švankmajer, and Dangerous Liaisons, starring Glenn Close and John Malkovich, plus the Broadway musical, Damn Yankees!
Instructor(s): J. Hoffmann
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

Anthropology
AS.070.262. Cuban Intellectuals, Cinema, and the State. 3.00 Credits.
This course examines the relationship between intellectuals and the Cuban state, focusing on how cinema and other arts have been mobilized both as propaganda and as sites for social criticism. Screenings are required for this course and will take place on Tuesdays from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. Cross-list: Film and Media Studies, PLAS, Romance Languages.
Instructor(s): L. Humphreys
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

AS.070.337. Digital Media, Democracy, and Control. 3.00 Credits.
This course examines how digital technologies enable new publics that circumspect state and social controls as well as how they are mobilized to confirm existing racial, gendered, and political hierarchies.
Instructor(s): L. Humphreys
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences Writing Intensive.

AS.070.346. Cinema and Ethnography. 3.00 Credits.
Films, like ethnographies, stage encounters with foreign worlds. We will investigate this parallel by examining, side-by-side, cinematic and anthropological representations of subjects like environmental conflict, urban poverty, religious pilgrimage and media culture.
Instructor(s): A. Pandian
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences

History
AS.100.499. Film and Propaganda in Nazi Germany. 3.00 Credits.
By examining a range of cinematic works—from explicitly ideological pseudo-documentaries to entertainment films—this course will explore the transmission of propaganda into the everyday culture of Nazi Germany.
Instructor(s): H. Balz
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

German Romance Languages Literatures
AS.211.174. Media of Propaganda. 3.00 Credits.
Today, promoting a particular political or personal point of view is not viewed as propaganda, but rather as building a community of equally minded people. But where do we draw the line, and when does the use of a medium in service of a certain message become intrusive and misleading? What role do democracy and cultural values play in this use or abuse of media? In this class the term propaganda will be evaluated carefully and applied to such historical media case studies as the informational use of the radio in World War One, Leni Riefenstahl’s Nazi propaganda films, the legendary success of advertisement campaigns in the 1950s and 1960s, the AIDS movement and other mobilization strategies from the 1980s to the 1990s, and the new values of friendship and propaganda in our current facebook nation.
Instructor(s): B. Wegenstein
Area: Humanities
AS.211.330. Curating Media Artists in Residence at JHU. 3.00 Credits.
Curating Media Artists in Residence at JHU: students will be closely involved with JHU's Center for Advanced Media Studies (CAMS), and the Baltimore Museum of Art (curator Kristen Hileman) in preparing technical aspects of the BMA Black Box exhibit of the 16mm film, Captain Gervásio's Family. This black and white silent film is a portrait of a Spiritist community in Palmela, a small town in Brazil, where half of the inhabitants are believed to be psychic mediums. In addition, students will be involved in helping curate an artist talk and panel on the topic of "Documenting the Spiritual," with the Stanford anthropologist Tanya Luhrman, and other experts on religious practices from Brazilian shamanism to various religious and spiritual practices from our own Baltimore communities. Further, students will have the unique opportunity to see some raw footage from the artists' latest documentary film project, part fieldwork and part staging, that engages with the Palmelian psychic mediums' cosmological perspectives. Says Tamar Guimarães: If Captain Gervásio’s Family tied the medium’s journey into the after-life’s boundless and phantasmal modernity to cinematic spectrality— where cinema, the ultimate modern medium is also the ashen-grey world of the haunted and the ghostly, the new film will insist on the mediums’ technological inventions. Please note that the class time will be flexibly adapted to the needs of the artists’ residency. If you have a very full calendar in the Spring it is best advised not to take this class.

Instructor(s): B. Wegenstein
Area: Humanities.

AS.211.375. Community Based Learning - Documentary Production Practicum: The Cure: the History and Culture of Breast Cancer. 3.00 Credits.
This class will accompany Bernadette Wegenstein during some months of producing her feature documentary "The Cure" on the history and culture of breast cancer. It will be a hands on experience with director/producer Bernadette Wegenstein, editor/producer Patrick Wright and cinematographer Allen Moore filming at the GBMC's Breast Care clinic, the Halsted Medical Archives, and some other Baltimore locations. This class will meet once a week, but some weeks the class will consist in the hands-on experience on the field rather than the actual class meeting.

