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These are my favorite films! These are not necessarily what I believe as the GREATEST films per genre, but I just made a full list of my fav films and put them into categories. Ask me before you decide to watch one from here because I do not recommend them for all!

If you want me to expand on any of these films, or watch them with me, I'll be MORE than glad to!
(I put info on lesser known films)

~Pinkhas 5/5/2012

Updated with 8/25 on the new ones ~8/25

Action
Apocalypto (2006) – A Mesoamerican attempts to escape human sacrifice and make his way home to his stranded family. 8/25
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (2000)
Curse of the Golden Flower (2006) – Chinese film on internal conflicts within an Imperial family that lead to incest, affairs with servants, and mutiny. Action Drama.
Fearless (2006)
Gladiator (2000)
Hero (2002)
The Last Samurai (2003)
Troy (2004)
V For Vendetta (2006)

Adventure, Fantasy and Sci-Fi
2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)
Alien (1979)
Bridge to Teribithia (2007)
District 9 (2009)
Indiana Jones (All of them excluding Crystal Skull) (1981+1984+1989)
King Kong (2005)
Minority Report (2002)
Seven Samurai (1954)

Star Wars (All of them ♥) (Especially the first trilogy. Analysis wise, second trilogy sucks but, I'ma fanboy yah)
The Fifth Element (1997)
The Lord of The Rings (All of them) (2001, 2002, 2003)
War Of The Worlds (2005)

Animated (Including Jap Anime)
Akira (1988) – Renegade street biker tries to stop his fellow biker gang member from using new found psychic abilities for releasing a powerful psychic capable of world destruction. Anime.
Beauty and The Beast (1991)
Evangelion: Death and Rebirth(1997) – A movie finale to an anime series.
Evangelion: The End of Evangelion (1997) – The follow-up film.
Finding Nemo (2003)
Ghost In the Shell (1995) – A cyborg policewoman tries to find an expert hacker called “The Puppet Master.” This is heavily analysis based and actually involves research afterwards to try to fully understand it. Anime.
Ghost In The Shell 2: Innocence (2004) – Not a straight sequel to the original, we follow 2 policemen, one cyborg, the other human, investigate a fishy corporation that makes android sex dolls. Just like the last one, this is heavily analysis based and involves research as well. Anime.
Monster Inc. (2001)
My Neighbor Totoro (1988)
Persepolis (2007)
Peter Pan (1953)
Ponyo (2008)
Royal Space Force: The Wings of Honnêamise (1987) – A lazy cadet in a poorly run space program is motivated by a religious woman to be the first human in space. This film touches on issues of war, humanity, and religion. It is heavily analysis based. Anime.
Samurai Jack: The Premiere Movie (2003)
Sleeping Beauty (1959)
Spirited Away (2001)
Spongebob Squarepants: The Movie (2004)
The Iron Giant (1999)
UP (2009)
Wall-E (2008)

Comedy-Drama

50/50 (2011)
A Christmas Story (1983)
A Clockwork Orange (1971)
Adaptation (2002) – A screenwriter has trouble adapting a book of a rare plant thief and finds out there is much more of a story of how the book was written and the relationship between the writer and subject than shown. Comedy-Drama.
Adventureland (2009)
Almost Famous (2000) – An underage teen is assigned to write an article for Rolling Stone magazine following a growing up and coming band Stillwater. Comedy-Drama.
Boogie Nights (1997) – A rising star in the pornography world of the 70s, and others in his 'field,' encounter personal problems due to their lifestyles. 8/25
Burn After Reading (2008) – A CIA agent's draft of an autobiography is recorded on CD and found by two gym owners who attempt to sell it. Dark Comedy.
Catch Me If You Can (2002)
Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964)
Drunken Master (1978)
Drunken Master II (1994)
Dumb and Dumber (1994)
Ed Wood (1994) – Based on a true story, a man meets a has-been star and creates amongst the worst movies ever made, giving him the title of Worst Director of all time. Biopic Comedy-Drama.
Fargo (1996) – A car salesman hires two criminals to kidnap his wife so he may force his rich father-in-law to pay ransom. However, a pregnant policewoman gets involved as the plan goes horribly wrong. Dark Comedy-Drama.
Fat Choi Spirit (2002) – Chinese film. A mahjong master is cursed with bad luck when he has to make up for his brother's debt. Comedy.
Fighting to Survive (2002) – Chinese film. A con artist who uses pyramid schemes runs a cheap bodyguard scam. Unfortunately for him, all of his bodyguards come with their own personal problems to tackle. Comedy.
Forrest Gump (1994)
Groundhog Day (1993)
I Love You, Man (2009)
Juno (2007)
Kung Fu Hustle (2004)
Life is Beautiful (1997) – The first half is Rom-Com, but the rest is Comedy-Drama.
Little Miss Sunshine (2006)
Marley and Me (2008)
My Favorite Year (1982) – A TV executive's assistant meets his idol and is in charge of taking care of him and his consistent drinking which leads to many public and personal troubles.

