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Department of East Asian Language & Cultures
EALC 98/198: Asian Film Studies
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Asian Film Studies aims to provide a basic understanding and appreciation of the themes, cultures, and content of Asian movies, as well as an introduction to film-making techniques. The course consists of one, two-hour lecture per week, which will include a short informal discussion at the beginning or end of each class.

Class Time/Location: Wednesday 5:30-7:30PM in 182 Dwinelle

Recommended: Completion of R1A and/or R1B

Required Text: None

Assignments:

5 Short Response Questions due: 9/17, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 11/26

3 Long Responses Questions due: 9/24, 10/15, 11/5

Final Essay due: Wednesday, 12/3

Grading: Your grade for the course will be determined as follows:

Attendance 10%

Midterm Essay 36% (12% Each)

Short Responses 40% (8% Each)

Final Essay 14%

In order to pass, the student must have a 70% or better and complete ALL assignments.

GRADING DETAILS

- ❖ Attendance: The full 10% will be awarded to students who have no more than 2 absences for the semester. Students who miss more than 2 classes will receive a "No Pass." If for any reason a student misses more than 2 lectures due to unforeseen circumstances, he or she must inform the instructor or a TA. For attendance-keeping purposes, all students will be required to sign in at the start of class and sign out at the end of each class.
- ❖ Short Responses: Short response questions will be sent out via e-mail. Students will be responsible for answering the questions and turning in the completed assignment at the start of the next class. Each short response assignment will consist of 2-3 questions designed to help the student develop ideas for the essays.
- ❖ Long Responses: The format of the long response question assignments will be similar to that of the short response questions. These sets of questions will include short response questions and one thought-provoking question that will require a more comprehensive and extended answer than the regular short response questions.
- ❖ Final Essay: The prompt for the final essay will be given 2 weeks before the deadline. There will be several prompts to choose from, each allowing for thought provoking and analytical essays. Papers will be graded based on content and analysis, but essays should also be coherent and grammatically correct.