Instructor(s): B. Wegenstein
Area: Humanities.

AS.211.412. Temps et recit dans le cinema francais. 3.00 Credits.
In what ways does the narrative cinema condense, expand, fracture, reverse, or otherwise complicate our perception of time? What formal and stylistic means allow filmmakers to manipulate spectators' desire for narrative coherence and closure? Based on a range of films drawn from the silent era, the classic cinema of the 1930s to 1950s (costume dramas, literary adaptations, thrillers), and the freely inspired works of the French New Wave and its inheritors, this course will provide students with the critical concepts and vocabulary needed to speak in French about film as an aesthetic object. Course in French.

Prerequisites: AS.210.301 AND AS.210.302
Instructor(s): D. Schilling
Area: Humanities.

AS.211.416. Visual Languages in Medical Knowledge. 3.00 Credits.
This interdisciplinary course, co-taught by professor Veena Das (Anthropology) and Research professor and filmmaker Bernadette Wegenstein (German and Romance Languages and Literatures) will track the mediation of images in the making of medical knowledge and show how sensory knowledge is incorporated or transformed in the process. Co-listed with 214.616 and 070.416
Instructor(s): B. Wegenstein; V. Das
Area: Humanities.

AS.213.305. Contemporary German Film. 3.00 Credits.
After almost a quarter century of neglect, German cinema is on the map again. The many awards German films have been granted over the last 15 years speak to the renaissance of German Cinema since 2000. Among these movies are Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's The Lives of Others (Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, 2006), Caroline Link's Nowhere in Africa (Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, 2002), Fatih Akin's Head-On (Golden Bear at the Berlin International Film Festival, 2004; European Film Award 2004), Oliver Hirschbiegel's Downfall (nominated for Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, 2004) or Wolfgang Becker's Goodbye, Lenin! (European Film Award, 2003). Nazi Germany, the Stasi, or the Reunification are prominent topics of this internationally acclaimed Contemporary German Cinema. Parallel to these mainstream productions, an aesthetically far more adventurous cinema has developed known as "Berlin School" or Nouvelle Vague Allemande. Directors associated with the Berlin School are Christian Petzold, Angela Schanelec, Christoph Hochhäusler or Valessa Grisebach. Dissecting the everyday reality of post-wall Germany, this 'counter-cinema' draws on the New German Cinema of the 1970s (among others) to develop radical notions of realism and challenge narrative conventions. This course will give a survey on German Film since 2000 – discussing the historical and cultural context of selected movies as well as analyzing aesthetic strategies and concepts of realism in Contemporary German Cinema. Taught in German.

Instructor(s): E. Strowick
Area: Humanities.

AS.213.330. "What is an Image?" - Technology, Art and Visual Culture around 1900. 3.00 Credits.
Taught in English. This course is an interdisciplinary introduction to the theory of the image with an emphasis on its material and conceptual transformations in the modern period.

Instructor(s): J. Schade
Area: Humanities.

AS.213.349. Weimar Cinema: The Golden Age of German Film. 3.00 Credits.
Taught in German. German cinema of the 1920s is regarded as one of the golden ages of world cinema. The course centers on close readings of works which belong to the canon of German film, including The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, Nosferatu, Metropolis, The Blue Angel, The Last Laugh, and M. Focusing on the question of cinema and modernity, we will discuss topics like modern aesthetics and visual perception; Expressionism in film; technology and the metropolis; the emergence of film genres (e.g. horror film, film noir, science-fiction film, and melodrama). The film analyses will be accompanied by a discussion of the varied scholarly approaches to Weimar Cinema.

Prerequisites: AS.210.361 AND AS.210.362
Instructor(s): E. Strowick.
AS.213.361. The Holocaust in Film and Literature. 3.00 Credits.
How has the Holocaust been represented in literature and film? Are there special challenges posed by genocide to the traditions of visual and literary representation? Where does the Holocaust fit in to the array of concerns that the visual arts and literature express? And where do art and literature fit in to the commemoration of communal tragedy and the working through of individual trauma entailed by thinking about and representing the Holocaust? These questions will guide our consideration of a range of texts — nonfiction, novels, poetry — in Yiddish, German, English, French and other languages (including works by Elie Wiesel, Primo Levi, and Isaac Bashevis Singer), as well as films from French documentaries to Hollywood blockbusters (including films by Alain Resnais, Claude Lanzmann, and Quentin Tarantino). All readings in English.
Instructor(s): S. Spinner
Area: Humanities.

