FTVDM 178 FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION
LABORATORY
UCLA Department of Film, Television and Digital Media

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COURSE OVERVIEW
FTV 178 provides a hands-on overview of the film production process, from initial story concept through final post-production. Through class discussions, lectures, workshops, and group projects, students will be introduced to the fundamentals of filmmaking. Throughout this course students will form a basic understanding of the aesthetic and logistical decisions involved in making a film.

Attendance: due to the intensive nature of the program, a maximum of two program absences are permitted in the Film Production track.

ASSIGNMENTS
Safety Training:
An online safety-training course is mandatory for all students who utilize UCLA equipment and sound stages. Students must complete the online safety-training course BEFORE the Camera/Location exercise. Failure to do so will prevent you from participating in any class projects.
Camera/Location Exercise:
Working in small groups, each student will shoot and edit a 1-3 minute non-narrative film. Using the skills introduced in Weeks 1 and 2, shoot and edit a sketch of a location or of a single member of your group. Apply what you have learned about composition, camera movement, color, depth, shot size, focus. Some Rules:

- No sync sound, voiceover, or subtitles; you may add music in post.
- Exposure and focus must be controlled manually.

Final Project:
The final project will take the form of two completed short, sync sound narrative films. On June 28th, interested students will pitch their story ideas to the class and three project finalists will be selected by popular vote. On July 10th all three scripts will be read aloud in class, and the two final projects will be selected by popular vote. If your project is selected, you will be the screenwriter for that project. On July 12th, interested students will pitch their directors’ visions for the two projects, and directors will be selected. The class will be divided into two production groups, and every student will fill a key production role (producer, cinematographer, editor, assistant camera, gaffer, production designer, sound mixer, etc.). The Production Coordinator will be on set as the Assistant Director for each shoot. Though participation in only one shoot is required, students are encouraged to participate in both shoots, if interested.

We will discuss the project in more detail as it approaches, but be aware of the following restrictions as you develop your pitches:
- Scripts should be no longer than 6 pages with 4-6 scenes
- No more than 3 main characters
- No more than 2 shooting locations
- Shoots must take place inside of or immediately outside of Melnitz Hall. Available locations include Sound Stage 2, Sound Stage 3, and TV Studio 1. Additional spaces inside of Melnitz or directly outside of the building may be approved if available upon request.
- Shoots are limited to two days, 12 hours per day.
- No moving cars, no weapons, no stunts, no overnight night shoots, no minors

Production Journal:
After we complete production on the final projects, in 2-4 double-spaced pages, reflect on your own experience in your specific crew position(s). Try to focus on what you learned, observed, struggled with, and are proud of from the production process — both on set and in prep — rather than simply the results (how you feel about the footage). What might you do differently next time? Please be as candid as possible — it will not be shared with the class. This kind of reflection will help you learn as much as possible from this experience before you move on to your next project.
COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1

Class 1
- Introductions, Syllabus Overview, Course Logistics
- Discussion of Camera/Location Exercise
- Lecture: Story
- Discussion of Final Group Narrative Projects
- Practice Pitches

Assignments:
- Prepare Story Pitches for Final Projects (optional)
- Location Scout for Camera Exercise

(email photos and location info to TA)

Class 2
- Screening of The Graduate
- Pitch Stories for Final Projects
- Vote on Final Project Finalists
- Lecture: The Filmmaker’s Toolkit:
  - Casting, Production Design, Costume Design, Lighting, Color,
  - Camerawork, Editing, Sound, Music

Assignments:
- Location Scout for Camera Exercise

(email photos and location info to TA)
- Writers Begin Writing Process

(outline due Friday)

Class 3
- Screening of Moonlight

Assignments:
- Complete Shot Lists for Camera Exercise
- Writers Continue Writing Scripts for Final Projects

(first draft due via email to production instructor, writing instructor, and TA)

Week 2

Class 4
- Individual shot list list meetings with TAs for Camera Exercise

Class 5
- Students Shoot Camera Exercise

Assignments:
- Edit Camera/Location Exercises (due in class)
- Writers Continue Writing Scripts for Final Projects