Comedy-Drama.
O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000) – A Coen Brothers comedic Western version of The Odyssey about three prisoners who escape and look for a treasure. Comedy Western.
Ocean's Eleven + Ocean's Twelve (2001 +2004)
Old School (2003)
Pineapple Express (2008)
Rumble in the Bronx (1995)
Rush Hour (1998)
Rush Hour 2 (2001)
Sex is Zero (2002) – The Korean version of American Pie (with entirely diff plot, not a remake). 8/25
Shanghai Noon and Shanghai Knights (2000, 2003)
Shaolin Soccer (2001)
Spanglish (2004)
Stir Crazy (1980)
Super Troopers (2001)
Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song (1971) – This film was intended for black audiences as a symbol of fighting the man. Be warned, this film is very reliant on analysis as the skin of it is JUST sex and 70's style action scenes. 70's action with weird pornography.
Tadpole (2002) – A 15 year-old intellectual falls in love with his father's girlfriend and tries to obtain her into a sexual relationship. Comedy-Drama.
The Hangover (2009)
The Royal Tenenbaums (2001) – Follows a dysfunctional family, headed by a dysfunctional father who re-appeared in his children's later lives, who were very successful at youth (iono how to phrase this right. It's just all dysfunctional yah). Dark Comedy-Drama.
The Truman Show (1998)
Tokyo Raiders (2000) – Chinese film. A woman thinks her husband is cheating on her and, with a bodyguard, gets tangled up with a lot of bad people. Comedy Action.
Volver (2006) – Spanish film. A woman's ghost goes back to her hometown to fix unresolved matters and help her daughters. Comedy-Drama.
Who Framed Roger Rabbit? (1988)
Zombieland (2004)

Courtroom Drama
12 Angry Men (1957) – A jury of 12 men debate the case of a young man, each expressing personal conflicts and drama throughout. Court Drama.
In the Name of the Father (1993) – Based on the true story of the Guildford Four, four people are wrongly convicted of an IRA bombing. Not MUCH in the courtroom, a lot in prison, but I thought it would go here. 8/25

Documentary
Art & Copy: Inside Advertising’s Creative Revolution (2009) – History of creative ads. Documentary.
Exit Through the Gift Shop (2010) – Banksy follows a goofy french guy who becomes obsessed with street art and eventually becomes one himself (somehow...). Documentary Comedy.
The Man With a Movie Camera (1929) – A cameraman goes around Russia and portrays Russian daily life through cinematic techniques. No plot. Silent film and highly analysis reliant. Documentary.

Drama (can't really fit anything else solely or is biographical)
A Beautiful Mind (2001)
Amadeus: The Director's Cut (1984)
American Beauty (1999)
Boyz N the Hood (1991)
Cast Away (2000)
Citizen Kane (1941)
Crash (2004)
Dead Poets Society (1989)
Finding Neverland (2004) – Based on the true story of the man who got inspired by a family to write Peter Pan. Biopic Comedy-Drama.
Gangs of New York (2002)
Gandhi (1982)
Gran Torino (2008)
Hachiko: A Dog's Story (2009)
Lawrence of Arabia (1962)
Memoirs of a Geisha (2005)
Monster (2003) – Aileen Wuornos tries to stray away from being a prostitute and live a life with her girlfriend, but ends up going back to it with the intent to kill the men.
Munich (2005)
Mutiny on the Bounty (1935)
Nana (2005) – Two girls with the same name but different personalities meet each other on the way to Tokyo, one looking for success as a punk rocker, the other to live with her boyfriend. However, things get more complicated as opposites meet. Rom-Com Drama.
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)
Pulp Fiction (1994)
Pursuit of Happyness (2006)
Raise the Red Lantern (1991) – Chinese film about a young girl who becomes a concubine to