AS.214.616. Visual Languages in Medical Knowledge.
This interdisciplinary course, co-taught by professor Veena Das (Anthropology) and Research professor and filmmaker Bernadette Wegenstein (German and Romance Languages and Literatures) will track the mediation of images in the making of medical knowledge and show how sensory knowledge is incorporated or transformed in the process.
Co-listed with 211.416 and 070.416
Instructor(s): B. Wegenstein; V. Das
Area: Humanities.

AS.214.689. Flânerie and Female Authorship in Contemporary Italian Cinema.
This course examines the prolific production of Italian women filmmakers inscribing their work into a national cinematic tradition. The most prominent visual leitmotif in films by directors such as Marina Spada, Francesca Comencini, Alice Rohrwacher and others, is that of the wandering woman contemplating the cityscape. What does the act of walking signify in these works? How do these filmmakers embrace and transform Italy’s cinematic tradition? After highlighting the figure of the city-walker in post-war classics by Roberto Rossellini and Vittorio De Sica, we shall discuss from a gender perspective films such as Fellini’s Nights of Cabiria, Pasolini’s Mamma Roma, and Antonioni’s La Notte, which feature female city-walkers who stroll throughout urban peripheries created during the country’s rush toward modernity. Then, we shall analyze the work of women directors who recurrently employ the narrative strategy of flânerie to construct female narratives of displacement and liminality. We shall question how and to what extent this contemporary cinematic production is indebted to the masters of neorealism and the auteurs from the sixties. Critical and theoretical readings will include essays by Michel de Certeau, Siegfried Kracauer, Janet Wolff, Elizabeth Wilson, Anne Friedberg, Giuliana Bruno, and others.
Instructor(s): L. Di Bianco
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.215.451. El Cine de Pedro Almodovar. 3.00 Credits.
El arte cinematográfico del gran cineasta español será estudiado a través de su obra, vista en partes selectas, obras enteras y dentro del marco escénico provisto por otras películas del cine español. Recommended Course Background: AS.210.326 or demonstrated proficiency in the language.
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Area: Humanities.

AS.215.452. Che Guevara and Magical Realism. 3.00 Credits.
His detractors often compare him to Hitler while many of his admirers see him as a saint and a martyr like Jesus Christ. Cuban school children are taught to be like him. Che was killed in 1967, the same year in which Gabriel García Márquez published Cien años de soledad (One Hundred Years of Solitude). We will study Guevara’s life as a militant revolutionary through his own writings and the exorbitant style known as realismo mágico, crafted by García Márquez, one of Che’s great admirers. Four movies will anchor our visual take on the myth and the man: Los diarios de motocicleta (Walter Salles, 2004), Che I and Che II (Steven Soderbergh, 2008), and Wall Street (Oliver Stone, 1987). The nineteen-eighties narcotrafic boom in Colombia and the cocaine-driven financial high times during the late Reagan years will frame our study. Taught in Spanish
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Area: Humanities.

AS.216.307. Reflective Mirrors: Israeli and Palestinian Cinema. 3.00 Credits.
Palestinian and Israeli cinemas have emerged side by side, each depicting its Other as a deceiving mirror of its own self. This course will analyze the different images of these Others in both cinemas.
Instructor(s): N. Stahl; Z. Cohen
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.216.398. Zionism: Literature, Film, Thought. 3.00 Credits.
This course studies the relation between Israeli culture and Zionism. Based on a close reading of both literary and non-literary Zionist texts, we will explore the thematic, social and political aspects of the Zionist movement. The course focuses on primary sources and its main goal is to familiarize students with the history of Zionism and its influence on Israeli culture. In the last part of the semester we will investigate the different meanings of Post-Zionism through contemporary literary and non-literary texts as well as recent Israeli films.Students wishing to do additional work in Hebrew should enroll in section 2 where students will meet for an additional hour at a time TBD and will earn 4 credits for the course.
Prerequisites: Students may receive credit for AS.216.398 or AS.300.398, but not both.
Instructor(s): N. Stahl; Z. Cohen
Area: Humanities.

