

Syllabus template:

[Title of your course]

[Date or time period your course]

[Location]

Epigraph or quote to set the mood.

Course description

What do you want to learn about? Why do you want to learn it?

Bibliography or schedule

List books, movies, albums, shows, recipes, places to visit... Anything that you want to do as part of your course. This can even include small assignments.

1. You can list them out.
2. Like this.
3. Or, you can use a chart like this with dates, etc.

Class 1 9/3	Read: <i>Heartburn</i> by Nora Ephron HW: Journal a response
Class 2 9/5	Watch: <i>When Harry Met Sally</i> HW: Watch “ Lessons from a Screenplay ” about it

Example:

Of Mice and Rats

September-December 2025

Apartment 8

"A mouse is a miracle enough." - Walt Whitman

Course description

Having lived in New York for over a decade, I really think I ought to respect mice and rats a bit more. I'm going to spend this fall reading literature and watching movies where these creatures are the main characters.

Bibliography

To watch:

- *Ratatouille*
- *Stuart Little*
- *Charlotte's Web*
- *The Rescuers*
- *The Green Mile*
- *Pinky & The Brain*
- *Tom & Jerry*

Books:

- *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
- *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

Articles:

- *Why is Hollywood so obsessed with talking rats?*—[Vice](#)
- *Rat Birth Control Rolls out in NYC*—[CBS](#)
- *We're All Just Rats in a Maze*—[Philosophy Now](#)

To eat:

- Ratatouille
- Cheese and Crackers
 - TBD, maybe make a map of a few cheese spots to try

Other resources:

- NYU's much more in-depth google doc [syllabus](#)
- Harvard's guide on the components for a [syllabus](#)