

LIST OF MOVIES FOR LAX2003 SEMESTER 1 2025/2026

Go through the list below. Select three genres and **ONE** movie from each genre for your group discussion sessions.

Comedy

Comedy is a story that tells about a series of funny, or comical events, intended to make the audience laugh.

1. Paddington (2014)
2. We Can Be Heroes (2020)
3. Free Guy (2021)
4. Yes Day (2021)
5. The Curse of Bridge Hollow (2022)

Adventure

An adventure story is about a protagonist who journeys to epic or distant places to accomplish something. The protagonist has a mission and faces obstacles to get to their destination. Also, adventure stories usually include unknown settings and characters with prized properties or features.

1. Everest (2015)
2. Skyscraper (2018)
3. Finding 'Ohana (2021)
4. Against the Ice (2022)
5. Uncharted (2022)

Thriller

A thriller is a story that is usually a mix of fear and excitement. It has traits from the suspense genre and often from the action, adventure or mystery genres, but the level of terror makes it borderline horror fiction at times as well. It generally has a dark or serious theme, which also makes it similar to drama.

1. Flightplan (2005)
2. Escape Room (2019)
3. The Silence (2019)
4. The Good Nurse (2022)
5. The Woman in Cabin 10 (2025)

Science Fiction

Science fiction is similar to fantasy, except stories in this genre use scientific understanding to explain the universe that it takes place in. It generally includes or is centered on the presumed effects or ramifications of computers or machines; travel through space, time or alternate universes; alien life-forms; genetic engineering; or other such things.

1. Divergent (2014)
2. Geostorm (2017)
3. Timetrap (2017)
4. Alita: Battle Angel (2019)
5. Dune (2021)

Crime

A crime story is about a crime that is being committed or was committed. It can also be an account of a criminal's life.

1. The Hard Way (2019)
2. The Highwaymen (2019)
3. The Irishman (2019)
4. Woman of the Hour (2024)
5. The Thursday Murder Club (2025)

Animation

A genre of animation includes animating a cartoon on a computer modeling programme or traditional animations using drawings and paintings.

1. The Smurfs (2011)
2. The Emoji Movie (2017)
3. The Sea Beast (2022)
4. Leo (2023)
5. The Garfield Movie (2024)

Horror

A horror story is told to deliberately scare or frighten the audience, through suspense, violence or shock.

1. 1922 (2017)
2. Evil Dead (2013)
3. Deliver Us from Evil (2014)
4. Evil Dead Rise (2023)
5. Tarot (2024)

War

War film is a film genre concerned with warfare, typically about naval, air, or land battles, with combat scenes central to the drama.

1. Fury (2014)
2. 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (2016)
3. Sand Castle (2017)
4. Midway (2019)
5. Devotion (2022)

Romance

The term "romance" has multiple meanings, but most often a romance is understood to be "love stories", emotion-driven stories that are primarily focused on the relationship between the main characters of the story.

1. 13 Going On 30 (2004)
2. Our Souls at Night (2017)
3. A Merry Christmas Wish (2022)
4. Fall Into Winter (2023)
5. Love at First Sight (2023)

Action

A motion picture whose storyline involves fast-paced activity and conflict, usually including such elements as heroic protagonist, violent fights, acrobatic stunts, chase scenes and gunplay.

1. The Negotiator (1998)
2. The Sum of All Fears (2002)
3. Hellboy (2004)
4. Ghost Rider (2007)
5. Clash of the Titans (2010)

Philosophical

Philosophical fiction is fiction in which a significant proportion of the work is devoted to a discussion of the sort of questions normally addressed in discursive philosophy. These might include the function and role of society, the purpose of life, ethics or morals, the role of art in human lives, and the role of experience or reason in the development of knowledge.

1. Black Swan (2010)
2. Inception (2010)
3. Sunset Limited (2011)
4. The Tree of Life (2011)
5. The Life of Pi (2012)

Historical

A story about a real person or event. Often, they are written in a text book format, which may or may not focus on solely that.

1. The Aviator (2004)
2. 12 Years a Slave (2013)
3. Operation Finale (2018)
4. The King (2019)
5. The Trial of The Chicago 7 (2020)

Biographical

A biographical film, or biopic, is a film that dramatises the life of a non-fictional or historically-based person or people. Such films show the life of a historical person and the central character's real name is used.

1. Freedom Writers (2007)
2. Sergio (2009)
3. The King's Speech (2010)
4. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (2019)
5. Tick, Tick...Boom! (2021)

Mystery

A mystery story follows an investigator as he/she attempts to solve a puzzle (often a crime).

1. Inferno (2016)
2. Knives Out (2019)
3. Enola Holmes (2020)
4. I Am All Girls (2021)
5. The Pale Blue Eye (2022)

Fantasy

A fantasy story is about magic or supernatural forces, rather than technology (as science fiction) if it happens to take place in a modern or future era.

1. The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (2007)
2. Nightbooks (2021)
3. The School for Good and Evil (2022)
4. Chupa (2023)
5. Damsel (2024)

Drama

Drama is a genre of narrative fiction (or semi-fiction) intended to be more serious than humorous in tone, focusing on in-depth development of realistic characters who must deal with realistic emotional struggles.

1. Coach Carter (2005)
2. Gridiron Gang (2006)
3. Hillbilly Elegy (2020)
4. News of the World (2021)
5. Hustle (2022)