(second draft due via email to production instructor, writing instructor, and TA)
Class 6
 Screening of *Parasite*

Week 3
Class 7
 Screening and Critique of Camera/Location Exercises
 Class Table Read of Current Draft of Scripts
 Vote on Final Projects

The Filmmaker’s Toolkit (Continued)
 Discuss Crew Positions and Set Protocol
 Discuss Director Pitches

Assignments:
- Writers Continue Writing Scripts for Final Projects
  *(fourth draft due via email to instructors, class, TA, and PC by 10pm on Thurs)*
- Prepare Director Pitches (optional)

Class 8
 Director Pitches
 Casting Procedure
 Discuss *Parasite*
 Script Analysis
 Choose Preliminary Crew Assignments

Assignments:
- Writers Continue Writing Scripts for Final Projects
  *(fourth draft due via email to instructors, class, TA, and PC by 10pm on Thurs)*
- Directors Write and Post Casting Breakdowns Online

Class 9
 Joint Table Read of Scripts
 Lecture: Production Procedure
 Directing Actors Exercise

Assignments:
- Script Revisions
  *(fifth draft due via email to instructors, class, TA, and PC)*

- Location Scout
- Casting
- Prepare for Practice Shoots
Week 4
Class 10
Dry Run Practice Shoots
Assignment:
- Continue Final Pre-Production
- Script Revisions
(fifth draft due via email to instructors, class, TA, and PC)
- Editors Edit Scenes from Practice Shoot

Class 11
Review Production Procedure
Screen Practice Scenes
Workshop Scripts
Discuss Production Documents

Assignments:
- Final Pre-Production & Prepare for Production Meetings:
  Shot Lists, Floor Plans, Script Breakdowns,
  Shooting Schedules, Call Sheets,
  Shooting Scripts, Final Casting
- Final Script Revisions
(final shooting script due via email to instructors, class, TA, and PC)

Week 5
Class 12
Production Meetings for Final Projects (via Zoom)

4 Shoot Days
Production of Final Projects (2 Days Per Project) - NO CLASS

Week 6
Class 13$
Joint Rough Cut Screening and Discussion
Assignment:
- Production Journals
(due via upload to Bruin Learn by 11pm on Weds)

Class 14
Screening of Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Always

Class 15
Screen and Discuss Fine Cuts
Discuss Production Experience
Course Conclusion

FINAL DAY
Final Screening and Ceremony in the James Bridges Theater
STATEMENT OF GRADING:
Attendance & Class Participation* — 35%
Camera/Location Exercise — 20%
Final Project — 40%
Production Journal — 5%

*Prompt attendance is mandatory. Class will begin on time. Remember to communicate with your TA if you are feeling unwell; you will not be penalized for taking care of your health. Unexcused absence or lateness, however, will impact your grade.*

If you attend class and our shoots on time, are prepared, participate thoughtfully, treat your classmates with respect, perform your crew role(s) diligently, and are communicative and accountable, you will earn an A in this course.

ACADEMIC POLICIES & ACCOMMODATIONS

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Because the core mission of the University of California is to serve the interests of the State of California, it must seek to achieve diversity among its student bodies and among its employees. The State of California has a compelling interest in making sure that people from all backgrounds perceive that access to the University is possible for talented students, staff, and faculty from all groups. The knowledge that the University of California is open to qualified students from all groups, and thus serves all parts of the community equitably, helps sustain the social fabric of the State.

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Digital Cinematography  
122E - FTVDM

SYLLABUS AND COURSE OUTLINE FOR FTV 122E DIGITAL CINEMATOGRAPHY 
UCLA Film and Television Film Production Summer Institute

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COURSE OVERVIEW
The goal of FTV 122E is to introduce students to the concepts and practices of cinematography through both a theoretical and hands-on approach. We will look at specific examples of camera operation, shot choice, and lighting through film history.

Focus will be tailored to the equipment to be used during class exercises and projects. Concepts to be explored will include composition, framing, basic lens function/design, lens choice, types of camera movement and equipment, exposure, lighting techniques and equipment, shot design, set protocol, and collaboration.

