### **Liverpool** John Moores University

Title: FILM DRAMA PRODUCTION

Status: Definitive

Code: **5006FILM** (110111)

Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ5 Value: 24.00 Delivered 72.00

**Hours:** 

Total Private

Learning 240 Study: 168

**Hours:** 

**Delivery Options** 

Course typically offered: Semester 1

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture   | 10.000        |
| Practical | 50.000        |
| Tutorial  | 10.000        |
| Workshop  | 2.000         |

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### **Assessment Details**

| Category   | Short<br>Description | Description                             | Weighting (%) | Exam<br>Duration |
|------------|----------------------|---|---------------|------------------|
| Practice   | AS1                  | Practical Assignment - Short Film Drama | 80.0          |                  |
| Reflection | AS2                  | Reflective Dossier                      | 20.0          |                  |

### **Aims**

1. To provide a concentrated opportunity as part of a team to contribute effectively and creatively to the adaptation, interpretation, research, performance, design and

production of a film drama.

2. To foster creative thinking i.e. imaginative responses to production challenges both in terms of creative expression and finding solutions to problems throughout the production process.

### **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand and apply the principles of effective storytelling and interpretation in producing a fictional film.
- 2 Show an effective level of creative competencies in generating ideas and problem solving.
- 3 Understand and apply techniques and conventions of filming and editing drama.
- Articulate in writing the editorial reasoning underpinning key production choices with particular regard to storytelling and aesthetics.

### **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Short Film Drama 1 2 3

Reflective Dossier 4

### **Outline Syllabus**

Reinforcing filming techniques and conventions.

Introduction to script preparation; interpretation; adaptation and character development.

Introducing the staging of film drama and directing actors.

Advancing storytelling skills using the moving image.

### **Learning Activities**

Students engage with the following production processes:

- 1. Film drama script adaptation, interpretation and fictional character development.
- 2. Find and cast actors.
- 3. Rehearse and direct actors both in terms of performance representation and for the camera.
- 4. Research and dress locations.
- 5. Design and find/make costumes and props.
- 6. Organise and plan production schedules.
- 7. Self-crew all filming and editing.
- 8. Articulate editorial reasoning.

# References

| Course Material | Book                          |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Author          | Crisp, M.                     |
| Publishing Year | 1998                          |
| Title           | Directing Single Camera Drama |
| Subtitle        |                               |
| Edition         |                               |
| Publisher       | London, UK: Focal Press       |
| ISBN            |                               |

| Course Material | Book   |
|-----------------|--|
| Author          | Irving, D.                                       |
| Publishing Year | 2006   |
| Title           | Producing and Directing the Short Film and Video |
| Subtitle        |  |
| Edition         |  |
| Publisher       | London, UK: Focal Press                          |
| ISBN            |  |

| Course Material | Book                      |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Author          | Millerson, G.             |
| Publishing Year | 2001                      |
| Title           | Video Production Handbook |
| Subtitle        |                           |
| Edition         |                           |
| Publisher       | London, UK: Focal Press   |
| ISBN            |                           |

| Course Material | Book                           |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Author          | Rabiger, M.                    |
| Publishing Year | 2007                           |
| Title           | Directing                      |
| Subtitle        | Film Techniques and Aesthetics |
| Edition         |                                |
| Publisher       | London, UK: Focal Press        |
| ISBN            |                                |

| Course Material | Book                      |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Author          | Katz, Steven D.           |
| Publishing Year | 1991                      |
| Title           | Shot by Shot              |
| Subtitle        |                           |
| Edition         |                           |
| Publisher       | Michael Wiese Productions |
| ISBN            |                           |

## **Notes**

Pre-production research, filming and editing will be undertaken independently much of which is outside scheduled timetable.