



SLCA SYLLABUS 2018-2019

FINE ARTS: PHILOSOPHY OF FILM

Mission Statement: SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission; proclaiming the gospel and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality.

Course Description: In this course, students will study the history of film and view specific cinematic pieces (documentaries, television shows, and full-length films) through a broad range of analytical lenses such as film studies, Biblical psychology, philosophy, and theology. Additionally, the course will examine how cinema interacts with topics such as artificial intelligence, propaganda, and various theological and philosophical schools of thought. No midterm or final exam for this class.

Course Objectives: Have a better understanding of film by critiquing and understanding in a theological and philosophical manner.

Movies: Various - e.g., Life is Beautiful; Hitchcock films (e.g., Rope, Birds, and Rear Window); 3:10 to Yuma; Christopher Nolan films (e.g., Batman trilogy, Interstellar, Dunkirk, and Inception); M. Night Shyamalan (e.g., Signs, Unbreakable, Split, Glass, and Devil); Lord of Rings and the Hobbit: Brothers Karamazov; Gaslight...

Documentaries: Inside 9/11; The Memorandum; Triumph of the will; Solzhenitsyn Harvard Address....

Tests: The average of all Tests will make up 70% of the grade. Tests are usually unannounced, open note.

Quizzes: Quizzes 20% of grade and are unannounced.

Homework: Homework and class work will make up 10% of the overall grade. All students begin the semester with a 100% homework grade. For each assignment not completed, 3 points will be subtracted. For example, if three homework assignments are not completed, then the overall homework grade would be 91%.

The teacher will have unannounced checks throughout the course that will be counted as homework grades.

Semester grade:

The total grade for the semester will be based as follows:

- 70% Test
- 20% Quizzes
- 10% Home work

NOTE: There is no final exam in this class

Classroom expectations:

- Follow all rules and procedures found in SouthLake Christian handbook
- Be punctual. Tardiness is tracked at the front office.