

**BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
FILM ONE**

**FILM DEPARTMENT  
SYLLABUS**

**JOHN BEATTY  
FALL 2013**

FILM.1101 LANGUAGE OF FILM 1 FQ2

2:15 PM- 5:55 PM Fridays

WE-220

Final exam is Friday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 from 3:30 – 5:30

**SYLLABUS**

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Text Books:**

Barsam, Richard and Dave Monahan *Looking at Movies* W.W. Norton and CO., NY (You can use the 3rd or 4th Edition)

Giannetti, Louis *Understanding Movies* Pearson/Prentice Hall; Upper Saddle River, . NJ (You can use the 10th, 11th or 12th edition)

**Papers and Exams**

There will be two quizzes, a final and a short (2-3 page) paper

**Paper**

The paper is to be submitted as a hard copy – no electronically transmitted papers are accepted. Papers are due on the assigned date. The paper should have on it your name, the course number and the term in which you are taking the course. Late papers (any paper which arrives after the due date) will be given a grade with no comments and there will be no discussion about the paper. Papers which arrive later than the next class meeting will lose one letter grade for each week they are late.

**Plagiarism**

Although the assignments are to be done without any reference to outside sources, any material which comes from an outside source MUST be cited. Failure to do so is plagiarism and will result in a failing grade for the paper and possibly the course. See the college Bulletin for rules about plagiarism.

**Late Assignments**

If the paper is turned in late it MUST be accompanied by a major functioning internal organ. (with DNA proof it is yours) This specifically excludes tonsils and appendix and in many cases the brain which is not necessarily a functioning organ or you wouldn't be worrying about late papers. You may in place of an internal organ submit the skin (which is more or less external) - as long as I get all of it.

## **Quizzes and Exams**

There will be two quizzes (15 minutes) which will be in a short answer format (fill ins, true false multiple choice, identify)

THE FINAL EXAM IS MONDAY MAY 20th 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. YOU MUST BE ON TIME FOR THE FINAL. STUDENTS ARRIVING MORE THAN 15 MINUTES LATE WILL LOSE AN AUTOMATIC 20% OFF THEIR FINAL SCORE. STUDUENTS ARRIVING MORE THAN 30 MINUTES LATE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED.

Grades are computed as follows:

Final = 35%  
Paper = 35%  
Quiz 1 = 15%  
Quiz 2 =15%  
Total =100%

## **The Paper**

The paper is to be an analysis of a scene in a film. The film you select must be one NOT shown in class nor in a language you do not speak fluently. The paper should discuss the way the director handles the opening, closing, first appearance of the main character or set piece. The paper is NOT to be descriptive, but is to be analytic.

Do NOT start your paper with "The film I am going to write about is \_\_\_\_\_" I will be able to figure that out when I read the paper. This is a lame opening and should be avoided like the plague.

The department has writing tutors who are in room 200 WEB. You should be absolutely certain to make an appointment with them and work with them on your paper. It will be helpful not only for this course but for any other course which requires a paper.

## **E-mails**

If you contact me by e-mail (Profbeatty@hotmail.com) put your full name and course number on the e-mail. Names like "sexy dancer" are not on my roster. If they are not there I will not respond to the e-mail. Do NOT e-mail me asking me questions that are answered in the syllabus or the schedule of classes (e.g. "When is the final?") Learn how to look these things up. This is not grade school

## **Web Site**

There is a web site for the course – <http://Johnbeatty.name> and from there, follow the links, or go directly to:

[http://userhome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/anthro/jbeatty/COURSES/FILM1/fall\\_2013/main1.html](http://userhome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/anthro/jbeatty/COURSES/FILM1/fall_2013/main1.html)

## **Attendance and Lateness**

Departmental policy allows you two absences a term. Since classes meet only once a week, each absence means you have missed more than three hours of class time. Students WHO miss more than two classes for whatever reason will fail the course. Students are considered absent if they come more than 15 minutes late.

### **Cell Phones**

If you have one, turn the damned thing off! If the phone goes off during class it is an automatic "F" in the course, plus expulsion from the college and a slow painful death. Your cell phone will also be destroyed. No joke.