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Note: For courses that are crosslisted and/or shared, a letter of support from the chair/director of each department that offers the course is required for each designation requested. By submitting this letter of support, the chair/director agrees to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and will teach the course in a manner that meets the criteria for each approved designation.

If yes, all topics under this permanent numbered course must be taught in a manner that meets the criteria for the approved designation(s). It is the responsibility of the chair/director to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and adhere to the above guidelines.

**Course Description:**

**Requested Designation:**

Humanities, Arts and Design-HU

Note: a separate proposal is required for each designation.

**Eligibility:**

Permanent numbered courses must have completed the university's review and approval process.
For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact Phyllis.Lucie@asu.edu.

Submission deadlines dates are as follow:

For Fall 2016 Effective Date: October 1, 2015
For Spring 2017 Effective Date: March 10, 2016

**Area(s) proposed course will serve:**

A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study.

**Checklists for General Studies Designations:**

Complete and attach the appropriate checklist

- Literacy and Critical Inquiry core courses (L)
- Mathematics core courses (MA)
- Computer/statistics/quantitative applications core courses (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design core courses (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences core courses (SB)
- Natural Sciences core courses (NS/SG)
- Cultural Diversity in the United States courses (C)
- Global Awareness courses (G)
- Historical Awareness courses (H)

A complete proposal should include:

- Signed course proposal cover form
- Criteria checklist for General Studies designation(s) being requested
- Course catalog description
- Sample syllabus for the course
- Copy of table of contents from the textbook and list of required readings/books

It is respectfully requested that proposals are submitted electronically with all files compiled into one PDF.

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**Department Chair/Director approval:** (Required)

Chair/Director name (Typed): Dr. Nina Berman
Michael A. Twellers
Date: 13 July 2016

Rev. 4/2015
Rationale and Objectives

The humanities disciplines are concerned with questions of human existence and meaning, the nature of thinking and knowing, with moral and aesthetic experience. The humanities develop values of all kinds by making the human mind more supple, critical, and expansive. They are concerned with the study of the textual and artistic traditions of diverse cultures, including traditions in literature, philosophy, religion, ethics, history, and aesthetics. In sum, these disciplines explore the range of human thought and its application to the past and present human environment. They deepen awareness of the diversity of the human heritage and its traditions and histories and they may also promote the application of this knowledge to contemporary societies.

The study of the arts and design, like the humanities, deepens the student’s awareness of the diversity of human societies and cultures. The arts have as their primary purpose the creation and study of objects, installations, performances and other means of expressing or conveying aesthetic concepts and ideas. Design study concerns itself with material objects, images and spaces, their historical development, and their significance in society and culture. Disciplines in the arts and design employ modes of thought and communication that are often nonverbal, which means that courses in these areas tend to focus on objects, images, and structures and/or on the practical techniques and historical development of artistic and design traditions. The past and present accomplishments of artists and designers help form the student’s ability to perceive aesthetic qualities of art work and design.

The Humanities, Arts and Design are an important part of the General Studies Program, for they provide an opportunity for students to study intellectual and imaginative traditions and to observe and/or learn the production of art work and design. The knowledge acquired in courses fulfilling the Humanities, Arts and Design requirement may encourage students to investigate their own personal philosophies or beliefs and to understand better their own social experience. In sum, the Humanities, Arts and Design core area enables students to broaden and deepen their consideration of the variety of human experience.

Revised April 2014
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

**ASU - [HU] CRITERIA**

HUMANITIES, ARTS AND DESIGN [HU] courses must meet *either* 1, 2 or 3 *and* at least one of the criteria under 4 in such a way as to make the satisfaction of these criteria **A CENTRAL AND SUBSTANTIAL PORTION** of the course content.

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1. Emphasizes the study of values; the development of philosophies, religions, ethics or belief systems; and/or aesthetic experience.

2. Concerns the interpretation, analysis, or creation of written, aural, or visual texts; and/or the historical development of textual traditions.  
Upon completion of this course students will be able to articulate key film genres, different cinematic traditions, periods and movements in Latin America.

3. Concerns the interpretation, analysis, or engagement with aesthetic practices; and/or the historical development of artistic or design traditions.

4. In addition, to qualify for the Humanities, Arts and Design designation a course must meet one or more of the following requirements:
   a. Concerns the development of human thought, with emphasis on the analysis of philosophical and/or religious systems of thought.  
The course focuses on aesthetic systems and values in film by underscoring the conventions of film genres.

   b. Concerns aesthetic systems and values, especially in literature, arts, and design.

   c. Emphasizes aesthetic experience and creative process in literature, arts, and design.

   d. Concerns the analysis of literature and the development of literary traditions.

**THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE [HU] DESIGNATION EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE HUMANITIES, ARTS AND DESIGN:**

- Courses devoted primarily to developing skill in the use of a language.
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Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

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<td>2. Concerns the interpretation, analysis, or creation of written, aural, or visual texts; and/or the historical development of textual traditions</td>
<td>Students screen a variety of films representing different genres, periods, and movements in Latin American film. They need to analyze them and prove competency by producing a variety of short papers as well as an extended term paper</td>
<td>.. Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to articulate key film genres, different cinematic national traditions, periods and movements in Latin American film. (2 &amp; b) Discuss intermediality or the relationship between the main plot of the movie (diegesis) and the animated sequences (stream of thought including the Surrealist pictures). (2 &amp; b) Discuss the way Central Station inscribes the conventions of road movies. (2 &amp; b) Discuss the structure of González Iñárritu's Amores perros. (2 &amp; b) Discuss adaptation theories and biopics in Salles' adaptation of the novel. (2 &amp; b) Discuss trauma theory in testimonial docudramas. (2 &amp; b) Discuss Chenillo's Nora's Will in terms of Black comedy. (2 &amp; b) Discuss the allegorical implications of the film and the conventions of horror movies. (2 &amp; b) Discuss Transnationalized and Globalized filmmaking. (2 &amp; b)</td>
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<td>b. Concerns aesthetic systems and values, especially in literature, arts, and design</td>
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|  | •Objective and essay-type examinations. At least 50 percent of the grade of this course depends upon writing, including prepared essays.  
•Research term paper, following research protocols and appropriate critical idiom.  
•Written critical tasks related to major genres, periods and national traditions in Latin American film (2 & b).  
Discuss Reygadas as auteur. (2 & b)  
Discuss Claudia Llosa’s La teta asustada in terms of the sequelae of state violence (2 & b)  
Discuss noir conventions in Nueve reinas & its final paradox. (2 & b)  
Discuss shots, structure and the nature of punishment suggested by the ending of The Secret in their Eyes. (2 & b)  
Discuss Pablo Larraín’s No in terms of state terror and internalized violence. (2 & b)  
Discuss the juxtaposition of comedy and violence. (2 & b) in Damián Sziffrón’s Relatos Salvajes (2 & b) |
Latin American Film

SLC 494 line # 84664 FMS 494 line # 91157; SPA 494 line #84683; THE line # 85030

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Catalog Description:
Examines the role of film in contemporary Latin American culture; films viewed and analyzed as casebook examples. This course focuses on the aesthetics and generic conventions of contemporary Latin American films.

SLC494, SPA 494, FMS 494 focuses on aesthetics and generic conventions of contemporary Latin American films

Learning Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to articulate key film genres, different cinematic national traditions, periods and movements in Latin American film. (2 & b)

Listing of Assignments:
Students are to write 5 essays (C 3)(3 pages each, font Times New Roman 12, MLA format) on specific topics (different from the ones discussed in class (C 2) about Latin American films screened in class. In addition to the three pages, each essay must include at the very least, a bibliography with three references to academic sources (books, book chapters, refereed articles). Please use databases MLA, PRISMA, and HAPI to identify material (C 2). Additional citations to reference materials (encyclopedia), film reviews, internet sources, may be included but will not be computed. At least two essays need to be turned in by mid-semester. Students will receive feedback and rewrite these essays if needed.(C 1-C 4)

In addition to the written take-home final exam students will write a research paper (C2-C3) (8 pages long and with at least 5 bibliographical references to academic sources (C2 ) (C 3). The topic of the final paper & the bibliography must be pre-approved by the instructor by Sept. 24. The draft of the final paper is due Oct. 22. The final paper is due on Nov. 19. (C 1 & C 4)

Assessment/Evaluation:
Assessment metric depends on the following skills:
bullet Objective and essay-type examinations. At least 50 percent of the grade of this course depends upon writing, including prepared essays.
bullet Research term paper, following research protocols and appropriate critical idiom.
bullet Written critical tasks related to major genres, periods and national traditions in Latin American film (2 & b).

Points
5 Short Essays 10 points or 10 % each 50 % 500
Final exam 20 % 200
Draft of Research Paper 5% 50
Presentation of the research paper 5% 50
Research paper 20% 200 (2 & b)
Grading Scale:

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In order to figure out your grade, remove one zero, that is: 980 = 98 = A+, etc

Readings and daily/weekly itineraries:

Aug. 18: Introduction: This course focuses on the aesthetics and generic conventions of contemporary Latin American films.

*Screen:* Maria Victoria Menis's *Camera Obscura* (Argentina, 2008).


Discuss intermediality or the relationship between the main plot of the movie (diegesis) and the animated sequences (stream of thought including the Surrealist pictures).(2 & b)

Aug. 25: Screen Walter Salles's *Central Station* (Brazil, 1998).

*Read:* Grant, Barry Keith. "Introduction" (1-3) and "Approaching Film Genre" (4-28) in *Film Genre: From Iconography to Ideology*. London: Wallflower, 2007.

Tompkins, Cynthia. The paradoxical nature of the documentary: Walter Salles's *Central do Brasil* (91-105).

Discuss the way *Central Station* inscribes the conventions of road movies.(2 & b)

Sept. 1: Screen Alejandro González Iñárritu's *Amores perros* (Mexico, 2000). Drama & thrillers.

*Read:* two of the following articles:


Discuss the structure of González Iñárritu's *Amores perros*. (2 & b)

Sept. 8: Screen Carlos Reygadas's *Stellet Licht* (Mexico, 2007).

