

Justice in Film
FRES 1010
Fall 2007
Syllabus

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Description and Objective: Many films explore interesting and provocative philosophical themes. This course will screen eight films that focus on justice. We will be concerned with issues of justice and morality as well as the metaphysical question of what kind of thing justice is. The films will serve as starting points for discussions of philosophical issues, but we will also be concerned with appreciating them as works of art. Most films will be in foreign languages with subtitles, and some are difficult to watch.

Requirements: Class will meet every other week, beginning August 17. Because the films are of varying lengths, some class sessions will exceed the allotted time period. **You must attend every film and every discussion** in order to pass the course. Requiring attendance is appropriate because the class meets relatively infrequently and because it is the only requirement. In the event of an unexcused absence, the professor may, at his discretion, allow you to earn credit for the missed class by viewing the film on your own and writing a three page paper of acceptable quality on how the film addresses the course's theme.

Schedule: Alternate Mondays, 10-13th period, (6:30-9:30 p.m.), Room 115, Peabody Hall
Please note that our scheduled time is three hours every other week and that class will begin at 6:30. Because the films vary in length, some classes may be longer or shorter than the scheduled time. Course meeting dates: August 20, 27, September 17, October 1, 15, 29, November 12, 26