

FRENCH CLUB FILM SERIES

Spring 2018: "Le contact culturel en Francophonie"

Join the French Club this semester in viewing a variety of films, each one focusing on a different cross-cultural relationship set in a Francophone country. This selection chronicles the stories of immigrants to France and Quebec, of colonial dynamics and cross-cultural romance, and of a journey across the world for love.



Welcome (2009)

Thursday, February 1, 7:00 pm, Woodburn Hall 003

1h 50m, not rated in the U.S. Starring Vincent Lindon, Firat Ayverdi, Audrey Dana. Bilal is 17 years old, a Kurdish boy from Iraq. He sets off on an adventure-filled journey across Europe, trying to get to England to see his love. Bilal finally reaches Calais, France, but how do you cover 32 kilometers of the English Channel when you can't swim? The boy soon discovers that his trip won't be as easy as he imagined... This immigrant drama, with wonderful acting performances, is a strong story using documentary austerity and minimalist style to create a great emotional impact. (*IMDb*)



Indochine (1992)

Friday, March 2, 7:00 pm, Woodburn Hall 003

2h 39m, rated PG-13. Starring Catherine Deneuve, Vincent Perez, Linh Dan Pham. This story is set in 1930, at the time when French colonial rule in Indochina is ending. A widowed French woman, who works in the rubber fields, raises a Vietnamese princess as if she was her own daughter. She and her daughter both fall in love with a young French navy officer, which will change both their lives significantly. (*IMDb*)



Samba (2014)

Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 pm, Hodge Hall (Kelley) 1055

1h 58m, rated R. Starring Omar Sy, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Tahar Rahim. Samba migrated to France ten years ago from Senegal, and has since been plugging away at various lowly jobs. Alice is a senior executive who has recently undergone a burn-out. Both struggle to get out of their dead-end lives. Samba's willing to do whatever it takes to get working papers, while Alice tries to get her life back on track until fate draws them together. (*IMDb*)



Monsieur Lazhar (2011)

Thursday, April 12, 7:00 pm, Fine Arts 015

1h 34m, rated PG-13. Starring Mohamed Fellag, Sophie Nélisse, Émilien Néron. Bachir Lazhar, an Algerian immigrant, is hired to replace an elementary school teacher who died tragically. While the class goes through a long healing process, nobody in the school is aware of Bachir's painful former life; nor that he is at risk of being deported at any moment. This film depicts the encounter between two distant worlds and the power of self-expression. (*IMDb*)

Questions? Comments?

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