Spotlight on Cinema

Anne Sweet Levels (B1) B2, C1, C2

Cinema, the 7th art, is an important artistic and political media form. Films move people, and make them laugh and cry. Movies mean something to their audiences and can be an important part of contemporary cultural discourses.

Objectives This course aims to study films that were of particular commercial, political, artistic, cultural, or social significance. Students will discuss and debate issues related to movies and the movie industry, and gain further knowledge of popular culture and media-related issues.

Course Content

Films, topical articles from the press, as well as excerpts from academic texts, will inform students and give them subjects for discussion. A typical class will consist of screening, analysis, and discussion of movies and related issues.

Participation & Homework: 40 percent

It is important to take an active part in class discussions, to be present and to do any assigned readings.

Oral presentations: 20 percent

Students will present and analyze a film an intellectual way and lead a discussion on it. Working in small groups of two or three, students will give an oral presentation of 15-20 minutes on a relevant topic of their choice.

Research project (poster...): 20 percent.

Quizzes on reading and course content: 20 percent.