a wealthy man in warlord China, entering a rivalry between other concubines. Quite the many plot twists and characters. Drama.
Rashômon (1950) – Japanese film about the idea of bias and different point of views around a murder and rape in the forest. Drama.
Ray (2004)
Requiem For a Dream (2000)
Reservoir Dogs (1992)
Scent of a Woman (1992) – An over-achieving student applies to be a caretaker for a blind veteran and things don't go out as he planned. Drama with comedy here and there.
Shawshank Redemption (1994)
Sideways (2004) – An actor about to get married and his friend, an English teacher who is finishing his novel, go on a bachelor's week to Wine Country and become romantically involved with local women. Drama Romance.
The Aviator (2004)
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (2008)
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly (2007) – French film. The true story of how a former Editor in Chief of ELLE magazine suffered a massive stroke, paralyzing his entire body other than his eyes, and was able to write a memoir. 8/25
The Green Mile (1999)
The Hours (2002) – Three women in different generations are interconnected by the book Mrs Dalloway by Virginia Woolf. 8/25
The Ice Storm (1997) – Different families get intertwined during an ice storm in which both children, youth, and adults join in alcohol and sexual relations. Drama.
The King and the Clown (2005) – Korean film about local clowns who get in trouble for mocking the king. However, the king enjoys their performances as he asks them to be his personal jesters. Comedy-Drama.
The Last Emperor (1987) – Follows the story of Puyi, the last Emperor of China, who was crowned at 3 years of age. Biopic Drama.
The Pianist (2002)
The Pursuit of Happyness (2006)
There Will Be Blood (2007)
Tokyo Story (1953) – Japanese film about grandparents who decide to visit their well-off children in the city, and come to realize that their children don't really have time for them. Drama.
Tony Takitani (2004) – Japanese film about a very lonely man who finally finds a woman he loves. This is a slow film and I just really enjoyed it because I felt as if I was the main character. Drama.
Up In The Air (2009)

Mobster/Gangster
The Departed (2006)
GoodFellas (1990)
The Godfather (1972)
The Godfather Part II (1974)

Musical
Sound of Music (1965)

Rom-Com
500 Days of Summer (2009)
Annie Hall (1977)
As Good as It Gets (1997) – A writer with a general hate for mankind tries to get along with a single mother of an ill child and his gay next door neighbor. Rom-Com.
Casanova (2005)
Chungking Express (1994) – Chinese film following the romantic stories of two hopeless romantic policemen revolving around a food stall. Rom-Com. (First part is more serious toned, second is more comedic)
Ditto (Also known as Donggam) (2000) – Korean film of college students who talk with each other over the radio, despite a 20 year separation in time. Sci-fi Rom-Com.
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008)
Gorgeous (1999) – Chinese Jackie Chan film. A young girl visits Hong Kong in hope for romance and encounters an ethical businessman in the middle of a long-term rivalry. A couple of fight scenes since this is well, Jackie Chan. 8/25
Hannah and Her Sisters (1986) – One of those films with multiple characters of different plots involving an extended family with a man crushing on his sister-in-law, a TV producer being severely depressed, and a woman who tires of her long-time older boyfriend. Woody Allen Rom-Com.
Knocked Up (2007)
Love Actually (2003)
Moonrise Kingdom (2012) 8/25
Sleepless in Seattle (1993)
When Harry Met Sally... Director's Cut(1989)

Romance
2046 (2004) – Chinese film following Chow from “In The Mood For Love” as a loose sequel,

and how he deals with being a playboy and a hopeless romantic. Romance Drama.
A Moment To Remember (2004) – Korean film of how a young girl falls in love with a “bad boy” but at the same time, falls sick with Alzheimer's Disease (disease that causes memory loss). Rom-Com with drama halfway.
A Streetcar Named Desire (1951)
Atonement (2007) – A young girl, who aspires to write, makes a terrible life-changing mistake for the relationship between her older sister and her lover in late 1930s Britain. Romantic Drama.
Brokeback Mountain (2005)
City of Angels (1998) – An angel becomes attracted to a surgeon and decides to be visible to her. Romantic Drama.
Cold Mountain (2003) 8/25
Days of Being Wild (1990) – Chinese film following a playboy's conflict with his adoptive and real mother, the women whose hearts he breaks, and a policeman overseeing his life. Romantic Drama.
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)
Happy Together (1997) – Chinese film. Two gay lovers' on/off relationship leads them stranded in Argentina where they relive their said relationship. 8/25
In the Mood for Love (2000) – Chinese film of two new neighbors find out that their respective spouses are having an affair with each other. They then decide to have one as well. Romantic Drama.
Love Letter (Also known as When I Close My Eyes) (1995) – Japanese film of a woman who lost her fiance, sends him a love letter to his old home (which should no longer exist), but for some reason, she gets a letter back. On the receiving end, we find a woman who looks exactly the same (same actress), and has the same name of the fiance, whom she actually knew back in high school, and the women continue talking about the fiance as emotions of each unfold. Rom-Com Drama.
Maborosi (Also known as Maboroshi No Hikaru) (1995) – Japanese film of a woman who tries to figure out why, out of nowhere, her husband decided to commit suicide. Pushed into it, she re-marries with a man who lost his love as well. Romantic Drama. This film is VERY slow-paced.
Secret (2007) – Chinese film. A pianist gains popularity in his new art school as he falls in love with a girl he cannot seem to fully understand, trying to know the secret song she played on his first day. Awesome music by Jay Chou! Sci-fi Romance.

