

Banned Movies in the Jones Media Center : JMC Titles

Date	Title	Country	Notes	Call Number
1971	A Clockwork Orange	Ireland	This film was banned due to its extreme depictions of violence and rape. Ban lifted in 2000.[26]	DVD 6309
1971-2011	A Clockwork Orange	Singapore	Banned for over 30 years, before an attempt at release was made in 2006. However, the submission for a M18 rating was rejected, and the ban was not lifted.[26] The ban was later lifted, with film was shown uncut with an R21 rating on 28 October 2011, as part of the Perspectives Film Festival.[70]	DVD 6309
1971	A Clockwork Orange	South Korea	Banned due to depictions of violence and gang rape. Has been lifted since.[26]	DVD 6309
1979	Apocalypse Now	South Korea	During President Park Chung-hee's regime, the importation of the film was on hold because of its anti-war theme.[83]	DVD 14527
1985	Back to the Future	China	Banned because of the government's belief that time travel is a dangerous element in fiction and because the actions of Marty McFly are highly inappropriate.[9]	DVD 7462
1925	Battleship Potemkin	France	Banned due to fears that it could inspire revolution.[16]	DVD 71
1933-1945	Battleship Potemkin	Germany	Banned due to fears it could inspire Marxism.[16][22]	DVD 71
1959	Ben-Hur (1959)	China	Banned for containing "propaganda of superstitious beliefs, namely Christianity." (Never given permission to screen)[9]	FILM.047.01-JWST.022.01-FA13
2006	Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	Banned as "offensive"[44]	DVD 4611
2006	Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan	Russia	Banned as "offensive"[44] (possibly because of Russia's close relationship with Kazakhstan).	DVD 4611
1945	Brief Encounter	Ireland	By Noël Coward. It was banned, as it was considered too permissive of adultery.[32]	DVD 959
2009	Brüno	Ukraine	Homosexual promoting themes and sex scenes.[103]	DVD 9216
1920-1945	Different from the Others	Germany	Banned due to homosexual themes[20] Mostly destroyed by the Nazis, the film was later partially reconstructed.[21]	DVD 3756
2009	District 9	Nigeria	Banned due to accusations of being xenophobic and showing racism towards Nigerians.[61]	DVD 13957
2004	Fahrenheit 9/11	Kuwait	[45]	DVD 1970
1993	Farewell My Concubine	China	Chinese film that won the Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or, was banned in a period due to homosexual themes and negative portrayal of communism.[11]	DVD 515
2008	Funny Games	Thailand	[96]	DVD 4258
1965	Goldfinger	Israel	Played for six weeks before the Nazi past of Gert Fröbe, who played the title villain, was disclosed;[38] it was unbanned after a few months after a man went to the Israeli Embassy in Vienna and told staff that Fröbe hid him and his mother from the Nazis (which may have saved their lives).[39][40]	DVD 7294
2007	Halloween	Thailand	This remake of 1978 horror film of the same name was banned due to depictions of violence.[96]	DVD 8622
1945-1955, 1973-1974	I'll Never Heil Again	Argentina	Short film made by The Three Stooges that parodied the Nazis and was banned by the two governments of Juan Perón since he was sympathetic toward the Nazis. Ban lifted after Perón died on July 1, 1974.	DVD 7437 disc2
2009	Ichi The Killer	Norway	Banned due to high impact violence and cruelty. In January 2009, The Norwegian Media Authority classified the film as "Rejected" and banned the film outright in Norway after the government learned of an incident at the Stockholm Film Festival where two people both vomited and fainted while watching the film. The film remains strictly prohibited in Norway.[26]	DVD 13130
1985	Je vous salue Marie (Hail Mary)	Argentina	Directed by Jean-Luc Godard, it was banned due to its blasphemous and sexual content.[1]	DVD 4213
1930	L'Age d'Or	France	Banned in Paris by the police prefect "in the name of public order." [17]	DVD 3405
1972-1986	Last Tango in Paris	Italy	Banned from 1972 to 1986.[26]	DVD 128
1972-1974	Last Tango in Paris	Portugal	Banned for its strong sexual content (unbanned in 1974).[26]	DVD 128
1973	Last Tango in Paris	Singapore	Banned for its strong sexual content.[26]	DVD 128
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1960	Le Petit Soldat	France	Banned on political grounds; the ban was lifted in 1963 with re-editing.[19]	DVD 2837
1945	Mildred Pierce	Ireland	[32]	DVD 1318
2009	Milk	Samoa	Originally, this film was banned without being given a reason.[67] Later, it was given a reason. It was deemed "inappropriate and contradictory to Christian beliefs and Samoan culture": "In the movie itself it is trying to promote the human rights of gays. Some of the scenes are very inappropriate in regard to some of the sex in the film itself, it's very contrary to the way of life here in Samoa." [68] (see Censorship in Samoa for details)	DVD 8172
1979	Monty Python's Life of Brian	Ireland	This comedy film by the Monty Python comedy team was banned because it was considered blasphemous. Ban lifted in 1987[26]	DVD 96
1979-1980	Monty Python's Life of Brian	Norway	Banned due to jokes deemed offensive to religious people (ban later lifted).[26]	DVD 96
1983	Monty Python's The Meaning of Life	Ireland	This comedy film by the Monty Python comedy team was banned because it was considered blasphemous. Ban lifted in 1990[34]	DVD 8436
2007	Persepolis	Lebanon	Initially banned in Lebanon after some clerics found it to be "offensive to Iran and Islam." The ban was later revoked after an outcry in Lebanese intellectual and political circles.[46]	DVD 7006
2007	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End	China	Banned because (according to Xinhua, the state news agency of the People's Republic of China) 10 minutes of footage containing Chow Yun-fat's portrayal of Singaporean pirate Sao Feng have been trimmed from versions of the film which may be shown in China. Chow is onscreen for 20 minutes in the uncensored theatrical release of the film. No official reason for the censorship was given, but unofficial sources within China have indicated that the character offered a negative and stereotypical portrayal of the Chinese people.[14]	DVD 7626

