



## Television Production Syllabus

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### **Course Description**

This course exposes students to the technical and creative aspects of a career in television, film production, and broadcast journalism. Students will study the major components of what is involved in a broadcast/television production, such as script writing, filming, editing, sound mixing, and recording. Using these skills students will learn how to produce short films, video reports, commercials, and other types of multimedia projects.

This is an interdisciplinary course in which students will apply skills learned in Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics as they develop their various projects. Our goal this year is to expand Miami Arts Studio's news program. In addition, students will have an opportunity to learn about the highly competitive field of broadcast arts. At the end of the course students will have an understanding of the skills required to have a career in film and/or broadcasting.

### **Grading Policy**

The nine weeks report card grade will be determined by an average of homework, classwork, participation, quizzes, exams, and project grades.

#### Grading Scale

90-100 3.5-4.0 Outstanding Progress

80-89 2.5-3.49 Good Progress

70-79 1.5-2.49 Average Progress

60-69 1.0-1.49 Lowest acceptable progress

F- 59-0 below 0.99 Failure

Z= "zero"- Not turned in/No credit/ Missing assignment

X= Student is excused from an assignment; this does not affect grade.

#### -Conduct Grade

A conduct grade will be given on the student's overall behavior.

#### - Effort Grade

An effort grade will be given based on the student completing all graded assignments.

## **Make-up work**

Standard make up work is for excused absence(s) only. Your make up work must be requested immediately upon returning to school. Your make up work must be turned in by the second class session.

**\*However, if the student is absent during a day when a very significant assignment is due, arrangements must be made so that a hard copy of the assignment is turned in on the day that it is due. NO student is exempt from this rule. Submissions may be turned in by the parent/guardian at the main office or with another student on the due date.**

## **Homework**

Homework will be assigned on a class to class basis. Homework is due as soon as you walk into class each day. No exceptions!

## **Materials Checklist**

\_\_\_ 1 Broadcasting Binder (1 inch)

\_\_\_ 1 pack of at least 5 dividers (labeled as: 1. Notes, 2. Bell Ringer, 3. Storyboarding, 4. Scripts, 5. Past Notes)

\_\_\_ Loose leaf notebook paper

\_\_\_ Black or blue pens (Students are prohibited to submit any written assignment in any color that is not one of the aforementioned)

\_\_\_ Red pen (solely for grading)

\_\_\_ Pack of colored pencils

\_\_\_ Highlighter (multi-colored)

\_\_\_ #2 pencils

\_\_\_ Sharpener

\_\_\_ USB drive- 32 GB or higher

\_\_\_ Personal Headphones

\_\_\_ **\*\*SD Card (and safe storage device)-SanDisk - Pixtor Advanced 64GB SDXC Class 10 UHS-3 Memory Card - Black/Gold (SKU: 7801057)**

\_\_\_ SD card storage device

\*\*The SD Card listed above is an essential classroom item. All students MUST be equipped with one the second week of school. Please ensure that you purchase an SD card with the exact specifications listed above. The prices will vary depending on the vendor.



Students may also be required to bring additional materials (poster board, props, blank DVDs, etc.) from time to time for various projects and assignments.

## **Discipline**

The classroom rules are as follows:

### **1. Respect your teacher, your peers, yourself and the opinion of everyone.**

You will raise your hand when you wish to address the teacher or the class.

You will use appropriate language.

You will listen respectfully when someone is speaking and not interrupt.

You will respect the opinion of others.

You will understand the differences between productive critique versus blatant criticism.

You will sign in and out of the classroom every time you are conducting field work.

### **2. Respect your classroom.**

You will take care of all materials and equipment used in the classroom and/or studio. Treat everything as if it was your own! This includes following the prescribed methods of handling expensive equipment.

You will make sure to check out any equipment that does not belong to you.

Any material that breaks or goes missing under your watch, is your responsibility (therefore, you must provide a replacement or pay the school to find a replacement).

You will keep the classroom clean and organized.

Your classroom is a learning environment. There will not be personal grooming or applying of make up.

**3. Be in your seat with your supplies ready to start working when the bell rings.**

You will be marked tardy if you are not in your seat when the bell rings.

You must bring your supplies to school everyday. Anyone who does not have the proper supplies will receive a “zero” for the day.

**4. No cell phones or MP3 players or hand held video games.**

Any cell phone, or electronic device used in the classroom without teacher authorization will be taken away and your Parent/Guardian will have to come to retrieve it.

**5. No gum or food in the classroom.**

Food and drinks are to be consumed **only** in the cafeteria.

The only exception will be any special treats for good behavior given by the teacher.

If you choose to not follow the rules, the following consequences may include:

- Verbal warning
- Confiscation of offending item(s)
- Parental notification
- Detention
- Loss of access to studio/lab and/or equipment privileges
- Conference with parent/student
- Referral to counselor or administration

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [alex\\_rodriguez@dadeschools.net](mailto:alex_rodriguez@dadeschools.net). I will get back to you as soon as my classroom schedule permits.

I look forward to working closely with you and your child, to ensure a productive year.

-Mr. Alexander Rodriguez

### **Student Contract (Broadcasting)**

With your parents/guardians, read the information again. If you have any questions, please ask. Complete and return the fifth page of your syllabus for a homework grade, due at the beginning of next class meeting.

Upon signing this contract, students understand the information given and intend to follow the rules to the best of their ability.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a “magical” school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Student name (print)

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Student signature

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Date

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Parent print name

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Parent signature