

FOURTH YEAR ELECTIVE TITLE Psychiatry at the Movies: Film Depictions to Learn Elements Related to Mental Disease (FIDLER)		COURSE NUMBER PSYC 9030	LOCATION RWJMS, PISCATAWAY, NJ
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BLOCKS AVAILABLE YEAR LONG	DURATION/WEEKS YEAR LONG	HOURS PER WEEK *	STUDENTS MAX: 100
LECTURES/SEMINARS NO	OUTPATIENT NO	INPATIENT NO	HOUSESTAFF YES
NIGHT CALL NO	WEEKENDS NO	LAB NO	EXAM REQUIRED NO

* **Hours per Week:** The elective will have movie sessions once (sometimes twice) per month. Each movie session is approximately 2 ½ - 3 hours long.

Overall Educational Goal of Elective

The overall aim of this elective is to advance the medical narrative through the use of film. Through plot summary and character analysis, participating students will appreciate salient teaching points in the field of psychiatry.

Objectives

By participation in our elective, the following core competencies will be addressed:

- I. Patient care: Participating students will appreciate the use of techniques which foster effective communication, including the importance of family dynamics, and interacting effectively with others.
- II. Medical knowledge: Participating students will enhance their knowledge in the field of psychiatry.
- III. Practice-based learning and improvement: Participating students will demonstrate self-directed learning by blogging about their experience.
- IV. Interpersonal and communication skills: Participating students will appreciate interpersonal and communication skills modeled in movies as well as demonstrate their ability to work effectively as a group audience via social media.
- V. Professionalism: Participating students will engage in truthful interaction with peers, faculty and staff, and will demonstrate preparedness for meetings (movie sessions), and will demonstrate attitudes and behaviors which convey respect for other students and faculty.
- VI. Systems-based Practice: Participating students will address such core competencies as the use of effective communication strategies and participating effectively as a group audience.

Brief Description of Activities

This course will meet once (sometimes twice) per month from 6 – 9pm from September – April. It will usually be held in one of the large lecture halls at RWJMS. After a brief introduction by the Course Director, a selected movie will be shown with a live Twitter feed during the film. Students and Residents from the Department of Psychiatry will have their tweets appear on the televisions in the lecture hall. Medical students will have the unique experience of watching a movie with real-time analysis by psychiatrists.

Medical students are expected to attend each session prepared to contribute to the live audience participation. Students are encouraged to bring their personal electronic devices to tweet their thoughts as well as any questions to be addressed during the movie by faculty and/or house staff from the Department of Psychiatry. After each film, students are **required** to blog on their experience (sent to the elective director and elective contact via email) with focus on how the interactive environment enhanced their appreciation of the psychiatric subtext of the movie. **Blogs are due prior to the next scheduled movie session.**

Method of Student Evaluation:

Students must attend five (5) movie sessions and submit blogs to receive 1-week's elective credit. Evaluations will include attendance, identification of students' tweets as verification of their participation, and review of the students' blogs.

Are there any prerequisites for this elective? No

Is this elective available to Third Year Medical Students as well? Yes (see PSYC 8830)