FILM A210: Production Management

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Top Code 061220 - Film Production

Units 3 Total Units

Hours 54 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 54)

Total Outside of Class Hours (

Course Credit Status Credit: Degree Applicable (D)

Material Fee No

Basic Skills Not Basic Skills (N)

Repeatable No

Grading Policy Standard Letter (S)

#### **Course Description**

This course will provide a comprehensive step-by-step overview of production management from pre-production through post-production in film, television and new media projects. This course will also cover production planning, budgeting, scheduling, as well as other essential skills and logistics of filmmaking. PREREQUISITE: FILM A110. Transfer Credit: CSU.

#### Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

- 1. Students will acquire and apply practical knowledge of the steps and tools required to design, execute, and evaluate a successful production.
- Students will be able to analyze and differentiate the job characteristics of producers and assess the roles of various production guilds and unions.
- 3. Students will develop the skills to design, implement, and manage essential budgeting and scheduling processes for film, television, and new media productions.

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# **Course Objectives**

- 1. Identify the different roles and job characteristics of producers.
- · 2. Learn and understand film terminology in production.
- · 3. Explore the different ways to gather funding.
- · 4. Explore and enhance creative collaborations with cast and crew.
- 5. Understand the process of pre-production through post-production.
- 6. Understand relationships between production entities and motion picture/television craft guilds and unions.
- 7. Execute fundamental budgeting and scheduling with industry accepted software.
- 8. Generate basic legal agreements and documents for a production.

#### **Lecture Content**

Pre-Production Role of the Producer Production Office Hiring Managing Crew Department Structure of Cast/Crew Crew Union Guilds Cover Letters and Resumes Casting Credits Auditions Talent Casting Agencies Actors Union Film Terminology Location Scouting Locations Location Surveys Safety The Script Script Format Numbering Revisions Script Breakdown Scheduling Production Schedule Prep Schedule One-Liner Shooting Schedule Low Budget Production Schedules Accounting Accounting Payroll Basic Budgeting Tracking the Money Audit Insurance General Liability EO Bonds Legal Music Licenses Copyright, Trademark, Public Domain Clearances Releases Production Production Reports Call Sheets Special Departments: SPFX, CGI, Motion Control, Animals, Children, Stunts, etc... Re-shoots

## Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)
- DE Live Online Lecture (02S)
- DE Online Lecture (02X)

## **Instructional Techniques**

Lecture/Critique Demonstrations Individual Assignments Examinations

#### **Reading Assignments**

Students will read on average 1-2 hours per week from assigned textbooks and articles.

# **Writing Assignments**

Students will spend approximately 10 hours throughout the semester on writing assignments, such as research papers or production proposals.

# **Out-of-class Assignments**

Students will spend approximately 5-6 hours per weerk on out-of-class assignments, including: Assigned reading Lecture notes review Exam preparation Individual projects assignments Writing assignments

#### **Demonstration of Critical Thinking**

**Assigned Projects Examinations** 

#### **Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration**

Students will demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving through assigned individual projects and class discussions.

#### **Eligible Disciplines**

Film studies: Masters degree in film, drama/theater arts, or mass communication OR bachelors degree in any of the above AND masters degree in media studies, English, or communication OR the equivalent. Masters degree required.

### **Textbooks Resources**

1. Required Honthaner, E.L. The Complete Film Production Handbook, Fourth ed. Focal Press, 2013 Rationale: This book is for working film/ TV professionals and students alike. The book includes all the forms, contracts, releases and checklists to set up and run a production. Students will know what to expect and be prepared for the task in front of them.