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Audio/Video Productions

2018-2019 1st or 5th periods

OVERVIEW

Congratulations! You have been accepted to the second level in Audio/Video Productions. In this class we will emphasize teamwork, technical skills, creative writing and problem solving with a focus on creating narrative film. We will learn and practice skills that will translate directly into the workforce, specifically tailored to filmmaking, A/V, and broadcasting.

GOALS

1. Explore cinematography, audio recording, digital video editing using a variety of platforms, and creative writing for film.
2. Learn the value of teamwork, group participation and work ethic to create complex multi-week projects from planning to execution.
3. Study the filmmaking industry and how to prepare for it.

Learning Methods

Students will use industry standard equipment to create films, commercials, and other videos from concept to execution. We will use state-of-the-art computers and cameras, as well as professional software. Films will be screened to emphasize and explore certain concepts. Industry professionals will visit the class and students will get occasional opportunities to visit and/or work in a professional workplace. Students also have the opportunity to submit films to and/or attend film festivals nationwide to collaborate and work with students from around the country.

Required Materials

At least one Class 10 SDHC card (not micro). This is required for class **every day**. Students will be provided a workstation to edit on, however, they may bring their own laptop to

edit on. Please be aware- if you are using personal equipment, extra time will not be given for equipment failure.

Units of Study

Unit 1

- DSLR operation
- Depth of Field
- Basic Audio and Double Recording

Unit 2

- Scripting
- Intro to Pre-production
- Short Film Production

Unit 3

- Multicam shooting and editing

Unit 4

- Lighting
- Commercial videography
- Marketing Yourself
 - Demo Reel/Portfolio

Classroom expectations

1. Have fun and be creative!
2. Students will be expected to pay \$10 for an EPG T-shirt.
3. All classwork will be done on Google Classroom. Assignments will be given and will be turned in through Google Classroom only. There may be rare exceptions.
4. Cell Phones: Students will be allowed to use their cellphones in class for academic purposes only. This will not be common and you must have permission FIRST. Otherwise we will adhere to the district policy on cell phone/device usage. Unless I give explicit permission to be on a cell phone, I will follow the school procedures of taking them up and giving them to the Assistant Principal's office.
5. Be on time and prepared with all materials. I strictly enforce tardies. Take care of any personal needs before you enter the classroom.
6. Respect others, their property, and personal space at all times. Also respect our area; keep our area clean.
7. We will follow the district guidelines for language.

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8. Horseplay will be strictly disciplined! ***Fighting, abusive language, or disrespect toward anyone will not be tolerated. Repeated infractions may result in removal from the class.***
 9. Theft will not be tolerated and will be reported to the AP office.
 10. Tampering with or modifying anything in the classroom without permission will be considered vandalism and will be reported to the AP office, including computer software and hardware.
 11. We will sometimes allow students to leave the classroom or campus to work on projects. This is a serious responsibility and utmost trust is required to allow you to do so. My class policies are as follows:
 - a. You must have turned in a driver form and adhere to the selection your parents made.
 - b. You must have explicit permission from the teacher before you leave.
 - c. You must share your GPS location with your teacher before you leave.
 - d. You may go straight to the location and straight back making no additional stops.
 - a. You must finish your tasks in a timely manner and return immediately (no “hanging out”).
 - e. You are responsible for coming back to class in plenty of time to make it to the next class. Tardy notes will not be given.
 - f. You must follow all school rules the entire duration of absence.
 - g. A violation of any of these policies will result in revocation of the privilege for the remainder of the year and punishment will be handled by the AP office.
 12. Technology: This is a technology-based class. We will be using technology for the vast majority of the instruction. However, when the instructor is speaking, other students are giving presentations or any other situation is occurring during which attention is required, students will be expected to cease using computers, laptops, cell phones, etc. and give the presenter your full attention. If this policy is violated, your privileges can be revoked and/or your device will be taken away. In this case, you will either not receive credit for work done that day or you will have to do the project on paper.
 13. Professionalism: As this is a course to prepare students for professional work in the field, students will assume all responsibility for their course work. Students will be expected to conduct themselves with the utmost professionalism at all times, especially when in the vicinity of actual clients, professionals and visitors.
 14. Food and drink are not allowed in the classroom with no exception. Any food or drink that is found in the classroom will be thrown away (including their containers).
 15. Late work: Every student will be given a 100 for a summative grade at the beginning of the 9-week grading period. Every time something is turned in late, points will be deducted from that grade on the following scale-
 - a. Up to 3 days- 5 points
 - b. 4-7 days- 10 points
 - c. 8+ days- 20 points
 16. Tutorials will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before or after school. You must schedule with me at least one day in advance.
 17. Teamwork is essential. Broadcasting and Video production is a collaborative art.
 18. **** Safe handling of equipment is a must. Students and or their parents will be held financially responsible for any damages to cameras and supporting equipment as a result of carelessness, neglect and or horseplay.**

Academic Integrity

Students will follow the Prosper ISD Student Code of Conduct's policy for academic integrity.

Parents, Please READ carefully, sign, and return this page.

We will be using Professional Audio and Video Equipment. As such the replacement or repair costs can be substantial should your child lose or damage anything as a result of carelessness, horseplay, or neglect. Please discuss this responsibility with your child and sign below indicating that you understand that you are financially liable for the equipment, should an unfortunate event occur.

We will be screening relevant films for the purposes of learning and reinforcing film concepts. Some films may include PG-13 ratings but will be selected with discretion and respect to a variety of household standards. Other arrangements will be made for students whose parents who would prefer them not to screen the films.

Initial here if your child has permission to screen PG-13 films. _____

Initial here if you do **not** give permission for your child to screen PG-13 films _____

Print Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Print Student Name: _____

Signature: _____

Class Period: _____