

University of the West of England

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information							
Module Title	Produ	uction 1					
Module Code	UALA	V3-30-3	Level	3			
For implementation from	Septe	September 2017					
UWE Credit Rating	30		ECTS Credit Rating	15			
Faculty	ACE		Field	Lens and Moving Image			
Department	Filma	and Journalism					
Contributes towards	BA (H	Hons) Filmmaking (optional)					
Module type:	Proje	oject					
Pre-requisites		None					
Excluded Combinations		None					
Co- requisites		None					
Module Entry requirements		N/A					

Part 2: Description

This is one of two final year modules designed to support the development and production of a range of creatively brave and technically ambitious major film and media projects in any identified form. Students undertake and complete work that demonstrates consolidation of their own filmmaking practice and critical awareness of contemporary media practice. Emphasis is placed on students' development and realization of appropriate narrative strategies for the effective communication of ideas to an identified audience, on their ability to work creatively with sound and images and their ability to apply critical judgment in order to edit and present ideas in a coherent and expressive narrative form.

A short series of lectures, seminars and screenings support students' understanding of their own work within a contemporary context by showcasing and discussing inspirational examples of contemporary film and media practice that expand on a variety of approaches to as well as theories and methods of creative production. Alongside, students initiate ideas, treatments and scripts. Students organize themselves into creative teams with individuals taking specific HoD (Heads of Department) roles in order to undertake appropriate research and development as well as early pre-production planning as necessary to creatively develop the projects they are attached to.

Working in teams, students pitch their major projects to a panel of industry professionals and tutors. Projects are selected and green-lit for production on the basis of how persuasive the pitch is in convincing the panel that it is bold and clear in its vision as well as well-formed and achievable. Students are expected to work on one major piece as an HoD (Head of Department). However, by negotiation, they may also take a minor role on other projects during this period. Projects are usually executed in production teams that mirror professional film and media practice. Those projects not green-lit for production in this module are supported to overcome identified issues through further development so they can be pitched again in second semester module, *Production 2*. Alternatively, they may be pursued as a minor project in another first semester module *Specialist Practice*.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

A range of advanced level workshops is on offer to enable students to further develop their skills and techniques in relation to professional requirements. In addition, significant technical support is offered to students during production. A final teaching day enables the presentation of completed projects to the whole cohort for the purpose of a live critique. This reflects on the quality of the finished product as well as team's and personal professional performance in the context of academic critique and industry practice.

Part 3: Assessment

Assessment strategy

The assessments in this module are designed to mirror industry standard practice while supporting brave filmmaking and creative problem solving. They are also designed to reward clear professional activity in all areas of production from the early planning stage through to post production. The assessment strategy also enables the assessment of both individual and group work. It will be possible to weigh the balance of each students' contribution to the Final Film via their contribution to the production 'deliverables' pack, the materials submitted in their Individual Portfolio and their engagement with Professionalism and this may allow for marks to vary from individual to individual. This strategy ensures a balance between process and product, and between the crucial elements of teamwork and individual contribution.

Formative assessment

Regular individual and production team group tutorials are set up with specialist tutors to monitor progress and offer formative assessment, advice and support. Group seminars may be used to allow students to present work in progress to their tutors and their peers. This activity enables students both to test their ideas on an audience and to continue to develop their skills within a context of academic and professional practice critique.

Summative assessment

Component A1: Final Film (60%) Component A2: Individual Portfolio (30%) Component A3: Professionalism (10%)

Guidance as to the approach and detailed requirements for each element are fully explained in the Module Handbook. Indicatively:

- The Final Film (group mark) will include a short film project in an agreed narrative form with a crew working in specific HoD roles and a 'deliverables' production pack, including festivals strategy. It must demonstrate a high level of creative skills in the team's technical approach to all areas of the production including story telling, editing, sound design, camera, production design and production management.
- The Individual Portfolio (individual mark) will consist a selection of supporting materials such as relevant film research and analysis, research, planning and development appropriate to the student's specific crew role. This will also provide proof of professionalism demonstrated throughout the pre-production, production, and post-production process.
- Professionalism (individual mark) will be evidenced via the Final Film and Individual Portfolio and informed by observed engagement with the teaching and learning and peer evaluation.

Assessment criteria (as related to learning outcomes)

Students will be assessed using the following criteria:

- **Research and Creative Development:** the level of advanced research and creative development as applied to a project and specialist production role; the level of engagement with the subject: the work should convey a sense of experience and discovery (LO1, LO2, LO4);
- Audience Engagement and Storytelling: the level of ability to pitch and produce a project with a narrative that effectively engages an identified audience (LO2, LO5);
- **Craft and Technical Skills:** the level of execution of appropriate skills applied through the production process that enhances the creative realization of a project (LO5, LO6, LO7);
- **Professional Practice:** the level of professionalism in planning, self-management and self-initiative, communication and teamwork (LO4, LO6, LO7);
- **Contextual Understanding and Critical Analysis:** the level of ability to judge work in progress and critically evaluate it at completion, situating practice within wider film and media production, professional practice and academic critique (LO1, LO8).

Identify final timetabled piece of assessment	Component A2
(component and element)	

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% weighting betwee	en components A and B (Standard modules only)	100%		
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1. Final Film		60%		
2. Individual Portfolio		30%		
3. Professionalism		10%		
Resit (further attend	lance at taught classes is not required)			
Component A (contr Description of each		Element we (as % of con		
1. Individual Negotiat	ed Portfolio	1009	%	
	Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods			
Key Information	 Initiate and develop ideas for a project, by making effective techniques and a wide range of sources that demonstrate contextual understanding and appreciation of relevant eth A3); Carry out creative development, using appropriate scriptine concept into a coherent narrative for an identified audience. Pitch a project in a compelling manner, clearly demonstrate creative strengths and viability for production as well as identification plans (A2, A3); Research and plan for a specific role in a chosen specialist and demonstrate resourcefulness and flexibility in product prototyping activity and implementing industry standard tesskills to achieve the production with strong aesthetic and A2, A3); Work effectively as a member of a team, contributing good thinking and decision-making, using high level communication and responding professionally to pressures and unpredict 7. Contribute to the delivery of a project to an agreed specifi narrative intentions, quality of production, budget and sch Critically analyse the aesthetic and production qualities of performance in the broader context of film and media production practice (A2, A3). 	a breadth and ical responsibili- ing methods, to see (A2, A3); ting its narrative lentifying audier st area in pre-pr tion (A2, A3); al pre-production echnical and pro- narrative qualitier d judgment, creation and people able events (A1 cation in terms edule (A1, A2, A the work and the	depth of ties (A2, shape the e and nces and roduction n and oduction es (A1, ative e skills , A2, A3); of A3); neir own	
Sets Information (KIS) Contact Hours				

		Key Inform	ation Set - M	odule data				
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Total Assessment		Number of credits for this module				30		
		Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours		
		300	72	228	0	300		
	test Practical Exam : Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam (i.e. an exam determining mastery of a technique)							
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		Written exam assessment percentage 0%						
	Coursework assessment percentage				100%			
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Reading List	craft ca	ategories dra		a comprehens I extending re				

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