



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Acting for Camera

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
THE	2021	91326	2, 2009	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA005
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	100103

STAFFING

Examiner: Scott Alderdice
Moderator: Bernadette Pryde

RATIONALE

Students wishing to present performance work in digital (video) format need to understand how to operate effectively within the working environment of digital capture. Video artists also need to understand how to adapt their work for the visual language constructed with the camera.

SYNOPSIS

Students are introduced to a series of performance-based skills necessary for effective video art. Students apply those skills through a series of unsupervised group exercises.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will be able to demonstrate:

1. professional literacy in the comprehension and application of the operational environment of single-camera video capture;
2. written and oral communication in the understanding of adapting performance work to the requirements of camera and video capture;
3. an aptitude as an effective contributor within the teamwork and collaborative work environment of video shoot production;
4. organisational and management skills in extending upon the introductory level of video language learning.

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Working to shot size	12.00
2.	Rhythm changes for camera and edit	12.00

3.	Working to edit points	12.00
4.	Continuity	12.00
5.	The language of the shoot	15.00
6.	Camera/subject spatial configurations	12.00
7.	Self-management within the collaborative environment	25.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Benedetti, R 2006, *ACTION! Professional acting for film and television*, Allen & Bacon,

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Mollison, M 2003, *Producing videos: a complete guide*, 2nd edn, AFTRS, Sydney.

Tucker, P 2003, *Secrets of screen acting*, 2nd edn, Routledge, New York.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Group Work	70.00
Lectures	13.00
Private Study	43.00
Tutorials	39.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date	Objectives assessed	Graduate skill	Level assessed
ASSIGNMENT EXERCISES (5)	100.00	60.00	20 Jul 2009 (see note 1)	All	U3, U4, U6, U8	2, 2, 2, 2
ASSIGNMENT - GROUP WORK	100.00	15.00	20 Jul 2009 (see note 2)	All	U3, U4, U6, U8	2, 2, 2, 2
REFLECTIVE JOURNAL	100.00	25.00	20 Jul 2009 (see note 3)	2, 4	U4, U8	2, 2

NOTES

1. Students will be advised of the assessment due date at the first class meeting. This assessment item is aligned with Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2. Students will be advised of the assessment due date at the first class meeting. This assessment item is aligned with Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4.
3. Students will be advised of the assessment due date at the first class meeting. This assessment item is aligned with Objectives 2 and 4.

GRADUATE QUALITIES AND SKILLS

Elements of the following Graduate Skills are associated with the successful completion of this course.

Graduate skill assessed	Level assessed
Academic & Professional Literacy (Skill U3)	Intermediate (Level 2)
Written & Oral Communication (Skill U4)	Intermediate (Level 2)
Teamwork (Skill U6)	Intermediate (Level 2)
Managmt, Planning & Org Skills (Skill U8)	Intermediate (Level 2)

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the student's responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration. For this course, normal class attendance consists of one 4 hour lecture/workshop every week, plus considerable hours of independent rehearsal and scheduled production work throughout semester.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To successfully complete an individual assessment item, a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. This statement must be read in conjunction with Statement 4 below.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without extenuating circumstances and without prior approval, then a penalty of a maximum of 5% of the assigned mark may apply for each working day late, up to a maximum of 10 working days, at which time a mark of zero can be recorded for that assignment.

- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade, a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no exam for this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Given the details under (6) above, there are no deferred exams for this course. However, if any deferred/makeup work is granted, it would have to be submitted by a date set by the examiner.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
<http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm>

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) All Faculty of Arts assignments must be lodged in the Faculty Assessment Centre on the Ground Floor of Q Block no later than 12 noon on the due date. (c) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the examiner's convenience. (d). Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if requested by the Examiner. (e) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (f) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (g) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).
- 10 Students are strongly advised to maintain regular contact with their supervisor.
- 11 Students will require access to email and have internet access to UConnect for this course.
- 12 Students can expect that questions in assessment items in this course may draw upon knowledge and skills that they can reasonably be expected to have acquired before enrolling in the course. This includes knowledge contained in pre-requisite courses and appropriate communication, information literacy, analytical, critical thinking, problem solving or numeracy skills. Students who do not possess such knowledge and skills should not expect to achieve the same grades as those students who do possess them.