



What Is Film Studies?

Film Studies is a college prep class that fulfills one semester of 5 credits towards the A-G requirements in English. The focus of this English class is to analyze film techniques in order to write analytical responses to thematic ideas. This class covers the following units:

- **Unit 1: Film Analysis.** Learn the basics of how to read a film as well as some of the history of motion pictures.
- **Unit 2: Multicultural Unit.** Discover cultures through films from different nationalities and write a narrative of your own.
- **Unit 3: Postmodernism.** Delve into the current issues of social media, pop culture, and consumerism in film. Research and report on the impacts these have on our current society.
- **Unit 4: Documentaries.** Focus on rhetoric found in documentaries and advocacy for change. Students will write their own claim supported by research and rhetoric.



What work is expected?

Students will watch films and analyze them during class as well as outside of class, therefore it is expected that students budget time outside of this class with understanding that part of their homework is to watch films on their own (this is similar to the expectation of reading literature at home for English classes). The workload will be similar to that of a first semester Contemporary Literature class, with about 45 minutes of homework per class. The majority of assignments will be weekly written analysis, research reports, a narrative story, and argumentative essay.



Who can take Film Studies?

- This is a senior class (12th grade only)
- Any senior enrolled in Contemporary Literature 1st semester may choose Film Studies as their option for 2nd semester.

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