



## **Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School**

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### **Course Overview**

<b>Academic Year:</b> 2022/23	<b>Teacher Name:</b> K.Polidano
<b>Department:</b> Fine Arts	<b>Curriculum Chair:</b> C. Pezzarello

#### **Curriculum Policy Document**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Drama – Film Studies</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>ADV4M1</b>
<b>Prerequisite (for ADV4M)</b>	ADV 3M1	<b>Grade and Type</b>	12 University/College
<b>Department Recommendation</b>	None	<b>Credit Value</b>	1.0

#### **Course Description**

Following a brief review of film history and terminology, students investigate how and what ideas, values and concepts are connected through film. In analyzing film, students will examine elements of plot, setting, style, and point of view and the contribution that film has made to our cultural vocabulary. Class activities include viewing, listening, researching and analyzing film. This is an exciting course meant to open up the world of film to students and help them truly understand the connection between a great story, a great film and the great impact these have on our lives and culture.

#### **Instruction Strands/ Units**

**Unit 1:** Part I: Hollywood – a brief history  
Part II: Terms and Techniques. [Review]  
Part III: Classic Film Breakdown – Citizen Kane

**Unit 2:** Horror/ Thriller Films – an exploration of the genre and the methods used by filmmakers to keep audiences scared straight

**Unit 3:** The BioPic – Fact, fiction or both?

**Unit 4:** Aliens: Friend or Foe? The exploration of Science Fiction

**Unit 5:** Rooting for the underdog...how film can inspire audiences to be the best they can be

**Unit 6:** Final Exam: Analysis of shots and clips from the films viewed this semester.

Student Evaluation Criteria				
Term Work (70% of final total)				
Category	Knowledge	Application	Communication	Thinking/Inquiry
<b>Weighting</b>	15%	20%	18%	17%
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	Quizzes (5%) Tests (10%)	Writing Assignments (15%) Tests (5%)	Writing Assignments (10%) Oral Work (8%)	Writing Assignments (8%) Tests (4%) Oral Work (5%)
Final Culminating Activities (30% of final total)				
Independent Study Unit 10 % Exam 20%				

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Mark Reporting Periods		
	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Early Warning Letters</b> <b>Credit Endangerment Letters</b>	October, 2022 December, 2022	March, 2023 May, 2023
<b>Report Cards</b>	<i>Mid-Term</i> Nov. 2022 <i>Final</i> February, 2023	<i>Mid-Term</i> April, 2023 <i>Final</i> June, 2023
<b>Parent/ Teacher Interviews</b>	October, 2022	March 2023

Resources	
<b>Textbooks:</b> TBA	
<b>Replacement Cost:</b> TBA	<b>Damaged Cost:</b> variable
<b>Please return film list permission form by Monday, February 6, 2023</b>	