



St. Mary's College of Maryland
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The Wild and Wondrous Films of Pedro Almodóvar

Few directors today can match the startling plots and arresting images of Pedro Almodóvar, one of contemporary cinema's most interesting directors. Although his subject matter is almost always controversial and treads into taboo territory, the Spanish director gets us to look past our preconceptions and appreciate the complexity of the individuals involved.

The films will be shown at 7:00 pm in Cole Cinema at the Campus Center. Dr. Robin Bates, Professor of English, will introduce each film and lead a discussion afterwards. The cost of the course is \$10.

January 31	<u>Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown</u> (1988) – Almodóvar's breakthrough comedy is about an actress whose life is falling apart (but in interesting ways). (90 minutes)
February 28	<u>All About My Mother</u> (1999) – Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film, All About My Mother features a woman who, struggling to recover from her son's accidental death, finds support in her friends, who include a transsexual prostitute and a pregnant nun (Penelope Cruz). (101 minutes)
March 27	<u>Talk to Her</u> (2002) – Winner of the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay, the film is about a man who becomes obsessed with, and tirelessly tends to, a woman in a coma. (112 minutes)
April 24	<u>Bad Education</u> (2004) – A film director is give a short story written by a childhood friend and lover about molestation at the hands of their Catholic school teacher. Dark developments occur when he starts to adapt the story into a film. (106 minutes)

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Course Fee: \$10 (Fees may be paid by check payable to St. Mary's College of Maryland. Credit cards are accepted only for registrations delivered in person to the Business Office in Glendenning Hall.)

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