

Seinfeld: Icon of the 90s

The “Seinfeld” show ran from July 5, 1989 to May 14, 1998. It was one of the most popular and influential television shows in the 1990s. TV Guide ranked it as one of the greatest ever. “Seinfeld” was created by Larry David and Jerry Seinfeld. Larry David left the show after the seventh season.

Most episodes were set in an apartment in Manhattan’s Upper West Side, but it was actually filmed in a Los Angeles studio. Jerry’s main costars in the show were Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Jason Alexander, and Michael Richards.

“Seinfeld” was described as “the show about nothing”; it was based on inconsequential small things in everyday life. Often, an episode would involve petty rivalries and elaborate schemes to gain advantage over other individuals. The main characters were often selfish and unconcerned with the rightness or wrongness of something. This was the general theme of the show. It tried to reflect the activities of real people. “Seinfeld” differed from other sitcoms in that none of the characters were related by blood or employed in the same building or office.

Each week of our class at least two episodes of “Seinfeld” will be shown. There will be discussions before and after each episode. Class members will be encouraged to do their own research about the episodes on their computers. Extra materials will always be provided to supplement the class. “Seinfeld” trivia contests will be held each week.

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Wednesday 1:45 pm - 3:30 pm
February 5, 2020 - April 15, 2020

- 2-5 “The Abstinence” and “The Andrea Doria”
- 2-12 “The Little Jerry,” “The Money,” and “The Comeback”
- 2-19 “The Van Burn Boys,” “The Susie,” and “The Pothole”
- 2-26 “The English Patient” and “The Nap”
- 3-4 “The Yada Yada” and “The Millennium”
- 3-11 “The Muffin Tops” and “The Summer of George”
- 3-18 No Class - Spring Break
- 3-25 “The Butter Shave,” “The Voice,” and “The Serenity Now”
- 4-1 “The Blood,” “The Junk Mail,” and “The Merv Griffin Show”
- 4-8 “The Slicer” and “The Betrayal”
- 4-15 “The Apology” and “The Strike”