2008	Rambo	Burma	Banned for negative portrayals of Burmese soldiers.[8]	DVD 51
1994	Schindler's List	Indonesia	Film that is sympathetic to the Jewish cause[28][29]	DVD 1659
1946	The Big Sleep	Ireland	Banned due to sexual references.[32]	DVD 328
1993	The Blue Kite	China	Chinese film that, in addition to being banned, was deemed so offensive that director Tian Zhuangzhuang received a 10-year ban from making films.[10] It won the Grand Prix at the Tokyo International Film Festival, and Best Film at the Hawaii International Film Festival.	VHS 1501
2006	The Da Vinci Code	Samoa	Banned outright after church leaders watching a pre-release showing filed a complaint with film censors.[67] (see Censorship in Samoa for details)	DVD 4509
2006	The Da Vinci Code	Solomon Islands	Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare stated that the film "undermines the very roots of Christianity in Solomon Islands." [81]	DVD 4509
2006	The Departed	China	Banned for a line suggesting that the government intends to use nuclear weapons on Taiwan (a sensitive political issue – never given permission to screen)[13]	DVD 4479
1973	The Exorcist	Singapore	[26]	DVD 7260
2012	The Hunger Games	Vietnam	Banned because of extreme violence and killing.	DVD 15092
2007	The Kingdom	Saudi Arabia	[69]	DVD 14641
1988	The Last Temptation of Christ	Israel	Banned on the grounds that it could offend Christians.[42]	DVD 869
1974-1997	The Texas Chain Saw Massacre	Norway	Banned due to high impact scary violence. Banned lifted in 1997 and re-released uncut with an 18 (Adults only) rating.[26]	DVD 8450
1974-2004	The Texas Chain Saw Massacre	Singapore	Prohibited from release on the island since the 1970s.[26] Passed uncut after 2004 with an M18 rating.	DVD 8450
1974–2001	The Texas Chain Saw Massacre	Sweden	Banned due to high gore violence and cruelty.[26] Banned later lifted.	DVD 8450
1985–1999	The Texas Chain Saw Massacre (1974)	Iceland	Banned due to high level violence; a censored version was later released.[26]	DVD 8450
1974–1978	The Texas Chain Saw Massacre (1974)	West Germany	Banned due to extreme level violence.[26]	DVD 8450
1982	The Year of Living Dangerously	Indonesia	An Australian film about Jakarta under Sukarno's rule in 1965. The ban was lifted in 1999.[27]	DVD 1020
1943-1949	Titanic (1943)	Germany	This Nazi propaganda film about the sinking of the RMS Titanic was banned in Nazi Germany by Joseph Goebbels because some of the scenes could demoralize the audience. The Allied Control Council banned the film because of its Nazi propaganda. After the end of the occupation, the German Motion picture rating system classified it to age 12 or older and to age 6 or older with parental guidance. It was sometimes shown on German TV after the war and a censored, low quality VHS copy was released in 1992.	VHS 3750
1961-1977	Viridiana	Spain	Although the Film Institute of Spain approved the film's submission to the Cannes Film Festival, after the Catholic Church expressed its indignation, the head of the Film Institute was fired and the film was banned under head of state Francisco Franco for sixteen years.[84]	DVD 4234
2002	We Were Soldiers	Vietnam	(as of 2002)[114]	DVD 14188
2009	Zack and Miri Make a Porno	Thailand	Banned by the Ministry of Culture due to sexual content (characters showing how to make their own pornographic video; teens may try to mimic).[98]	DVD 13479
2001	Zoolander	Malaysia	In this comedy film, the title character Derek Zoolander visits Malaysia which is shown as impoverished and dependent on sweatshops. For this reason, Malaysia's censorship board deemed it "definitely unsuitable".[48]	DVD 1898
2001-2004	Zoolander	Singapore	[72] Passed uncut after 2004 with an NC16 rating.	DVD 1898
1979	Monty Python's Life of Brian	United States	banned in several towns for showing controversial themes about Christianity.[1]	DVD 96
1997	The Tin Drum	United States	Briefly banned in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, when a district court judge deemed the film child pornography. The shot in question depicted a child embracing a naked woman. The verdict was overturned on appeal.[9]	DVD 335
1988	The Last Temptation of Christ	United States	Banned in Savannah, Georgia when city leaders sent a petition to Universal Studios requesting a ban. However, opened in Savannah on September 23, 1988, six weeks after national and worldwide debut.[citation needed]	DVD 869
1915	The Birth of a Nation	United States	Banned in several American cities, including Chicago, Las Vegas, Denver, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, and the states of Ohio, Kansas, and West Virginia.[2] as well as "dozens" of other jurisdictions.[1] Unbanned in 1916 outside of Kansas.[3]	DVD 1766
1968 - 1991	Titicut Follies	United States	Barred from distribution to the general public by court order because the film was considered a violation of the privacy of the prison inmates it filmed.[1]	DVD 7358
1922	Häxan	United States	Banned due to the use of torture and nudity.[citation needed]	DVD 8627
1961	Victim	United States	Banned in many American cities due to language.[6]	DVD 11874
1953	The Moon Is Blue	United States	Banned in Jersey City, New Jersey as "indecent and obscene." [5]	DVD 12445
1945	Scarlet Street	United States	Banned in New York City, according to Jan Morris' book Manhattan '45.[citation needed]	DVD 14018
1941	Two-Faced Woman	United States	This film's theme (adultery) caused it to be banned in New York City, among other places.[1]	VHS 2662