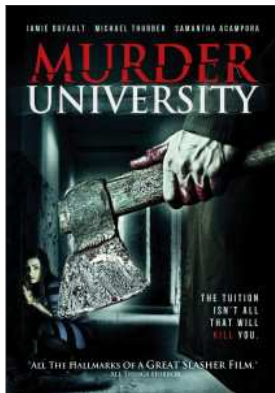


## DVD REVIEW: MURDER UNIVERSITY

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A small New England college is plagued by a series of brutal, cult-like murders that share a similar pattern of killings some twenty years earlier. The lone survivor of a recent attack must team up with a veteran police detective and his daughter in order to uncover the secret behind the killings, revealing a legacy of murder and the occult that has been kept buried for decades on campus.

*MURDER UNIVERSITY* was directed by **Richard Griffin**, from a script by **Lenny Schwartz** and has a cast that includes **Jamie Dufault, Michael Thurber, Sammi Acampora, Samantha Acampora, David Adams Murphy and Nick Apostolides.**

The very beginning of the movie sets everything up with the slaughter of a small group of college kids by these mask and robe wearing cult types. The movie then fast forwards to good ole 1983 and we follow this likable, nerdy type college freshman Josh who is not only having a hard time settling in at school but he also comes face-to-face with this mysterious cult. There's a number of chases around campus until the pieces of this puzzle begin to fall into place which leads to a surprising finale for Josh where he finds out a family secret that puts him on the spot to decide what path he must take. There's a high number of decapitations happening as the movie plays along as well as some 80s style sex scenes and cool special effects that old school horror fans will enjoy! There's also an enormous amount of comedy that goes along with the horror and it all pretty much pokes fun at itself and those fun 80s slashers it pays homage to. The story was fun and I really felt like I was back in the 80s watching a new slasher flick; from the cheesy clothing, to the arcade games to some of the dialogue that was "cool to say" during that time, it all made this movie what it is. Griffin has directed several of my indie horror favorites of late and this one has been added to the list. The guy just knows how to make a really fun movie! Something else that really stood out in the movie was the cool retro score/soundtrack playing in the background. They really got it right with the eerie keyboards and synthesizers, so good that it's an added plus that even John Carpenter would be proud of plus there's that catchy theme song "Murder U" that is now stuck in my head.

Side Note: There's so many fun decapitation scenes that I feel like some frat house out there should dream up a drinking game for the movie!

The packaging comes with some cool retro artwork on the front that reminds you of some other popular slasher flicks from the 80s. The back includes movies details, some stills and special features listing. There's also a nice animated menu once you pop in the DVD.

Bottom line is, Murder University is a fun 80s slasher throwback that's full of blood and gore and enough decapitated heads to satisfy any gore hound's thirst for horror!

If you miss those fun horror movies from the 80s be sure you check out *Murder*

*University* when it slashes its way to DVD on October 15th. This movie is totally worth a watch!

**Distributor:** Wild Eye Releasing

**Run Time:** 96 Minutes

**Rated:** Not Rated

**Special Features:** For a release this fun I felt like it should have had more extras.

- Two Commentary Tracks

- Deleted Scenes

- Trailers

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