RECOMMENDED READINGS (available on Amazon):
The Five C’s of Cinematography: Motion Picture Filming Techniques by Joseph V. Macelli The Camera and I by Joris Ivens
The Logic of Images by Wim Wenders
The ASC Manual Edited by Michael Goi, ASC
Painting With Light by John Alton, ASC
Set Lighting Technician’s Handbook by Harry Box
In the Blink of an Eye by Walter Murch
On Filmmaking by Alexander Mackendrick

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION:
Safety is first. Always.

Attendance and Participation are essential to your learning and your final grade, as is active involvement in all In-Class Exercises/Mock Shoots. Respect and understanding towards one another is mandatory.
The Camera and Lighting Quiz must be completed accurately before any equipment is available to a student outside of class.

All Directors of Photography on the FINAL SHOOTS are required to collaborate with their Directors, Gaffers and ACs to deliver Look Books, Shot Lists and Shot Orders for the FINAL SHOOTS, and present these materials professionally.

The Journal will consist of a description/review of the concepts and terminology we learn throughout the quarter, as applied in a practical way on set. More details regarding this assignment will be reviewed in class. Journal is due during final week (Week 6), but before the final class meeting.

**STATEMENT OF GRADING:**

15 minutes early is on time. All absences and more than one tardy will result in the loss of a full letter grade. Thus, after one absence the highest grade you can receive is a B, after 2 is a C, etc.

Attendance and Participation are large factors in your overall grade. In order to participate, you must complete your safety training ASAP. Failure to do so could result in a failing grade.

Below is the weight given to each component of the final grade:

- **Active Participation:** 35%
- **In-Class Exercises:** 35%
- **Camera/Lighting Quizzes:** 15%
- **Final Class Journal:** 15%

**Total Final Course Grade:** 100%

A (90-100%)
B (80-89%)
C (70-79%)
D (60-69%)
F (< 59%)

Please note that ALL COURSE GRADES ARE FINAL.

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WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE:

WEEK #1
Class #1 Introduction to Class & Institute Structure
   Safety Briefing
   Crew Positions/Protocol
   Discussion of Different Cameras (What is “The Best”?) Lens
   Design/Construction & Lens Choice Aperture/DOF
   ND Filters ISO/ASA
   Shutter Speed/Angle Waveform
   Color Temperature

Class #2 Composition/Framing - Rule of Thirds
   Shot Sizes Aspect Ratio
   Camera Essentials
   Set Procedure - Slating/Rehearsing/Marking/Camera Reports Camera Operation
   Demonstration
   Focus Pulling Demonstration Slating/Calling The Shot
   Hands-on Introduction to Camera Equipment
   Practice Camera Operation

Class #3 TA Leads:
   Camera Operation Exercise Exposure Exercise Composition/Framing Exercise
   Focus Pulling Exercise

Workshop #1

WEEK #2
Class #4 Review Workshop Exercises
   Coverage Part I 180 Degree Rule
   Introduction to Camera Movement
   Introduction to Types of Equipment (Dolly, Handheld) Camera Movement & Emotional/Aesthetic Choices Camera Movement Exercise

Workshop #2
WEEK #3
Class #5 Review Workshop Exercises
   Introduction to Sound Stage
   Continuity Coverage Part II - 180 Degree Rule and Blocking for Camera Shot Structure
   Introduction To Final Project Camera Equipment Hands-On Practice with Camera Package

Class #6 Lighting Essentials Lighting for Story Safety Review
   Introduction to Lighting/Gels/G&E Color Temperature & Lighting

Workshop #3 TA Leads Lighting & Camera Review & Exercises

WEEK #4

Class #7 Camera & Lighting Quiz
   Review Workshop Exercises
   Lighting Lightning Round - 3 Minute Lighting Exercises
   Project Prep - Look Books, Shot Lists, Shot Order Day/Night Interior Lighting Exercises
   Camera System Exercises

