

HIST 310C History in Film – Subject to change

History in Film is a special topics history course that looks at some of the most significant events and themes of American history, through a collection of popular American films, all of which connect with historical events, either by directly depicting them or by setting the context for a time period. This course will also briefly examine the development of the technology of film-making and the history of the film industry. The emphasis, however, is on the structural and topical history from the colonial frontier to the present. Topics include but are not limited to the Civil War and the birth of the KKK, the cowboy era in the American West, the interwar Prohibition era and the Second World War in the Pacific.

There are good films that do bad history, and bad films that do good history. Our concern will be less on the artistic/aesthetic success of the films, or on the many