

Trench Coat and Fedora

James Bond is perhaps the most successful movie franchise in history. Audiences never tire of the intrigue and secrecy that are the hallmarks of spies and espionage. While fictional stories entertain us, there is an historical reality that keeps the genre alive. This course will examine spies and espionage through the ages, from ancient Rome to the present day.

Some Possible Topics

Spying in the Ancient World

Breaking the Enigma Code

Code Breakers

- Alan Turing

Bletchley Park

Elizabethan Spies and Spy Catchers

Some Famous Spies

- Igor Gouzenko
- Julius and Ethel Rosenberg
- Aldrich Ames
- Casanova
- Klaus Fuchs Born
- Sidney Reilly
- Lawrence of Arabia
- Alfred Redel
- Violette Szabo
- John Andre
- Nathan Hale
- Josephine Baker
- Belle Boyd
- The Cambridge Five
- Valerie Plame

Spies in the Movies

- James Bond
- Reilly Ace of Spies

TV Spies

Spy Authors

Industrial Spies

Double Agents

Digital Espionage

Spy Catchers

- Francis Walsingham
- Bill Donovan

- Bill Stephenson

Camp X

Espionage and the Law

Women Spies

Spy and Security Organizations

- OSS
- KGB
- CIA
- CSIS
- Masad

Spies in Fiction

Spy Hardware

Spying on the Public

- NSA
- CSIS
- MI5
- Google and Facebook

Whistle Blowers of Secrets

- Edward Snowden
- Julian Assange
- Wiki-Leaks

Famous Espionage Capers

- Operation Snow White
- Cracking Enigma

The Ethics of Spying

The Fate of Spies



Mata Hari (1876-1917)