



Great Oak High School
Video Media Arts A
Syllabus 2019-2020



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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The primary focus of this course is to provide you the opportunity to participate in the pre-production, production, and post-production phases of television and video. By the end of this semester, you will have knowledge in scriptwriting, storyboard creation, basic operation of video camera, shooting techniques, editing, use of sound, lighting, public service announcements, various film genres, and documentary storytelling.

GRADING POLICY: A passing grade will be given in this class to students who display mastery of the main concepts of Video Media Arts.

Students will be graded as follows:

100% - 92% = A	81% - 80% = B-	69% - below = F
91% - 90% = A-	79% - 78% = C+	
89% - 88% = B+	77% - 72% = C	
87% - 82% = B	71% - 70% = C-	

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING: Due dates TBA:

* <i>Effort & Participation</i> (teamwork, quizzes, class discussions, having materials, class preparedness, being on time, following rules, time management, assignments turned in on time)	10%
* <i>Film/Media Analysis</i>	10%
* <i>Technical Activities</i> (lighting, sound, scripting, storyboarding, editing, etc.)	10%
* <i>Video Projects</i>	50%
* <i>Final Project</i> (Scene Recreation)	10%
* <i>Final Exam</i>	10%

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR CLASS: Students need to come to class prepared with the proper materials each day. This includes:

1. A 3-ring binder with a designation for Video Media Arts
2. Black or blue ink pens, pencils, and a yellow highlighter
3. Composition Notebook
4. A **USB storage device** to help save projects (students are responsible for keeping a back-up copy of all work in case of errors or deletion on computer)

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE / RULES: Students are required to attend class on a daily basis according to school policy and procedure. **Student success in school is directly related to the amount of time spent in school. DAILY GROUP PARTICIPATION is a major component of this course;** a student's grade will suffer if they have excessive absences and miss participation points. Students who are late to class will sign the tardy forms.

The classroom rules are to be followed at all times during the course:

1. Show all students, administrators, faculty, and guests, **respect** on a daily basis.

2. Please enter class quietly and be seated in your assigned seat by the bell.
3. Please follow all directions given in class.
4. No yelling, pushing, fighting, or horseplay is allowed at any time.
5. Students must show **GUEST TEACHERS** the utmost respect!
6. **No food, candy, or drinks are allowed in the classroom!!! (This includes bottled water)**
7. Students are not allowed to lean back in their seats or use them as rocking chairs.
8. All school rules must be followed in class (no hats, dress code, mp3 players, cell phones, etc.)

CONSEQUENCES TO BROKEN RULES:

1. Students will receive a verbal warning the first time.
2. Students will be asked to change seats or change project groups/detention given.
3. If disruptive behavior continues, student will be sent to an Administrator's office, parents will be notified, and/or a conference will take place.

ABSENCE MAKE-UP POLICY: It will be the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the teacher on the day of the student's return to class to make up missed work. Students will NOT be sought out by teacher to make sure they receive their work. Students need to demonstrate "responsibility" to show mastery of the projects in this class. All project deadlines are expected to be met by students.

CAMERA USE/ COMPUTER USE GUIDELINES AND CLASSROOM RULES

One of the goals of Temecula Valley High School's Career and Technical Education Department is to provide computing and camera equipment resources to all students as a means of achieving academic excellence. The following guidelines/rules must be followed in order to ensure our goal can be met.

Disciplinary action will result if any of the following rules are violated. The extent of the discipline will depend upon the violation. Refer to the student handbook for possible consequences regarding computer usage violations.

Computer Use/Classroom Rules:

1. No student will be allowed to use a computer until the TVHS Acceptable Use Policy--received at registration--has been signed by both the student and parent. Any student, whose parent does not want them to use the Internet, will have a hole punched in their Student ID to indicate Internet access is not permitted.
2. Because of the equipment and the school-wide policy, absolutely NO FOOD, DRINKS, or GROOMING is allowed in the computer lab. Due to the risk of equipment damage, students may not drink water during class time.
3. Students cannot wear hats or hoods in the classroom, per district policy.
4. Copying other students' work will result in an "F" for that assignment for both the person who did the work, and the person who copied. There will be many occasions when you will work together and be able to help each other—this is different from "copying."
5. **RESPECT all people and all equipment at all times.** Foul language and inappropriate behavior are not acceptable or tolerated. Attitude is an extremely

important area. You are expected to come to class each day willing to do the work and to be respectful of others.

6. The district has a proxy filter service. Any students attempting to circumvent the filter will receive a detention on the **first offense** and referral on the second.
7. No GAMES allowed at any time!
8. The school wide NO Cell Phones/CD/MP3 PLAYER policy will be enforced in the computer lab. Additionally, you may not use the computer to listen to music unless it is part of an assignment or teacher has given approval. Headsets may not be used.
9. Any student found surfing sites containing adult material or violent content, whether visual or text, will receive a consequence. Sites falling into these categories also include the "clothing-challenged" ones. If you have any doubt, ask the instructor.
10. Personal storage devices may be used to transport files to home or school (i.e. USB drives). A virus check must be run on the disk prior to use.
11. Students are not allowed to alter any software or hardware configurations, or download programs and install them on the computer without teacher permission. This includes GAMES. In addition, disciplinary actions will occur if you tamper with/view other students' files.
12. Students must not type, submit, film, display, or transmit any information which is defamatory, violent, abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, racially offensive, or encourages the use of controlled substances.

Camera Use:

1. All equipment must be checked out with your STUDENT I.D. or DRIVER'S LICENSE. No exceptions! (No i.d. = no equipment check out)
2. Anyone using equipment without permission, misusing equipment, shooting footage not reflective of their script and/or storyboard, or misuse of time outside of class will be suspended from using the equipment and restricted to the classroom for two weeks.
3. Any student violating these rules a second time will be permanently suspended from the equipment and restricted to the classroom for the remainder of the semester.

PASSES:

You will be leaving the classroom often throughout this semester in order to complete your assignments. No matter what the reason, you need a pass. Additionally, you will need a completed script and storyboard before you can check out a camera. Campus supervisors will be asking you for this. If you are straying from the script you will be sent back to class and suspended from equipment for two weeks. No passes will be written for students to retrieve something from their car. Please think ahead and prepare for class.

Final Thought:

I hope you will gain a lot of knowledge from this course while having a good time. It is my goal to make this class exciting and a place where you can take pride in your work. We are creating projects for a college level course. We have a responsibility to show the best of what we've got. With that in mind, I expect you to work and to take pride in your work. Each student in this class has so much to offer. I look forward to seeing the creative work you come up with.