

Department of English & Writing Studies  
Film Studies Program

**Canadian National Cinema**  
**Film Studies 2258G (001)**  
Winter 2023T4 r3

**Course Objectives:**

Understandings of the historical trajectory of Canadian cinema.

Mastering of Film Studies' critical terms 'national cinema,' 'genre,' 'postmodern,' 'political economy,' 'colonial discourse,' 'decolonization,' 'transnational,' and 'ideology' as these apply to Canadian cinema.

The above will be acquired by students through a capacity for argument, research, judgement and analysis that will be fostered by essays, and other assignments, and by in-class small-group and whole-class discussion on Canadian national cinema.

Communication skills will be imparted through in-class discussion and credit will be given for frequency and quality of contributions.

Research skills will be developed through the reception study assignment and the research required for the term paper.

Essays and other written assignments are marked in accordance with the grading criteria listed below and include benchmarks for the expectations associated with each grade.

Awareness of the limits of knowledge will be enhanced by exploring the legitimate

Methods of Evaluation (Provisional and subject to change)

**The grade for the course will be arrived at as follows:**

Tutorial Participation		10%
Reception Assignment (Annotated Bibliography, research notes, PowerPoint)		20%
Mid-term	Posted 21 October—Submission <b>22 February</b>	15%
Essay	<b>22 March</b>	20%
<b>TOTAL TERM</b>		<b>65%</b>
<b>FINAL EXAMINATION</b>	Posted 24 hours before the scheduled exam slot. Response submitted by midnight of the day of the scheduled Exam via OWL Assignments	<b>35%</b>

The Department of English & Writing Studies does not release final grades. All undergraduate grade reports will be available online from the Office of the Registrar.

Students are fully responsible for looking at and being familiar with the information posted on the department website at: <https://www.uwo.ca/english/undergraduate/Student%20Information.html>

**Midterm and Exam on OWL**

**Take-Home Midterm:** The midterm-exam will be posted to OWL at least 48 hours before it is due to be submitted for assessment on **20 February**. You will submit your responses to the mid-term questions via OWL Assignments by midnight on **23 February**.

Your responses must be submitted as an MS Word file. **PDF files will not be accepted.** Midterm responses not uploaded to OWL Assignments by midnight on 23 February will not be graded unless accommodation is sought and granted through your Dean's Office.

**Take-Home Final Exam:** The final exam will be posted to OWL 48 hours before it is due to be submitted for assessment via OWL Assignments. **The date of the final exam will be circulated once the exam timetable is published by the Office of the Registrar.**

The final exam is comprehensive, but it will be weighted towards the material from the second half of the course. In addition to multiple choice, short answer, and short essay questions, the final exam will also feature a longer essay response based on the course content. The short essay questions may also include a close analysis of a screening clip.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS for Success**

All students will attend screenings and seminars prepared to **participate** in discussions based on the week's assigned readings and screenings.

