

Comedy: What's the Point?

(Syllabus Subject to Change)

OLLI Paradise Campus
Wednesdays, 11:00-12:45

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Part One: "Odd Couples" of Hollywood's Golden Age

Week One

She Done Him Wrong, 1933 (1 hr 6 min)

Co-written by and starring Mae West, Featuring Cary Grant

Week Two

It Happened One Night, 1934 (1 hr 35 min)

Directed by Frank Capra, Starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert

Week Three

Adam's Rib, 1949 (1 hr 41 min)

Directed by George Cukor, Starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn

Part Two: Dangerous Minds—The Art of Satire

Week Four

Sullivan's Travels, 1941 (1 hr 30 min)

Written and directed by Preston Sturges, Starring Joel McCrea and Veronica Lake

Week Five

Monsieur Verdoux, 1947 (2 hr 4 min)

Written and directed by, and starring Charles Chaplin

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[Part Two]

Week Seven

Dr Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, 1964 (1 hr 35 min)

Directed and co-written by Stanley Kubrick, Starring Peter Sellers and George C Scott

Part Three: That's Entertainment?!

Week Eight

The Producers, 1967 (1 hr 28 min)

Written and directed by Mel Brooks, Starring Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel

[Some viewers may find material in this film objectionable. Please read handout.]

Week Nine

Bowfinger, 1999 (1 hr 37 min)

Written by and co-starring Steve Martin, Co-starring Eddie Murphy

Week Ten

For Your Consideration, 2006 (1 hr 26 min)

Written and directed by Christopher Guest; Ensemble Cast