

CICU30012 Contemporary Film and Cultural Theory

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. On Campus
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 4.5 A 1.5-hour lecture, a 1-hour tutorial and a 2-hour screening per week. Total Time Commitment: 120
Prerequisites:	Completion of 37.5 points of level two subjects in Cinema and/or Cultural Studies and enrolment in the Bachelor of Arts or Graduate Diploma in Arts. Bachelor of Arts students should endeavour to take the capstone in their final semester of study after completion of 25 points at third year.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	This subject is only available to students completing the final year of a major in Cinema and Cultural Studies, or those in the Graduate Diploma in Arts (Cinema or Cultural Studies).
Non Allowed Subjects:	106-064 Contemporary Cultural Studies
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the 3Disability Liaison Unit website: 4 http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject introduces students to some of the major theoretical and traditions in the field. A focus on historical, textual, ethnographic, institutional and other theories will be grounded in a focus on Australian national cinema and culture. These theoretical traditions will be resources used by students to produce detailed and specific studies of contemporary cinema and cultural practices. By apprehending diverse theoretical accounts of cinema and cultural studies in relation to Australian screen and cultural practices, students will engage with some of the significant problems of the cultures we inhabit.
Objectives:	Students who successfully complete this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # understand the basic approaches of the major theoretical traditions in Cinema and Cultural Studies as they relate to Australian film; # have developed the analytical skills and methodological confidence to produce small-scale studies of contemporary cinema and cultural practices; # appreciate the analytical scope and theoretical importance of the study of contemporary cinema and culture; # be familiar with the development and history of Australian cinema.
Assessment:	An essay submitted in an online blog format 1500 words 40% (due during the semester). A written research essay 2500 words 60% (due at the end of the semester). Students must attend a minimum of 10 tutorials in order to submit their work for assessment. Students are advised to consult the following web address for details of assessment penalties which apply to this subject http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/assessment/policy/penalties.html .
Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available.

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>As a result of attendance at scheduled classes, participation in planned activities and timely completion of assignments, students should acquire skills in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # social, ethical, and cultural understanding of self and others through detailed analysis of contemporary cinema and culture in its various local, national and transnational contexts; the reception of new ideas and the contextualisation of judgements; the adaptation of knowledge to new situations; # critical analysis and synthesis through the study of competing theories of contemporary Australian cinema and culture and their application to diverse examples; the engagement with and processing of different critical perspectives across the interdisciplinary field of cinema and cultural studies; the development of independent thought and arguments; # effective written and oral communication through seminar discussions and debates; the preparation and execution of written assessment exercises; exposure to and emulation of competing genres and protocols of critical writing; # information management and information literacy through the practice of library and archival research and engagement with electronic databases; # teamwork, flexibility, and tolerance through group discussions in seminars; reception of new ideas and opinions; engaging and cooperating with other people from diverse backgrounds; # time management and planning through managing and organising workloads for recommended reading, seminar presentations and assessment requirements.
Notes:	Students who have completed 106-064 Contemporary Cultural Studies are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This capstone subject is compulsory for students completing a major in Cinema, Cultural Studies or Cinema and Cultural Studies.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts(Media and Communications)
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	Cinema & Cultural Studies Cinema Studies Major Cinema and Cultural Studies Cultural Studies Major