AS.216.412. The Divine in Literature and Cinema. 3.00 Credits.
This course studies various issues concerning literary and cinematic representations of the divine. We will investigate theoretical, theological, generic and aesthetic aspects of the topic and will familiarize ourselves with the general problem of the relation between religion, literature and cinema. Among the topics to be discussed are, negative theology in literature and film, theodicy and anti-theodicy, the question of religion and literary modernism, providence and narratology in the modern novel and in contemporary cinema.
Instructor(s): N. Stahl.
Earth Planetary Sciences
AS.270.115. Environmental Photojournalism and Filmmaking in the Era of New Media. 3.00 Credits.
Students will review critical literature focusing on new media, visual representation theory, the relationship between images and social change, the history and typology of environmental photography and film, and an overview of modern environmental history, sustainability issues and environmental problems. Over the course of the semester, students will blend these conceptual frameworks with new media production. Based in Baltimore, students will identify an environmental narrative, document their particular story through photography or film, develop a new media platform through which to communicate that narrative effectively, and write a final paper analyzing their images, narrative and communication strategies using the theoretical frameworks covered throughout the course. The course is designed with an emphasis on independent research and practice, interdisciplinary analysis and application. One hour class time, plus two hours per week of independent field work and media production (times TBD by student groups)
Instructor(s): A. Monopolis
Area: Natural Sciences.

Humanities Center
AS.300.324. Cinema of the 1930s: Communist and Capitalist Fantasies. 3.00 Credits.
Comedy and musical comedy film flourished in the USA during the Great Depression as well as in the USSR during the Stalinist Great Terror. This course will compare films of the era in a variety of genres (musical, epic, Western, drama), examining the intersections between politics and aesthetics as well as the lasting implications of the films themselves in light of theoretical works on film as a medium, ethics and gender.
Instructor(s): A. Eakin Moss
Area: Humanities

AS.220.406. Readings in Fiction: Hard-Boiled Fiction and Film Noir. 3.00 Credits.
Students read six novels by Hammett, Chandler, Cain, Burnett, and Woolrich and view seven films made from these novels by Huston, Hawks, Wilder, Dmytryk, Richards, Walsh, and Farrow. Cross-listed with Film and Media Studies.
Instructor(s): J. Irwin
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.300.367. Seeing Like a Woman. 3.00 Credits.
This seminar examines the problems of female desire, subjectivity, spectatorship and performance in fiction, poetry, memoir and film from a variety of cultures and theoretical perspectives. Readings include: de Beauvoir, Riley, Butler, Cixous, Tolstoy's Family Happiness, Woolf's Orlando, Larsen's Passing; Poetry by Moore, Bishop, Plath, Akhmatova, Tsvetaeva and Szymborska. Films by Deren, Ophuls, Hitchcock, Potter, Campion, Akerman, Varda, Denis.
Instructor(s): A. Eakin Moss
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.300.399. Cinema and Philosophy. 3.00 Credits.
Do movies have anything to say about philosophical problems? Why is contemporary philosophy so interested in cinema? What are the most productive ways of bringing films and philosophy into conversation? Why is contemporary philosophy so interested in cinema?
Instructor(s): P. Marrati
Area: Humanities.

Center for Africana Studies
AS.362.374. Black Cinema. 3.00 Credits.
Close examination of films directed by African American filmmakers as well as a focus on historical and cultural representation of African Americans in American film.
Instructor(s): H. Robbins; L. DeLibero
Area: Humanities.

Art
AS.371.303. Documentary Photography. 3.00 Credits.
In this hands-on course, we will explore different genres of documentary photography, including the fine art document, photojournalism, social documentary photography, the photo essay and photography of propaganda. Students will work on a semester-long photo-documentary project on a subject of their choice. Digital SLRs will be provided. The makeup of this class will include five JHU undergraduate students and five Baltimore Youth Film Arts Program fellows. There will be two one-day field trips on weekends to city and countryside locations. Attendance at first class is mandatory. No need to email for approval.
Instructor(s): P. Berger
Area: Humanities.