

IN FRENCH HOUSE & IMAX SPRING 2019
2D AND 3D

HNRS 2020: Psychology of Entertainment

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Media can impact how we feel, what we think and what we do. Entertainment arguably has mixed effects on society. The study of media entertainment – its uses and effects – has been the focus of mass communication scholars since at least the 1920s, and a focus of parents and politicians for centuries before that. This course will orient students to historic and contemporary trends in the study of entertainment effects, serving as a primer for further investigations into the role of entertainment in modern society.

Topics include:

- Psychology of Horror
- Transmedia Experiences
- Cross-cultural Entertainment
- Video Games
- Entertainment for Social Good
- Morality and Entertainment

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