Workshop #4

WEEK #5
Class #8 Individual Group Cinematography Meetings -Via Zoom

WEEK #6
Class #9 Basic Color Correction/ Color Grading
   Codecs/Compression/Raster/Resolution
   DIY Lighting
   Journals Due

Syllabus Addendum

Land Acknowledgement

UCLA acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles basin and So. Channel Islands). As a land grant institution, we pay our respects to the Honuukvetam (Ancestors), ‘Ahiihirom (Elders) and ‘Eyoohiinkem (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

Audio files that can aid in proper pronunciation for the Tongva-language words are available at the top of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center website.
Psychological Health, Well-Being and Resilience Statement

UCLA is renowned for academic excellence, and yet we know that many students feel overwhelmed at times by demands to succeed academically, socially and personally. Our campus community is committed to helping all students thrive, learn to cope with stress, and build resilience. Remember, self-care is a skill that is critical to your long term success. Here are some of the many resources available at UCLA to support you:

**Counseling and Health Services:** (CAPS): [https://www.counseling.ucla.edu/](https://www.counseling.ucla.edu/) Provides counseling and other psychological/mental health services to students. Walk-in hours are Monday-Thursday 8am-4:30pm and Friday 9am-4:30pm in John Wooden Center West. Crisis counseling is also available 24 hours/day at (310) 825-0768. (Some services may be affected by Covid)

**Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center:** [http://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu](http://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu) Provides high quality and accessible ambulatory healthcare and education by caring professionals to support the academic success and personal development of all UCLA students.

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**Other Helpful Resources** (Some services may be affected by Covid 19):
- Modern Language Association [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)
- American Psychological Association [www.apastyle.org](http://www.apastyle.org)
- UCLA Department of English [www.englishwww.humnet.ucla.edu](http://www.englishwww.humnet.ucla.edu) • UCLA Writing Programs [www.humnet.ucla.edu/wp](http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/wp)
- Your instructor (stay after class or go to office hours)
- College Tutorials (228 Covel Commons) [www.myucla.edu](http://www.myucla.edu), go to services, then workshops
- Counselors for your College, School, or Department
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Resource Center (B36 Student Activities Center) [www.lgbt.ucla.edu](http://www.lgbt.ucla.edu)
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**Resources for Students Dealing with Financial Stress:**
Bruin Shelter: [http://www.bruinshelter.org/](http://www.bruinshelter.org/) Provides a safe, supportive environment for fellow college students experiencing homelessness by fostering a collaborative effort between universities, community-based organizations, and service providers.
FTV 122D FILM EDITING  
UCLA Film and Television Summer Institute

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INSTRUCTOR E-MAIL: 

OFFICE HOURS:

TEACHING ASSISTANT: E-MAIL:

CLASS MEETINGS:

LECTURE: **times vary, check schedule

LAB: times vary, check schedule week by week Open Labs: supervised but not mandatory

COURSE DESCRIPTION & GOALS
This course offers an overview of “the invisible art” of film editing. An editor’s job is to decide, twenty-four times a second, where to direct the audience’s eye. Do we stay in a shot or transition to another? If so, to what shot and how do we get there? In collaboration with the director, the editor creates a visual and sonic language for the film, combining picture and sound to tell a coherent story.

The goal of this class is to familiarize students with all aspects of editing and how they affect a film. We will look at film history to gain perspective on how the craft of editing evolved into its current state. We will study the terminology and concepts, learning both the rules and how to break them, as we look at the aesthetic choices and the technological workflow for both picture and sound editing. Clips from various films will show the practical application of theory and demonstrate how editing can affect the structure and dramatic build of a scene, enrich character, manipulate time, shape the visual dynamics and rhythm and pacing of the entire film. As part of the Summer Institute, FTV-122D includes “hands-on” editing projects and labs which provide students with a practical application of theory and the opportunity to experiment, collaborate and ultimately gain the skills to empower their artistic visions.