Sports
Million Dollar Baby (2004)
Raging Bull (1980)

Thriller and Noir/Neo-Noir
16 Blocks (2006)
American Psycho (2000) – A Wall Street baller grows mentally unstable and goes on a killing spree. Dark Comedy Thriller.
Basic Instinct (1992) – A cop investigates a brutal murder while falling in love with the sexy prime suspect. Mystery neo-noir (VERY manly film).
Batman Begins + The Dark Knight + Dark Knight Rises (2005+2008+2012) 8/25
Blade Runner: The Director's Cut (1982 but Director's came out 1992)
Blue Velvet (1986) – A college student finds a human ear and conducts his own investigation with the help of a police detective's daughter. Mystery Neo-noir.
Brick (2005) – A high school kid finds his ex-girlfriend dead and becomes involved with much more than expected. A pastiche to both American High school melo-drama with hardboiled Neo-noir.
Chinatown (1974) – A private investigator grows too interested in the California Water Wars of the 1930s after he was set up to be involved in the death of a businessman. 8/25
Donnie Darko (2001)
Double Indemnity (1944) – An insurance salesman falls in love with a woman who wants to murder her husband for the money. Mystery Film noir.
Fatal Attraction (1987) – A successful married man has a short affair with a woman who then starts to cling to him, stalk him and his family, and just go berserk with obsession. Thriller Horror Drama.
Fight Club (1999)
Inception (2010)
L.A. Confidential (1997) – In the times of 50s police corruption and the rise of Hollywood, detectives are caught in the midst of murder, organized crimes, and lust. Neo-noir Drama.
Matchstick Men (2003)
Memento (2000)
Mulholland Drive (2001) – A woman is saved from gunpoint by a car crash, but when she wakes up, remembers nothing. She stumbles upon an aspiring actress, new to Hollywood, and they attempt to solve the mystery of who she was. David Lynch Neo-noir Mystery Thriller.
Mystic River (2003) – The death of the daughter of a former criminal reunites him with his childhood friends: a detective, and a victim of pedophilia many years ago. Mystery Crime Drama.
No Country for Old Men (2007)
Oldboy (2003) – Korean film. A man is trapped in a hotel room for 15 years and when he is suddenly released, he goes around figuring out why. All of my friends had their minds blown.

Neo-noir Thriller/Action with comedy here and there.
Se7en (1995) – Two detectives, one on his last week before retirement, and the other freshly promoted, track down a killer who goes by the seven deadly sins. Neo-noir Thriller Drama.
Strange Days (1995) – In the last days of 1999, virtual reality instruments take over the underworld as a dealer is now involved with a high-profile murder. Neo-noir Thriller.
The Chaser (2008) – Korean film. A former detective, now pimp, follows a case of a man who has been ordering his girls but never returning them. Neo-noir Thriller.
The Insider (1999) – True story about a chemist who tries to reveal secrets of the tobacco industry on 60 Minutes, when he is then threatened by the tobacco companies. Drama Thriller.
The Prestige (2006)
The Silence of The Lambs (1991)
The Sixth Sense (1999)
The Untouchables (1987)
The Usual Suspects (1995)
Vertigo (1958) – A private investigator, who is afraid of heights, agrees to follows a man's wife who has been acting very strangely. Noir Thriller.
Zodiac (2007)

War
Black Hawk Down (2001)
Flags of our Fathers (2006) – Issues are raised between soldiers who were considered as heroes in the famous picture of raising the flag in Iwo Jima, Japan in WWII. 8/25
Full Metal Jacket (1987)
Letters From Iwo Jima (2006) – The battle of Iwo Jima, Japan in WWII from the viewpoint of the losing Japanese side. War Drama.
Red Cliff (2008) – Chinese film about the Battle of Red Cliff at the end of the Han Dynasty, and the feud between cunning tacticians and strategists on all sides, both political and personal. Action War Drama.
Saving Private Ryan (1998)

Western
The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly (1966)
Unforgiven (1992) 8/25