***Welcome to Introduction to Film & Video!***

# Room #: C-223

# Term: August 2017-May 2018

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# What you can expect to do this year…

* Become familiar with some of the great films, filmmakers, theories, and technologies that turned film into a multi-billion dollar business *and* the most popular art form in the world!
* Discuss the impact of film, television, and other media on our lives and culture.
* Learn to write, produce, direct, shoot and edit several film and video projects by following the steps used by professional filmmakers.
* Learn a crew position in the television studios of GHS-TV and work with your classmates to help produce a simulated news show.
* Improve your vocabulary of important terms related to film and television that will help you to discuss these art forms intelligently.
* Analyze in-depth some of your favorite films and some of the greatest films ever made to understand them on a much deeper level.

# What you can expect from me, your instructor…

1. Fairness toward you as a student and respect toward you as an individual
2. A fun, comfortable educational atmosphere in which creativity and ideas are appreciated and encouraged, and disrespect and discrimination are not tolerated
3. The direction, motivation, and information you need to succeed in this class!

# What I expect from you…

1. A respectful attitude toward me (your instructor), your classmates, and the material we are exploring
2. Your full cooperation in the process of your learning including punctuality, preparedness, and participation
3. Success!

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*without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability.*

**How Will I Be Graded?**

## The grading system is very simple!

**“Assignment Grades”** are recorded once. Examples include:

1. Written Homework Assignments
2. Class-work Assignments
3. Participation Grade (once per 9 weeks)
4. In-class Quizzes
5. Journal Grades

**“Test Grades”** are recorded twice. Examples include:

1. Tests! (Obviously…they are usually taken at the end of major units)
2. Film Reports (Assigned once per 9 weeks. Please see attached schedule)
3. Major Project Grades

# Other Grades

1. Semester Exams - Students who are not exempt must take a semester exam. This exam is made up of questions from previous tests and students are responsible for keeping up with their notes and handouts from each semester.

**Extra Credit**

There are many ways to gain extra credit in this class. I love extra credit! I will let you know of these opportunities as the school-year progresses. Also, students who complete fine arts shifts (working on TV shows or Theatre Events) will be eligible for bonus points.

# Film Reports…What are they?!

* Each student is required to view one film outside of class during each nine weeks.
* The student will then write a report on the film, which is due according to the schedule below (this schedule may occasionally have to be adjusted…).
* Students will be responsible for getting a Film Submission Form signed by their parent or guardian. All film selections must be pre-approved by the instructor and the student’s parent or guardian.
* All film reports should be typed in size 12 “Times New Roman” font. They should be double-spaced and should be between 2 1/2 and 3 pages long (this is about 625-750 words). Papers should use standard 1” margins. If students do not have access to a computer, they should PRINT their paper in black ink. Hand printed papers should be at least 5 pages long and should not be double-spaced (this should be the equivalent of 625-750 words).

**GENERAL CLASSROOM RULES**

1. Respect your instructor and every other member of your class.
2. Treat ALL classroom and studio equipment with care. Any damage will be the responsibility of the student.
3. Follow ALL GHS and SCS rules.
4. Be in your seat on time with all materials ready. This means you are in your seat before the bell rings. If there is bell-work, you need to start on that immediately.
5. Complete all assignments on time. Ten points will be deducted for each day an assignment is late and will not be accepted after the third day, unless the instructor states otherwise.
6. Make-up work is solely the responsibility of the student. This means if you are absent, you need to ask for the make-up work and turn it in the following day.

**CLASSROOM POLICES**

1. Don’t pack up until I give you permission. The bell does not dismiss you, I do! I have a short amount of time with you every day. I utilize every minute.
2. Don’t talk while I am talking. Raise your hand if you have a question and show courtesy to me by not talking while I am.
3. NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED!
4. Be open-minded and respect every individual to the class. Every student in this class is different. Various opinions, views, beliefs, tastes and the like are present throughout the world. Keep an open-mind with all individuals around you and what you are being taught. Respect is defined as showing honor, a sense of worth or consideration toward others. Care for the others around you.

# CONSEQUENCES

**1st offense-** Verbal warning/ talk with student.

**2nd offense-** Call home to parents. Calls home will result in deduction in conduct grade also.

**3rd offense-** Parent/Teacher Conference or Disciplinary referral if needed.

* Some serious offenses may require immediate disciplinary referral to the office. This discretion is left up to the teacher.

**ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS BY Monday, August 14!!!**

1) 1 1 inch 3-ring binder

2) 5 Insertable Dividers with Tabs (for 3-ring binder)

1. One pack of at least 250 pieces of 3-hole loose-leaf paper
2. Pencils or pens with blue or black ink only

NOTE: There is no textbook used in this class. This binder will substitute for a textbook and will be used for students to keep materials necessary to complete assignments. It is very important that parents contact me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if students need assistance in getting these materials. There may be notebooks checks at random which will count as a grade.

**Activity Fee: DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH**

As stated in the course description, there are extra materials needed for this class. The teacher must purchase these materials because they cannot be found in your everyday store. These additional materials are for the mandatory film projects and activities. Each student will be assessed **$20**  to cover the cost of supplies and camera maintenance. If special financial needs exist, we will address them on an individual basis and parents must contact the teacher (e-mail is acceptable). This fee should not keep someone from taking this class. ***Cash only, please***!

## A word to your parents or guardians…

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and encourage you to address any questions or concerns about this class or your child’s involvement in it directly to me. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at any time:

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Please complete and return this page only to Mrs. Williams no later than **Thursday, August 10th**.

I have thoroughly read the 2017-18 Germantown High School Introduction to Film & Video syllabus and have a clear understanding of the instructor’s expectations and the requirements for making a passing grade in this course. I understand **$20 is needed** to cover the cost of supplies and camera maintenance that is due August 25th. (please e-mail me if there are special financial needs)

I also understand that it is my responsibility to monitor all films my child will watch for written critiques for the 2017-18. By signing this form I approve all films my child watches outside of this class.

Student Name (Print) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Period:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Parent’s Name: ­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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