REQUIRED TEXT:  
Grammar of the Edit  
Roy Thompson, Christopher J. Bowen - Focal Press, 2017  
ISBN: 978-1138632202 *Fourth edition only

REQUIRED HARD DRIVE:  
500 GB or larger  
USB 3 interface  
7200 RPM or SSD drives recommended  
Current best portable drive: https://tinyurl.com/y6n5ma6h  
**must be purchased prior to first lab

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. If you need to be absent or late, email prior to the beginning of class. Unexcused absences and late arrivals will affect your grade.
I encourage active participation in class through questions and comments. Feel free to reach out to schedule a meeting if the complexity of an issue being examined requires further discussion.

Cell phone use is not permitted during class. Laptops are for note-taking.

GRADES:

Attendance and Participation: 20%
Quiz: 20%
Film Clip Analysis (1-2 pages): 25%
Final Project Edit: 20%
Final Project Files/Organization: 15%

There is a letter-grade deduction for each 24-hours an assignment is late (i.e. A- becomes B+).

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:
- *In the Blink of an Eye: A Perspective on Film Editing;* Walter Murch
- *The Technique if Film & Video Editing: History, Theory, & Practice,* Ken Dancyger
- *Theory of Film & Practice,* Noel Burch
- *On Filmmaking: An Introduction to the Craft of the Director,* Alexander Mackendrick

WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE:

**WEEK 1 - Intro to Editing as Art Form + Technical Medium**

| Class 1 | Lecture: 9am | Class Introduction & Syllabus  
The Invisible Art & Role of the Editor  
Stages of Post-Production |
| Lab:   |
| Sec 1: 2pm | Drive Formatting & Organization  
Premiere Pro Project Management  
Basic Editing & Cuts: in-class practice |
| Sec 2: 4pm |

| Class 2 | Lecture: 9am | Discussion of Film Clip Analysis Paper  
Editing Grammar & Vocabulary  
Hollywood Continuity Editing / Soviet Montage Theory |
| Open Lab: 1:30pm | Student drop-in for Premiere practice  
Non-mandatory |

| Class 3 | Lecture: 9am | When to Cut & Why?  
Four Transitions  
Codecs: Capture, Edit, Delivery |
| Special Lab:  |
| Sec 1: 6pm | Non-Narrative Location Exercises  
Card Offload / Transcoding / Project Setup / Supervised Editing |

**WEEK 2 - Editing Grammar + Technical Craft**

| Class 3 | Lecture: 9am | When to Cut & Why?  
Four Transitions  
Codecs: Capture, Edit, Delivery |
| Special Lab:  |
| Sec 1: 6pm | Non-Narrative Location Exercises  
Card Offload / Transcoding / Project Setup / Supervised Editing |

**Grammar of the Edit**
- Ch. 1 & 2 - all
- Dancyger handout
- Ch. 5 - all  
- Ch. 6 - 95-111
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<th>Special Lab: Sec 2: 6pm</th>
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<td><strong>Class 4</strong></td>
<td>Lecture: 9am</td>
<td>Five Types of Edits Pre-Verbal Language of Cinema Assessing Footage</td>
<td>Grammar of the Edit Ch. 4 - all Ch. 6 - 112-125 Mackendrick handout</td>
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**WEEK 3 - Sound + Style in the Edit**

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<th>Lab:</th>
<th>Audio: importing music, fades &amp; keyframes Titles &amp; Exporting Quicktime Export Location Exercise</th>
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<td>Sec 1: 9am</td>
<td>Film Clip Analysis: film clip selection due before class Sound - Half the Story Editing Dialogue, Sound Effects, and Music</td>
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<th><strong>Class 6</strong></th>
<th>Lecture: 9am</th>
<th>QUIZ: Editing Grammar/ Concepts/Sound Cutting for Genre: Action &amp; Suspense Editing &amp; Time</th>
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**WEEK 4 - Style in the Edit cont.**

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<th>Film Clip Analysis: short paper due before class Cutting for Genre: Comedy Titles Post Production Roles</th>
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<td>NYPD Blue Editing Project Setup How to Line a Script Project Management Audio Editing / Track Management</td>
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| **Class 10**      | Open Lab: 11:30am         | Student drop-in for Premiere practice Non-mandatory                                             | Bring hard drive |
### WEEK 5 - Style in the Edit cont.

