

PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MASTER SYLLABUS

**GUERRILLA FILMMAKING  
VPT 1022**

**Class Hours: 3.0**

**Credit Hours: 3.0**

**Laboratory Hours: 0.0**

**Revised: Fall 2011**

**Catalog Course Description:**

This is an introductory course for both the general interest student and the VPT student. It is a hands-on course covering all aspects of low to no budget filmmaking. Pre-production, production, post production and distribution will be covered. By the end of the course, the class will have collectively produced and distributed an actual film.

**Entry Level Standards:**

Student must be familiar with basic PC operation and it is recommended for students that already have a working knowledge of basic camera operation; focus, exposure and white balance.

**Prerequisites:**

None

**Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:**

*From Reel to Deal* by Dov S-S Simens, Grand Central Publishing

Other materials: Students will need to have access to a current version of PowerPoint

**I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	Review syllabus. The techniques of video production.
2	Discussion of composition. Overview of Micro-Budget filmmaking.
3	Directing & Storyboarding
4	Budgeting & Celts
5	Lighting & Crew Positions
6	Field Trip to Lowe's on N. Peters.
7	Assigned project: Dogma 95
8	Shoot
9	Shoot

10	Shoot
11	Shoot
12	Shoot / Edit
13	Shoot / Edit
14	Shoot / Edit
15	Screen Final Project

## **II. Course Goals\*:**

### **The course will:**

- A. Develop a fundamental understanding of low or no budget film production through directed study, lectures, demonstrations and projects. I, II, V
- B. Develop participatory competence in low budget film production. I, III, IV, VI
- C. Develop an understanding of the entire process of low or no budget film production and distribution. I, IV, V, VI

\*Roman numerals after course objectives reference goals of the VPT program.

## **III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes\*:**

The student will be able to:

- 1. Employ knowledge of the basic pre-production, production. A
- 2. Complete at least one major production project and be able to constructively criticize the work of oneself and one's peers. A, B
- 3. Design, produce and distribute a completed short film/video. A, B

\* Capital letters after Expected Student Learning Outcomes reference the course goals listed above.

## **IV. Evaluation:**

### **A. Testing Procedures:**

In addition to the two class projects, each student will be responsible for writing a detailed self-evaluation: detailing the work they completed throughout the course and prepare an honest evaluation of their strengths and weaknesses in the class. The self-evaluation will count for 25% of the grade. The remaining 25% of the grade will be based on the instructor evaluation. The evaluation will factor in attendance, participation, and over all knowledge of the material.

### **B. Grading Scale:**

90 – 100 A  
80 – 89 B  
70 – 79 C

60 – 69 D  
below 60 F

Testing Procedure: 30% of the grade  
Laboratory Expectations: 50% of the grade  
Other Evaluation Methods 20% of the grade

## V. Policies:

### A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the vice president of the Learning Division, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the vice president of the Learning Division.

#### VPT Program:

The VPT program believes a more stringent requirement is realistic because of the contractual commitment made by the College with local area employers. Therefore, to successfully complete VPT courses, students must attend at least 85% of classes. To be considered “in attendance”, students are expected to be in class at the scheduled starting time for that class. Students will be considered “tardy” from that time until 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time. Three such “tardies” shall constitute an “absence.” Students arriving any time after 10 minutes beyond the scheduled time for a class will be considered “absent.”

### B. Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one’s own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

### C. Accommodations for disabilities:

Students who need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Services for Students with

Disabilities (SSWD) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Services for Students with Disabilities may be contacted by going to Goins 127, 132, 134, 135, 131 or by phone: 539-7153 or TTY 694-6429. More information is available at <http://www.pstcc.edu/sswd/>.

D. Other Policies:

Equipment:

Abuse, misuse, vandalism, malicious or unwarranted damage or destruction, defacing, disfiguring, or unauthorized use of property/equipment belonging to Pellissippi State is subject to disciplinary sanction.