Tompkins, "The Miracle of Female Bonding in Patriarchal Society: Carlos Reygadas's *Stellet Licht*" (177-85); Tompkins, "Whether or Not to End One’s Life: Carlos Reygadas's *Japón*" (159-67); Tompkins, "Crime and Self-Inflicted Punishment: Carlos Reygadas's *Batalia en el cielo*" (168-74).

Discuss Reygadas as auteur.(2 & b)

Sept. 15: Screen Walter Salles' *The Motorcycle Diaries* (Brazil, 2004).


Discuss adaptation theories and biopics in Salles’ adaptation of the novel. (2 & b)

Sept. 22: Screen Claudia Llosa’s *La teta asustada* (Peru, 2009)


Discuss Claudia Llosa’s *La teta asustada* in terms of the sequelae of state violence (2 & b)

Sept. 29: Screen Tatiana Huezo’s *El lugar más pequeño* (El Salvador, 2011).

Nowell-Smith, Geoffrey "How Films mean, or, from aesthetics to semiotics and half-way back again" (8-17) in *Reinventing Film Studies*. Christine Gledhill & Linda Williams, eds. Hodder Arnold: London, 2000.

Discuss trauma theory in testimonial docudramas. (2& b)

Topic of final paper & bibliography due


Copertari, Gabriela. "Nine Queens: A Dark Day of Simulation and Justice. *Journal of Latin American Cultural*

Discuss noir conventions in Nueve reinas & its final paradox. (2 & b)

Oct. 13: Screen Juan José Campanella's The Secret in their Eyes (Argentina, 2009).

Williams, Christopher, "After the Classic, the classical and ideology: the differences of realism" (206-20) in Reinventing Film Studies.

Discuss shots, structure and the nature of punishment suggested by the ending. (2 & b)


Discuss Chenillo's Nora's Will in terms of Black comedy. (2 & b)

Oct. 27: Screen Pablo Larrain's No (Chile, 2010)


Discuss Pablo Larraín's No in terms of state terror and internalized violence. (2 & b)

Draft of the final paper due

Nov. 3: Screen Alejandro Brugués's Juan of the Dead (Cuba, 2011).


Discuss the allegorical implications of the film and the conventions of horror movies. (2 & b)
Nov. 10: Screen González Iñárritu's *Biutiful* (Mexico/Barcelona, 2012).


Discuss Transnationalized and Globalized filmmaking. (2 & b)


Discuss the juxtaposition of comedy and violence. (2 & b)

Final paper due

Thanksgiving

Dec. 1: Presentation - Summary of your final research paper.

Dec. 8: Final Exam Due

Please become familiar with this section:

**Absences:**
A maximum of two absences is allowable. Excused absences related to religious observances/practices that are in accord with ACD 304-04, "Accommodation for Religious Practices" and to university sanctioned events/activities that are in accord with ACD 304-02, "Missed Classes Due to University-Sanctioned Activities"

**Academic integrity:**
Academic honesty is expected of all students in all examinations, papers, and laboratory work, academic transactions and records. The possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of registration privileges, disqualification and dismissal. For more information, see [http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity](http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity)

**Accommodating students with disabilities:**
Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact DRC immediately. The DRC Tempe office is located on the first floor of the Matthews Center Building. DRC staff can also be reached at: (480) 965-1234 (V) or (480) 965-9000 (TTY). For additional information, visit: www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/drc.
Expected classroom behavior:
Be sure to arrive on time for class. Excessive tardiness will be subject to sanctions. Under no circumstances should you allow your cell phone to ring during class. Any disruptive behavior, which includes ringing cell phones, listening to your mp3/iPod player, text messaging, constant talking, eating food noisily, reading a newspaper will not be tolerated. The use of laptops (unless for note taking), cell phones, MP3, IPOD, etc. are strictly prohibited during class.

Policy against threatening behavior:
All incidents and allegations of violent or threatening conduct by an ASU student (whether on-or off campus) must be reported to the ASU Police Department (ASU PD) and the Office of the Dean of Students. If either office determines that the behavior poses or has posed a serious threat to personal safety or to the welfare of the campus, the student will not be permitted to return to campus or reside in any ASU residence hall until an appropriate threat assessment has been completed and, if necessary, conditions for return are imposed. ASU PD, the Office of the Dean of Students, and other appropriate offices will coordinate the assessment in light of the relevant circumstances. (See Student Services Manual SSM 104-02 “Handling Disruptive, Threatening or Violent Individuals on Campus”):

Information in the syllabus, other than grade and absence policies, may be subject to change with reasonable advance notice.
SPC/SLC 475 Latin American Film

Readings:


Tompkins, "Introduction" (3-29); "The paradoxical nature of the documentary: Walter Salles's Central do Brasil" (91-105); "Whether or Not to End One's Life: Carlos Reygadas's Japón" (159-67); Crime and Self-Inflicted Punishment: Carlos Reygadas's Batalla en el cielo" (168-74) & "The Miracle of Female Bonding in Patriarchal Society: Carlos Reygadas's Stellet licht" (177-85) in Experimental Latin American Cinema. Texas: U of Texas P, 2013.


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Reinventing Film Studies.
