

**SILVERADO COLLEGE PREPARATORY and CAREER/TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

*Film Studies*  
2017-2018

**STRAIT**

**COURSE FEE: \$10.00**

**Course Scope:**

In this one-year course, students study the development of the film as an art form and a social phenomenon. The course surveys century genres, eras, trends, directors, studio and influential people in the industry. Students will focus on the techniques and various art forms as they apply to the electronic and film media. Class work will focus on class discussion and criticism of various films.

**Course Goals:**

1. To expand knowledge of the film as an art form.
2. To recognize the impact of proper interpretation of the elements of film.
3. To apply methods of critical evaluation to viewing of the films.
4. To evaluate recent productions of selected films from a performance perspective.
5. To develop an appreciation and understanding of film in relationship to themselves and their community.
6. To analyze and evaluate dramatic film.
7. To expand the depth and scope of aesthetic judgment by experiencing film of diverse styles, modes, and genres.
8. To recognize why certain films are considered classics.
9. To identify key developments in moving-image technology.
10. To recognize that each person interprets a work of art, including film, in a different way.
11. To consider the importance of advertising the film.
12. Justify personal aesthetic criteria for critiquing a dramatized performance.
13. To recognize the role of the screenwriter, casting director, production designer, storyboard artist, cinematographer, actor, film editor, sound editor, and music composer.
14. To identify camera angle and distances and explain how they change perspective.
15. Students recognize the components of theatrical production including script writing, directing, and production.
16. To use film language to describe and interpret a scene.
17. Write a script in proper format for stage, television, film or electronic media using historical or cultural research as a basis for the script.
18. Create a variety of materials for a media campaign for theatre, film, television, or electronic media.

**Textbooks:**

*Looking at Movies: An Introduction to Film. (for classroom reference only)*

**Supplies needed:**

You will need a 1-inch 3-ring binder specifically for this class. This binder will periodically be collected to make sure you are keeping all materials. All work from class will be kept in this notebook.

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**Course Grading Rubric**

CCSD Regulation 5121, Student Progress: Grading, Section II:

“The Clark County School District reports student achievement for all subjects in secondary schools (grades six through twelve) and computes grade point averages using the following symbols and scale:

A	Excellent	90-100%	4.0
B	Above Average	80-89%	3.0
C	Average	70-79%	2.0
D	Below Average	60-69%	1.0
F	Failure	Below 60%	0.0”

**Grades for each Quarter:**

Formative = 20% of the grade is small worksheets and daily completion work

Summative=80% of the grade is made up of projects, worksheets, quizzes and tests.

1. Students receive 10 points daily for viewing in class (i.e. attendance, punctuality, conduct, and involvement.) Students are to quietly watch films and participate in class discussions about films.
2. Because of the structure of this class, most of the work is done during class time. Make-up work must be done on the student’s own time. Students will be responsible to obtain the movie for this work.
3. If you are not here while a film is watched you are expected to look up the information for that film and write up the notes for it.

**Semester Grades:**

Your semester grade will be determined using the following weights: each quarter will count as 40% while the semester exam will count as 20% of the overall semester grade.

**Information About Class and Films**

The class utilizes Google Classroom for assigning work and maintaining communication. There is also a website for the class as an extension of the Silverado Theatre Website.

<https://sites.google.com/a/nv.ccsd.net/stagehawks/>. Information about films and work being done in class is available on the site.

**Makeup Work:**

CCSD Regulation 5113, Attendance Enforcement, Section VII entitled Makeup Work: “Teachers shall provide an opportunity for a student to make up missed work due to any absence, and students shall be held accountable for the work. When a student is absent, however, the educational experiences lost during that absence might be irretrievable because the instruction and interaction in the instructional setting cannot be duplicated through makeup work.

After any absence, a secondary student is required to initiate contact with the teacher(s) to obtain appropriate makeup work within three school days immediately following the absence. Once contact has been made with the teacher(s) specific makeup work must be completed and returned to the teacher(s) within a reasonable length of time, to be determined by the teacher and communicated to the student/parent or legal guardian. The makeup work must be returned to the teacher(s) by the specified due date if it is to be acknowledged. Students shall be allowed a minimum of three (3) days to complete makeup work.”

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**Tardies**

CCSD Regulation 5113, Attendance Enforcement, Section I entitled Student Tardiness: “Student tardiness is a serious disruption to the educational process. Tardiness interferes with time to teach and infringes on the educational rights of other students.” Students will be expected to follow the Silverado High School Tardy Policy and Procedures.

If you are tardy, make sure you sign in on the tardy sheet. Students will be in the classroom, seated, when the bell rings. Any student who is not in class will be marked tardy by the teacher. The progressive discipline procedures for tardies are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> tardy	Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> tardy	Parent/guardian will be contacted
3 <sup>rd</sup> tardy	Teacher conference with student
4 <sup>th</sup> tardy	Teacher assigned consequence
5 <sup>th</sup> + tardy	Deans’ Referral

**Extra Credit:** Extra credit can be earned by attending or participating in extra theatrical performances. Proof of participation or attendance will be discussed with the teacher. Extra credit can also be earned with special projects arranged per discussion between student and teacher. This type of extra credit will not take the place of missing assignment points and is for the purpose of creating an additional opportunity for students to discover enriching aspects of the subject matter.

**Classroom Behavior:**

The art and craft of theatre depends on mutual respect and trust within the ensemble. Your good behavior will greatly benefit the proceedings of the class.

