

**MEDIA 20 Course Outline as of Spring 2018****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: MEDIA 20 Title: DIGITAL FILMMAKING

Full Title: Introduction to Digital Filmmaking

Last Reviewed: 3/8/2021

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks		Course Hours Total	
Maximum	4.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	4.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00	6	Lab Scheduled	52.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	6.00		Contact Total	105.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 210.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Course Completion of CS 74.21A and MEDIA 10

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 2011	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 2011	Inactive:

### **CID:**

#### **Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Design and create a short visual story.
2. Compose a short script with proper formatting.
3. Employ the terminology of digital filmmaking in a production context.
4. Plan, organize, and execute the production of a short digital video project.
5. Operate basic digital video equipment.
6. Demonstrate a fundamental knowledge of single camera coverage techniques.
7. Apply basic methods and techniques directing actors for the camera.
8. Work as part of a film crew.
9. Assemble a fine cut using basic practices and strategies of digital video editing.
10. Demonstrate a basic understanding of sound design to complete a project.

### **Topics and Scope:**

#### **I.Introduction to Writing Short Story Projects and Spec Spots**

A.Development of an Idea and Structure

B.The Logline

C.The Pitch

D.The Treatment

E.The Workshop Process

F.The Rough Draft

G.Rewriting

H.Final Drafts

#### **II.Introduction to Pre-Production**

A.Script Breakdown and Analysis

B.Budgeting

- C.Location Scouting
- D.The Rehearsal Process
- E.Mise-en-Scene
- F.Art Direction
- G.Storyboards
- III.Introduction to Digital Film Production
  - A.Scheduling and Call Sheets
  - B.Camera Rehearsals
  - C.Blocking and Staging
  - D.Crew Positions
  - E.Set Procedures and Protocol
  - F.Production Equipment
  - G.Directing Actors for Camera
  - H.Coverage
  - I.Moving Camera
  - J. Mise-en-Scene
  - K.In-class Production Workshops
- IV.Introduction to Post-Production
  - A.Editing Software
  - B.Logging
  - C.Assembly Cuts
  - D.Rough Cuts
  - E.Fine Cutting
  - F.Picture Lock
  - G.Sound Design and Editing
  - H.Final Prints for Screening

**Assignment:**

1. 10-20 pages of reading from texts and manuals
2. Preparation of 3-5 short scripts (2 to 6 pages in length) and storyboards
3. Exercises related to camera operation, 3-point lighting, 2-channel audio, and editing
4. 3-5 self evaluation and peer critiques
5. 3-5 quizzes and exams including final exam (including essay)
6. Individual or group short digital video project

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Scripts, self evaluations, peer critiques
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Writing 10 - 20%
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**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Individual or group short digital video project
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Problem solving 10 - 20%
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**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances, Individual or group short digital video project, Performance exams

Skill Demonstrations  
30 - 60%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes, Exams: Multiple choice, True/false, Matching items, Completion

Exams  
10 - 20%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Class participation

Other Category  
10 - 30%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Voice & Vision: A Creative Approach to Narrative Film and DV Production, 2nd edition.  
Hurbis-Cherrier, Mick. Focal Press: 2011