

PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE MASTER SYLLABUS

GUERRILLA FILMMAKING

VPT 1022

Class Hours: 3.0

Credit Hours: 3.0

Laboratory Hours: 0.0

Revised: Fall 2016

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.

Prerequisites:

None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

Recommended: From Reel to Deal by Dov S-S Simens, Grand Central Publishing
Other materials required will be discussed in the classroom.

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

Week	Topic
1	Review syllabus. Discuss what is Guerilla (Micro-Budget) Filmmaking, Review the techniques of video production, and equipment that can be used for Guerilla Filmmaking.
2	Discussion of camera basics, composition, and storage
3	Talk about ideas and scriptwriting. Pre-Production discussion including Directing & Storyboarding. Script started.
4	Budgeting. Auditions. Casting. Table reads. Locations.
5	Production. Discuss Lighting, Sound, & All Crew Positions
6	Field Trip to Lowe's on N. Peters.
7	Class divided into positions and actors. Script given out. Marketing and Publicity. Film Festivals and script contests
8	Shoot
9	Shoot
10	Shoot
11	Shoot

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| 12 | Pickup shots / Edit |
| 13 | Edit |
| 14 | Edit |
| 15 | Screen Final Project. Final discussion and course evaluations. |

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 (The Career Program Goals and General Education Goals can be found at the [VPT Curriculum and Instructional](#) page)

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 Academic Affairs, 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 Academic Affairs.

VPT Program Attendance: 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 starting 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.

Please see the Pellissippi State Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy 04:02:00 Academic/Classroom Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions for the complete policy.

C. Accommodations for disabilities:

Students that 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 Disability Services (DS) in order to receive accommodations in this course. [Disability Services](#) (<http://www.pstcc.edu/sswd/>) may be contacted via [email](#) or by visiting Alexander 130.

D. Other Policies:

Any act of 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.

No handheld media devices or laptops are allowed in class unless otherwise noted. Students will receive a warning; a second infringement will result in an absence for the class.

No gaming, using Facebook, texting or instant messaging will be tolerated on any VPT campus workstations during class.

Anyone caught using the class computers for any of these activities during class time will receive a "Computer Absence" meaning your workstation and therefore, your attention, is absent from the class. These will be treated the same as a Tardy violation, meaning three computer absences will result in a actual recorded full absence and possibly effecting your grade