

CTV 7240 Critical Issues of Film Theory and Criticism (3,3,0) (E)

Prerequisite: CTV 7220 World Cinema: History, Aesthetics and Cultural Issues

This course is designed to acquaint students with contemporary film theory and criticism. It has two focuses. The first is to survey film theory and criticism chronologically, from the post-war period to the full-fledged development of film studies in the late 1970s. The second focus is to guide students through the application of key theories and critical tools in film studies. Various methods of film analysis and criticism will be discussed in detail, including realism, auteur criticism, ideology, cine-modernism, Third World cinema and third cinema, psychoanalysis, feminist film criticism, postmodernism and Orientalism. At the end of the programme, students are expected to be familiar with the disciplinary protocols of film studies and capable of analysing a film critically, understand it as a formal construct, and place it within a broader theoretical, generic, political, gendered, national and cross-cultural context.

CTV 7250 Graduate Seminar on Hong Kong Television (3,3,0)

This seminar series explore the expertise and professionalism of Hong Kong television industry. It is designed to allow the students to share their opinions, experiences and reflections on local television with the major TV professionals invited. Controversial issues of Hong Kong TV culture, programming battle, market competition, audience reception, new technology and transnational co-production are discussed.

CTV 7260 Hong Kong Media and Globalization (3,3,0) (C)

The course explores the Hong Kong media, with an emphasis on cinema and television, in its social-historical context from 30s to the present. Its impact on both Asian and global media and community will be thoroughly examined. Attention will be paid to the processes and patterns of change of Hong Kong media industries as a major shaping force of globalization.

CTV 7270 Current Issues of Asian Media (3,3,0) (P)

Guests from the Asian media industry will be invited to share their work and experiences with advanced students, which will be followed by relevant discussions on major issues of Asian media. The relationship between politics, aesthetics, technology, and media market will be investigated through various current cases.

CTV 7290 Critique of Contemporary Arts (3,3,0) (C)

This team-taught course will introduce students the critical issues and works of contemporary art and their impact on Western and world culture. Students will be required to analyse works produced during the recent movements of futurism, constructivism, modernism, and postmodernism and explore the relationships among form, process, perception and intention through the artists' works. Students will make two oral reports on pre-assigned topics and submit a term paper in relation to the art movement they study.

CTV 7300 Great Works and Human Condition(3,3,0) (C) Seminar

This seminar is designed so that the student artists share their reading, watching, listening experiences of and reflections on selected great works of humanity. The first few weeks are for lectures. The nature of great works and their insights on the human condition will be discussed. The remaining weeks are presentations conducted by the students themselves. Epics, dramas, novels, poetry, non-fictions, paintings, calligraphies, music, architectures, gardens, cites, cultural artifacts, and other significant human creations may all be included. Issues of life's mystery, its origin, meaning, and finality as well as cruelty of the plain fact of humanity and reality will be discussed.

CTV 7310 Independent Study (3,3,0) (P)

Self-motivated students may enroll in this course with a plan of independent project for the benefit of their professional

development. Each student may explore any issue in the form of theoretical inquiry or creative production in any area of film and digital media studies. Under the supervision of a faculty member, the student will be required to develop and materialize the plan of study. As soon as each project commences, the student will need to clarify the project aims and objectives, schedule, and the number of contact hours with the faculty (at least one meeting every two weeks is required). This course may be available once every semester.

CTV 7330 Internship (0,0,0)

The internship is normally of at least two months' full-time employment, and students are required to conform to all reasonable requirements of their internship employer. Both the employer and the student file reports with the Academy of Film after the internship. Based on the reports, the student's journal and an oral presentation, the internship is assessed.

CTV 7360 Idea, Story, Script (3,3,0) (P)

The course juxtaposes the creative process of script writing with the discussions of the film texts of significant films from various genres and cultures. The creative process from idea generation to script writing will be introduced. The students will discuss how the film expresses issues concerning humanity with its story, plot, characters, and audio-visual elements. The fundamentals of filmic narrative and elements of drama will be thoroughly reviewed.

CTV 7370 Cinematography for Directors (3,3,0) (P)

This course aims at providing the knowledge needed for both technical and non-technical oriented students to express themselves as directors or screen writers in visual terms. Students will learn to appreciate the art and the practical use of cinematography in filmmaking. Students of director and screen writer will be trained to incorporate cinematic apparatus in their creative works to different extends according to their technical orientation. For non-technical oriented student, more emphasis will be placed on the analytical appreciation and application of the art and craft.