1. Students will be respectful to the teacher at other students at all times.
2. Attentive, polite behavior is expected.
3. Students will follow the teacher’s directions the first time.
4. Students will be in their assigned seat when the bell rings, and stay in their seat until given further direction by the teacher.
5. **No food (including chewing gum) or drink (bottled water is acceptable) is allowed in the choir room.** Breaking this rule automatically deducts your participation points for the day.
6. Students will be responsible for actions.
7. Class time is very valuable. Bathroom passes will be strictly limited and are to be used on a request basis only. Go to the bathroom before class.
8. No electronic hand devices (phones, mp3 players, electronic games, earbuds, etc), or any focus-pulling items (photos, cards, anything that will pull focus away from instruction) are allowed in class without prior permission. They will taken and sent to the dean as nuisance items.
9. Misuse or abuse of school or personal property will result in immediate disciplinary action being taken.
10. My office and telephone are off limits.
11. Student will adhere to Clark County School District Regulation 5131 and Silverado High School’s Dress Code and Nuisance Items requirements and prohibitions.
12. Rules may be added to this list, or amended, as deemed necessary.

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**Citizenship Grade:**

In addition to disciplinary procedures for tardies, the citizenship grade is also determined by the number of times a pupil breaks a classroom behavior rule. Grades based on this system are earned using the following criteria:

0-2 infractions = Outstanding    3-4 infractions = Satisfactory

5 infractions = Needs Improvement    6 infractions = Unsatisfactory

Progressive discipline steps:

1<sup>st</sup> offense    Verbal warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offense    Verbal warning

3<sup>rd</sup> offense    Phone call home

4<sup>th</sup> offense    Phone call home, after school one-hour detention within two days of the infraction. Detention can include cleaning the choir room and storage rooms and mopping the floor and risers.

5<sup>th</sup> offense    Referral to the counselor's office

6<sup>th</sup> offense    Referral to the dean's office

Major rule infractions such as gross insubordination, fighting, or the possession of contraband items will result in an immediate dean's referral. Contraband refers to drugs, alcohol, CD players, cell phones, or any item that becomes a nuisance in the classroom.

**Silverado High School Cheating Policy**

Consequences for cheating will include, but may not be limited to the following:

1. Zero points earned on the assignment. This applies to both supplier and user of information.
2. Phone call home and contact made with parent/guardian.
3. Referral to the dean with pertinent document placed in student's discipline folder.
4. "U" in citizenship for the quarter.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Copying or giving answer(s) on any assignment for the course. This includes sharing homework for *any* class.
2. Any talking during tests or quizzes unless it is with the instructor for resolution to a concern.
3. Looking on another classmate's test or quiz during a testing situation.
4. Acquiring any handout, test, quiz, or assignment on which a grade will be given without teacher's permission or knowledge.
5. Use of any electronic device to unfairly secure answers from an outside source during a test or quiz.
6. Referring to notes, cheat sheets, or any other type of prompt when performing or taking a quiz or test.
7. Plagiarizing: "To steal and use (the ideas or writings of another) as one's own." Source: *The American Heritage Dictionary*; please note: improperly citing sources in a written assignment or an oral presentation, or failing to cite a source at all, may be considered plagiarism.

**Course Fee & Agreement to Course Expectations.**

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This class has a \$10.00 course fee. The deadline to pay this fee is Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 20167  
Signature acknowledgement of the course expectations and course fee will both be noted in the grade book.

To pay online, visit the Silverado High School WebStore: <http://schools.ccsd.net/silverado/> Click on “Webstore”. Sign in. Your username is your student ID #. Your password is your first initial of your first name and your last name—all lower case letters and no spaces. Scroll down and click on “Class Courses” Click on the appropriate class. All theatre classes (except Advanced Studies) and Film Studies are on “Page 2”. Click on “Add to Cart”. A minimal processing fee is charged for this service. PLEASE BRING YOUR CONFIRMATION RECEIPT TO MR. STRAIT SO HE CAN CREDIT YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT.

Please sign and return this slip with your confirmation receipt if you paid online or the \$10.00 course fee and student and parent signatures acknowledging the Course Expectations. Course expectations can be located any time on Google Classroom or on the Silverado Theatre [www.stagehawks.com](http://www.stagehawks.com) located under academic pages and film studies.

Student Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the Course Expectations for Film Studies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student signature*

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*Parent signature*

*I am including the payment of \$10.00 for the course fee with this signature*

*I have paid the course fee online and I am including my confirmation receipt.*

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**Parent Permission to Watch PG Movies in Film Studies Class**

August 14, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The students in Film Studies at Silverado High School will view movies that reflect the history of film. Clark County School District's policy was written before the rating of PG was created, thus their policy for students watching only "G" rated movies. Occasionally, a film with a rating of "PG" will be shown. To that end, the following permission slip needs to be signed by you and returned by September 23 to indicate your permission for your student to view these "PG" films. Signature acknowledgement of your permission to watch PG Movies in Film Studies class will be noted in the grade book.

If you choose not to have them view the film, they will be sent to the backstage of the theatre while the film is being shown and given an alternative assignment to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact me through at 799-5790 x 4097. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alan Strait  
Theatre/Film Studies

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Please check one of the following boxes and return to your teacher by Friday, September 1, 2017

I hereby give permission for my child to view films rated "PG"

I do not wish my child to view films rated "PG". I understand that during that time my student will be backstage in the theatre with an alternative assignment to complete.

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Student's name and number (print)

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Parent/Guardian name (print)

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Parent/Guardian name (signature)

Date Returned \_\_\_\_\_

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