

## NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Video & Motion Fundamentals

**Course #:** ART\* 274

**Course Description:** Four (4) credit hours. 2 class hours, 4 lab hours. An introduction to video production techniques and theories that includes a basic working knowledge of studio and field equipment. Students work as groups and individually with topics that include camera operation, lighting and preproduction. Emphasis will be placed on understanding motion principles as applied to the two-dimensional medium of video, and applying video production techniques to these motion principles.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** ART\* 141 and consent of the instructor.

**Goals:**

1. To teach the fundamental preproduction skills necessary in producing a short video program, including treatments, storyboards, and script writing.
2. To teach the basic principles of operating video equipment.
3. To teach studio and location lighting techniques.
4. To teach the basics of motion principles as it relates to camera composition and to the direction of talent.
5. To teach awareness of the aesthetic elements of video.

**Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of the course the student should be able to:

1. Create treatments, draw storyboards, and write short scripts.
2. Operate video cameras in the studio and on location.
3. Light talent and sets in the studio and on location.
4. Produce short videos which demonstrate correct composition and intraframe motion.
5. Demonstrate an aesthetic understanding of video and movies by critiquing classic movies and by creating short video sequences with appropriate composition and lighting.

### **College Policies**

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanction. Please refer to your "Student Handbook" under "Policy on Student Rights," the Section entitled "Student Discipline," or the College catalog for additional information.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Roseann Dennerlein, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6307 (V/TTY) and her email is [rdennerlein@nwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:rdennerlein@nwcc.commnet.edu).

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