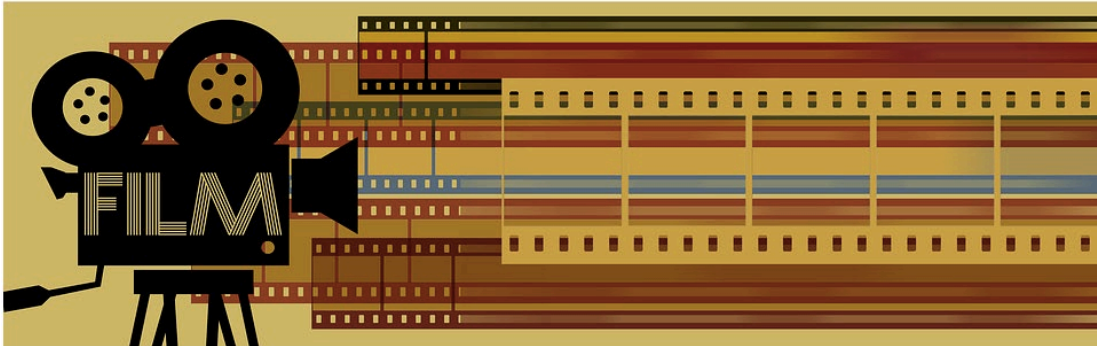


ENGL 360: Special Studies in Shakespeare Shakespeare on Screen



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Since the early days of cinema, filmmakers have been enthralled by the possibilities afforded by adapting Shakespeare's theatre for the screen. This course will offer a survey of Shakespearean film, concentrating on cinematic versions of five plays: *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Henry V*, and *Hamlet*. The films under consideration range from classics (Olivier's *Hamlet*), to cross-cultural adaptations (such as Kurosawa's *Throne of Blood*), to more recent, popular renditions of Shakespearean plots (including Junger's *10 Things I Hate About You*). In addition to examining the plays and films in question, the course will concentrate on topics including: theories of adaptation, anachronism and historical fidelity, acting and staging, and the intercultural appeal of Shakespeare's works. The course will also provide a brief introduction to the scholarly analysis of film. Concepts to be covered include: *mise-en-scène*, editing techniques, uses of the camera, auteur theory, and the historical development of movie-making.

PROPOSED TEXTS

William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

—, *Henry V*

—, *Macbeth*

—, *Romeo and Juliet*

—, *The Taming of the Shrew*

Films (there may be additional films added to this list with advance notice)

Romeo and Juliet (dir. F. Zeffirelli, 1968)

Romeo + Juliet (dir. B. Luhrmann, 1996)

Henry V (dir. L. Olivier, 1944)

Henry V (dir. K. Branagh, 1989)

Hamlet (dir. L. Olivier, 1948)

Hamlet (dir. F. Zeffirelli, 1990)

Hamlet (dir. M. Almerayda, 2000)

Macbeth (dir. O. Welles, 1948)

Throne of Blood (dir. A. Kurosawa, 1957)

Macbeth (ShakespeaRE-Told, 2005)

The Taming of the Shrew (dir. F. Zeffirelli, 1967)

10 Things I Hate About You (dir. G. Junger, 1999)

The Taming of the Shrew (ShakespeaRE-Told, 2005)