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<th>Class 11</th>
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<th>Cutting for Genre: Documentary Post-Production Workflow</th>
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<td>EDITOR LAB - Group Projects POST PRODUCTION ROLES</td>
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### WEEK 6 - Final Projects

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<th>Class 13</th>
<th>Lab: Sec 1: 3pm Sec 2: 5pm</th>
<th>NYPD Blue Workflow / Project Q&amp;A Basic Color Correction Titles, Quicktime Exports</th>
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<th>Screen NYPD Blue Scenes &amp; on-air versions Conclusion: The Power of Editing</th>
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<td>Mandatory Group Project Test Export</td>
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<td>7pm</td>
<td>Screen final projects and celebrate!</td>
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### RULES FOR THE LABS & EDITING SUITES:
- No eating or drinking in the LFNM, Bullpen or final project edit suite
- No re-wiring, cable-swapping or adjusting the equipment
- No installation of any applications
- Please leave the rooms clean and orderly

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Example Syllabus. The syllabi posted are general syllabi for students and alumni who wish to find out the topics generally covered in these courses

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to demystify various aspects of film, television, and digital media and give students the confidence to find their talents and pursue their passions.

Guest speakers, from different career paths, will participate in a lightly moderated, comprehensive dialogue with the students about their areas of expertise. Students are encouraged to ask questions that will enhance their understanding of the entertainment business's ever-evolving landscape.

LEARNING GOALS

This course will help students (1) strengthen their understanding of the industry as a whole, (2) understand how the many jobs in film and television all connect, (3) determine which paths fit their talents and passions, and (4) provide them with insight on the current state of the business as they plan their next steps.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

Coursework will consist of attending weekly class meetings, actively listening to and participating in class discussions and Q&A sessions with Guest Speakers, and writing a brief paper at the end of the course.

Attendance…60%
Participation (Reflection/Introspection/Questions)...10%
Final Paper…30%

Attendance/Participation

Please keep any information shared by our guests confidential. No recording or posting anything you hear on social media without prior consent.
To receive full credit for attendance and participation, you must attend all class sessions over the six-week program. If you are unable to attend any of the classes, please let me know in advance via email.

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You will complete an essay (no more than 4 pages double-spaced) about your passions and all the things you would like to accomplish in your career. Please include the first step you will take in pursuing your goals. Please submit via email in PDF format during the final week of class.
COURSE SCHEDULE

Note: The order of panels is subject to change based on Guest Speaker availability.

WEEK 1 – BREATHING LIFE INTO STORIES (BELOW-THE-LINE CREATIVES)

Have you ever been so immersed in an onscreen world that you forget everything else around you? The magic is in the details. This class will focus on below-the-line positions that breathe life into projects via costume design, production design, hair/makeup, cinematography, VFX, sound design, editing, etc.

WEEK 2
No class.

Homework for Week 3: I encourage you to make a short list of what inspires you about film, television, and new media. These will be the pillars to which you return as you navigate the industry. You will NOT have to turn this in, but please come prepared to discuss for Week 3.

WEEK 3 – THE ORIGIN STORY (WRITERS)

It all starts with the written word! This week, we will talk about the writing process, and how to transition from doing it alone at home to working under the pressure of producer, studio, and network deadlines.

WEEK 4 – PARTNERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD (AGENTS/MANAGERS)

They are long-time strategic and innovative partners who advocate for the creatives that inspire them. This week, we will talk about the symbiotic relationship between clients and managers/agents.

WEEK 5 – VISIONARIES (DIRECTORS)

A vision realized. During this week’s discussion, we will revel in the magic that is filmmaking, through the eyes of the people guiding all the moving parts of a production.

WEEK 6 – PARTNERS IN STORY (EXECUTIVES/PRODUCERS)

Executives and producers guide projects through the studio system via collaboration and creative support. This week, we will discuss what it’s like to develop projects alongside talent – from the notes process to the screen.
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