CTV 7380 Dramaturgy and Directing (3,3,0) (P)

This course aims at providing structured training in writing and directing for contemporary motion picture formats, namely feature films, TV dramas, "webisodes" and "micro movies", etc. Through lectures and hands-on exercises, students will be able to identify the needed ingredients of a popular (commercially successful) narrative work. They will be able to apply that knowledge in their personal creative work. Students will learn to analyze a screenplay; break down the action beats; and treat the material with cinematic pacing in mind. Students will be more familiar with the production protocols and the film industry in general. Through in-class practices they will be able to handle professional actors and pull out better performance from nonprofessional talent as well through audition and rehearsal. As the camera and imaging is the essential of motion pictures, use of camera and visual elements in general will be addressed throughout the course. Writing students will benefit from this course's analysis of "great" scripts and directing approaches.

CTV 7400 Explorations in Digital Media (3,3,0) (P)

This course aims to broaden the students' scope of digital media in the areas of cinematic applications, art and design, and equip them with proper knowledge. It will also help the students find out more of their creative potentials when they are encouraged, guided and inspired to make use of the digital media. While familiarizing with the media as expressive and narrative tools, the students will also get used to the latest models of software and understand the emerging trends in relation to the most influential global advancement of digital technology.

CTV 7410 Digital Media Production (3,3,0) (P)

This production course revolves around the innovative uses of graphics and sound in create ventures for time-based multimedia output. It engages students in creative multimedia productions with authoring digital applications of industry standard. Imagery

processing tools and basic animation techniques will be taught. Students will be guided to focus on project designs in the areas of motion graphics and animation to meet the needs of the fast changing industry of the digital age. Students will also be required to put learning into practice by applying their production management know-how in their course works.

CTV 7420 Basic Acting Techniques (3,3,0) (C)

This is an introductory course on acting techniques. Training in acting begins with basic techniques such as imitation, imagination, and observation. The second part of the course will focus on the Stanislavski system, and the psychological approach in acting will be introduced. Students will be engaged in role-playing in various scenes, and will be able to communicate with each other in the creative process of acting and role development.

CTV 7430 Visual Effects (3,3,0)

This course aims to examine the art and techniques of creating visual effects for broadcast, webcast and filmmaking. It covers a wide range of topics including the visual-effects workflow, digital technology, image processing, creating mattes, motion tracking, realistic compositing, and motion graphics. It also aims to groom the students as professionals to meet the industrial standards. Therefore, the students are required to observe the commercial and business procedures while planning and creating the special effects. Masterpieces and inspirational state-of-art works will be presented and discussed.

CTV 7440 Television Drama Writing (3,3,0)

This is an intensive writing workshop. After the introductory lectures, all students will be divided into groups. Each group will work together as a team, and subsequently comes up with a TV drama proposal to be presented in class. Fundamental issues of TV drama writing will be taught in class while the students will reflect, discuss and share on their creative projects as well. Each student will participate as a team member and contribute a part of the write-up for the group project. A final project will be assessed both individually and as a term-end production.

CTV 7450 Alternative Cinema (3,3,0)

This course will examine an array of alternative films and new art forms evolved from or related to a cinema. It aims to boost up the students' creative and critical faculties through screening and studying inspiring and/or outraging films they rarely have a chance to see. Through systematic reviews of three major types of alternative cinema (experimental, cult, and exploitation films), this course questions traditional aesthetics and mores. It will also explore how film morphs and functions in video art, new media and the Internet. The students will be required to watch a lot of films and some related masterpieces of media arts, and they will also be engaged in critical inquiry of these creative works after completing some reading assignments. It will broaden the students' vista and enable them to talk about influential works of film and media art in a more open and critical way.

CTV 7460 Film and Other Arts (3,3,0)

The seminar aims to enlighten the students in the area of film aesthetics with contemporary insights, traditional values, and interdisciplinary cultural perspectives. It looks at the aesthetic relationship between film and other art forms such as architecture, multi-media installation, costume design, theatrical performance, painting, sculpture, photography, music, etc.. It posits film as a relatively younger art form that used to pose a challenge to the other arts. Nowadays, film remains as a vibrant medium which continues to raise anew socio-cultural issues. Each student will be guided to understand film art in the context of changes through history and contemporary challenges for a new way to reread film culture. In the course of the seminars, students will be invited to consider questions of aesthetics, form, style, time and narrative, screen space and spectacle, representation, the relationship between art and reality, etc.. Through lectures, case studies, experiential learning activities and interactive surveys,

each student will be prompted to investigate, discuss and share their theoretical propositions as well as personal opinions.

CTV 7470 Special Topics (3,3,0)

This course will be offered flexibly to enhance student learning in film and digital media studies so as to meet timely needs of the students each and every time. Bringing in scholars and experts locally, nationally or internationally, it aims to inspire the students with a wide range of topics. Each time it will focus on a special area of studies from theory to practice, historical perspectives to current issues, small screens to big screens, artistic cultural genres to commercial media, the local to the global, etc.. Topics carefully selected may revolve around production design; editing; sound design; history and aesthetics of animation; screen cultures; film, gender and sexuality; and influential filmmakers etc..