

ENG 4135 and GET 4523: New German Cinema

Meeting: MWF Period 4 (10:40-11:30am) TUR 2334

Screening: W 9-11 (beginning 4:05pm; attendance required) Rolfs 115

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Credit Hours	4

For questions about course content, your grade or other personal issues, use the Canvas mail tool. Expect a response within 48 hours.

Course Information

In 1962, a group of young filmmakers at the Oberhausen Film Festival in West Germany boldly declared: "The old cinema is dead! We believe in a new cinema!" Out of this movement to overcome the 1950s legacies of fascism emerged a wave of filmmaking that became internationally known as New German Cinema. Its filmmakers were indebted to the student movement and a vision of filmmaking and distribution based on the notion of the director as auteur. This course offers a survey of the films from this brief period of enormous output and creativity, including films by Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Werner Herzog, Alexander Kluge, Helke Sander, Volker Schlöndorff, Margarethe von Trotta, and Wim Wenders. We will trace the influence of the women's movement on feminist aesthetics and situate the films' negotiations of history and memory in postwar West German politics.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- account for German film history
- explain concepts of film theory
- analyze film
- understand the significance of independent and political cinema

Course Requirements

Required Readings

All readings are available on Course Reserves, which is accessible in Canvas on the left-hand side menu. Please check early in the semester that you are able to access the materials. If you have problems, please contact the Computing Helpdesk at 392-4357. Please also inform me, in case I can direct you to additional help. You may also access Course Reserves through the Library website.

Required Film Viewings

You are required to attend the film screenings and have the films viewed by the time we discuss them in class. I do not take attendance at the screenings. Please keep in mind that many of the films are not available for streaming.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Policies

Requirements for make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/ [\(http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/\)](http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/)

Grading Policy

I will make every effort to have each assignment graded and posted within one week of the due date.

Course Grading Policy

Assignment	Percentage	Modality
Attendance	5%	Canvas Attendance
Participation	5%	Letter Grade
10 Reflection Papers	10%	10 points/paper
Midterm Paper	30%	Letter Grade
Proposal for Final Paper	10%	Letter Grade
Final Paper	40%	Letter Grade

Grading Scale

Percent	Grade
93.0 – 100.0	A
90.0 – 92.9	A-
87.0 – 89.9	B+
83.0 – 86.9	B
80.0 – 82.9	B-
77.0 – 79.9	C+
73.0 – 76.9	C
70.0 – 72.9	C-
67.0 – 69.9	D+
63.0 – 66.9	D
60.0 – 62.9	D-
0 – 59.9	E

See the [current UF grading policies](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx) [\(https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx\)](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx) for more information.

Attendance will be taken by the Canvas attendance function.

UF Policies

University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/> [\(https://disability.ufl.edu/\)](https://disability.ufl.edu/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter that must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

University Policy on Academic Conduct:

<https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/syllabus>

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Getting Help

Technical Difficulties:

For issues with technical difficulties for Canvas, please contact the UF Help Desk at:

- <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu>
- (352) 392-HELP (4357)
- Walk-in: HUB 132

Any requests for make-ups due to technical issues should be accompanied by the ticket number received from the Help Desk when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You should e-mail your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

Health and Wellness

- **U Matter, We Care:** If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit umatter.ufl.edu to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- **Counseling and Wellness Center:** Visit counseling.ufl.edu or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- **Student Health Care Center:** Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit shcc.ufl.edu.
- **University Police Department:** Visit police.ufl.edu or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- **UF Health Shands Emergency Room/Trauma Center:** For immediate medical care in Gainesville, call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center.



Academic and Student Support














- **Career Connections Center:** 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services career.ufl.edu.
- **Library Support:** Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources. cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask
- **Teaching Center:** 352-392-2010 General study skills and tutoring: teachingcenter.ufl.edu
- **Writing Studio:** 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers: writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/

Course Evaluations

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Mon Jan 9, 2023	 Introduction (https://ufl.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=2665001&include_contexts=course_470697)	10:40am to 11:30am
Thu Jan 26, 2023	 Assignment 1 (https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436300)	due by 5pm
Thu Feb 2, 2023	 Assignment 2	due by 5pm

Date	Details	Due
	https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436302	
Thu Feb 9, 2023	 Assignment 3 https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436303	due by 5pm
Thu Feb 16, 2023	 Assignment 4 https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436304	due by 5pm
Thu Feb 23, 2023	 Assignment 5 https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436305	due by 5pm
Fri Mar 3, 2023	 Assignment 6 https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436306	due by 5pm
	 Mid Term Paper https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436311	due by 5pm
Thu Mar 9, 2023	 Assignment 7 https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436307	due by 5pm
Fri Mar 10, 2023	 Participation https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436312	due by 11:59pm
Thu Mar 30, 2023	 Assignment 8 https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436308	due by 5pm
Thu Apr 6, 2023	 Assignment 9 https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436309	due by 5pm
Fri Apr 7, 2023	 Abstract for Final Paper https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436299	due by 5pm
Thu Apr 13, 2023	 Assignment 10 https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436301	due by 5pm
Wed Apr 26, 2023	 Roll Call Attendance https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436313	due by 11:59pm
Mon May 1, 2023	 Final Paper https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/470697/assignments/5436310	due by 5pm