



DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS
COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2016

DD1082 (A2): INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO PRODUCTION – 3 (0-0-3) 45 Hours for 15 Weeks

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course provides exposure to the techniques, theories, and practices of video production. It is designed to improve and nurture students' creative potential through the video media. Students will learn how to direct with a camera, work with actors, story boarding, lighting, and the production of multiple student video project.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: External hard drive with USB 3 or Firewire 800 with 500GB or higher and Headphones

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lectures combined with screenings and technical workshops

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Introduce the fundamentals of filmmaking
- Provide a firm foundation in production practices and techniques
- Engage with the major roles in film production
- Cover the process of developing a project from script to screen
- Present perspectives on film and filmmaking that encourage critical thinking

LEARNING OUTCOMES: By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Increased visual literacy via critical engagement with film and visual storytelling
- Competency in use of video production equipment and software
- Understanding of the filmmaking process including pre-production, production, and post-production
- Familiarity and competency with camera operation, lighting, sound, editing, acting, and directing
- Creation of individual and group video projects

TRANSFERABILITY: University of Lethbridge

***Warning:** Although we strive to make the transferability information in this document up-to-date and accurate, **the student has the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of this course to Alberta Colleges and Universities.** Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.ca> or, if you do not want to navigate through few links, at <http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlinesearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2>

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. **Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

EVALUATIONS:

- 10% - Story board assignment**
- 20% - Weekly journals**
- 20% - Individual video project**
- 20% - First group video project**
- 30% - Second group video project**

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than a C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

- September 1: Introduction to course objectives and equipment
Basics of composition and cinematic decision-making
Journal shot – foreground, middle ground, and background
- September 8: Script concepts
Groups assigned
Story Boards (Story Board assignment)
Journal shot – portrait
- September 15: Introduction to lighting and camera operation part 1
Production roles and Pre-production

- Journal shot – Contrast
- September 22: Introduction to lighting and camera operation part 2
Story Board Assignment Due
 Editing on Final Cut X
 Journal shot - Motion
- September 29: Directing – working with actors, establishing a point of view, and blocking
 Journal shot – Red, Yellow, Blue
- October 6: Basics of sound
 Planning your shoot for editing
 Journal shot (audio) – Soundscape without traffic
- October 13: Colour, Pace, Style
First group films presented
 Journal shot - ECU
- October 20: Breaking down a script
 Balancing shot lengths and framings
 Journal shot – Closed frame
- October 27: Lighting II (Sound stage)
 Journal shot – vanishing lines
- November 3: Final Cut X II
 Journal shot – Golden Hour
- November 10: Post-Production
 Finishing
 Marketing
 Journal shot – B&W high contrast
- November 17: **Individual films presented**
 Art Direction
 Journal shot - Night
- November 24: Isolation sound recording
 Journal shot – shallow focus
- December 1: Camera movement
 Journal shot – hard light
- December 8: Final Cut Pro X III
 Journal shot – soft light
- December 15: **Second group films presented and Journals due**

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- In addition to class time, students are expected to invest a minimum of 6 hours in the completion of projects. This will involve shooting both on and off campus, as well as additional time in the editing lab.
- Inappropriate use of the equipment or lab computers may be grounds for dismissal from the course.
- Equipment must be returned by a specified due date in order to allow other students access to it.
- All equipment must be kept clean and in working condition.
- In order for group film projects to succeed it is essential that students respect the time of their collaborators and overcome the urge to procrastinate on due dates. Each group project must be carefully planned and presented to the instructor no later than one week prior to shooting. In addition to being mindful of collaborators it is also important that students respect any and every workspace.
- As the semester progresses there will be time in each class for editing projects and troubleshooting. Though this time is an important part of the learning process, it should not be relied upon as the primary editing sessions for the completion of projects.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.