

RTVB 1305 Introduction to Television Technology

Section and Synonym: 42700 Lec. 003

Class: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 3:05 pm– 4:20 pm

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Prerequisite: Skill Set E

Course Description: Selection and application of production supplies and equipment. Digital and analog signal concepts and their use in production and the theory, application, and internal operation of television field production equipment.

Textbook:

Television Production Handbook, by Herbert Zettl.

Tenth Edition

Note: textbook and your copy of the syllabus must be brought to each class. The content of this syllabus, and the accompanying course schedule is subject to change as needed. You are responsible for keeping track of any mentioned changes.

Course Objectives:

Operation and maintenance of field production equipment. Production organization, and execution.

Instructional Methodology:

1. Written test on each of the three units of the course.
2. Three technical practicums
3. Production packet
4. In-camera edit production (Final Project)

Course Evaluation: Your final grade will be calculated

On papers, assignments, and tests on the readings in the text, lectures, guest presentations, class screenings, and your inquiry project.

- **Three Written Tests = 10%** each for a total of **30%**

Note: Tests are presented in class. In the event of an absence considered excused by the instructor, tests will be available in the testing center. You must have a permission slip from the instructor to make up a test. You must make up the test within one week of the date the test was offered in class. There will be no other make up tests.

- **Practicums = 10%** each for a total of **30%**

*Note: The Practicums will be given in class. Students will demonstrate in a hands-on form ability to operate the technical equipment in the following areas: **camera, lighting, and sound.***

- **Final Project = 40%**

*Note: The Final Project is designed to let demonstrate your use of the skills presented in the course in a creative project of your own design. Projects may **not** include subject matter that contains, nudity, profanity, or excessive violence. Projects must follow the rules of ACC for studio and equipment use. Projects must not violate any local or federal laws. Projects may be shown at the end of the semester student screen. An original or first dub of the final project will be kept by the college as record of course requirement completion.*

Production packet - The production packet will include the following: **a treatment, a storyboard,**

Floor plan, talent releases, and equipment check out form

- **1- 5= 2%** each for a total of **10%** of the final project grade

Grading System:

Note: The College will mail your grade to you. ACC does not post grades.

100 - 90% = A

90 - 80% = B
80 - 70% = C
70 - 60% = D
Less than 60% = F
Incomplete = I
Withdrawal = W

Attendance: You are allowed three absences. You may be withdrawn from the class after three absences. Three times tardy (after instruction has begun) will equal one absence. If you should leave class before instruction is over, it will be debited as if it were a tardy.

Withdrawal:

- By ACC policy, an instructor cannot grant a “Withdrawal” after November 23, (Mon), 2009
- Anyone not completing the work necessary for a letter grade, or an Incomplete, can only be given an “F” after November 23, (Mon) 2009

*Note: If you do not keep up with the schedule, you may be withdrawn from the class at the instructor’s discretion. In any case, withdrawal from the class is **your responsibility!***

Incomplete:

A grade of I (incomplete) is granted only rarely. If the instructor accepts your reasons for needing this grade, you must do the following:

1. Schedule an individual conference with the instructor before November 23, (Mon) 2009
2. Sign the Incomplete form, available from the instructor.
3. Understand that the grade of “C” is the highest you can receive if you take an Incomplete.
4. Understand that any Incomplete, which is not completed by the scheduled date automatically, becomes an “F”.

Scholastic Dishonesty:

Acts prohibited by the college for which discipline may be administered include scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on an exam or quiz, plagiarizing, unauthorized collaboration with another in preparing outside work. Academic work submitted by students shall be not limited to tests, quizzes, whether taken electronically or on a paper; projects, either individual or group; classroom presentations, and homework.

Academic Freedom:

Each student is strongly encouraged to participate in class. In any classroom situation that includes discussion and critical thinking, there are bound to be many differing viewpoints. Students may not only disagree with each other at times, but the students and instructor may also find that they have disparate views on sensitive and volatile topic. It is my hope that these differences will enhance the class and create an atmosphere where students and instructors alike will be encouraged to think and learn. Therefore, be assured that your grade will not be adversely affected by any beliefs or ideas expressed in class or assignments. Rather, we will respect the views of others when expressed in classroom discussion.

Office of Students with Disabilities:

Each ACC campus offers support services for students with documented physical or psychological disabilities. Students with disabilities must request reasonable accommodations through the Office for Students with Disabilities on the campus where they expect to take the majority of their classes. Students are encouraged to make this request three weeks before the start of the semester.

Testing Center Rules:

It is the student's responsibility to obtain, read and be thoroughly familiar with ACC Testing Center Rules prior to taking exams at the center. Violation of these rules is very serious and may result in disciplinary action.

Student Handbook:

A current copy of the ACC Student Handbook can be located on the ACC Internet Page under Student Services. Students are encouraged to review this handbook to familiarize themselves with college rules and policies that may affect them.