

# FTMA M194B: DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION PORTFOLIO II

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**College**

Moorpark College

**Discipline (CB01A)**

FTMA - Film, Television, Media Arts

**Course Number (CB01B)**

M194B

**Course Title (CB02)**

Documentary Production Portfolio II

**Banner/Short Title**

Documentary Prod Portfolio II

**Credit Type**

Credit

**Start Term**

Fall 2023

**Formerly**

FTVM M94B - Documentary Production Portfolio II

**Catalog Course Description**

Provides students the opportunity to create and produce skilled documentary film projects for entry-level positions and for transfer institutions. Includes directing, researching, story outlining, budgeting, scheduling, production, and post-production. Requires students to undertake ambitious practical assignments of documentary projects.

**Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) Code (CB03)**

0604.00 - \*Radio and Television

**Course Credit Status (CB04)**

D (Credit - Degree Applicable)

**Course Transfer Status (CB05) (select one only)**

B (Transferable to CSU only)

**Course Basic Skills Status (CB08)**

N - The Course is Not a Basic Skills Course

**SAM Priority Code (CB09)**

B - Advanced Occupational

**Course Cooperative Work Experience Education Status (CB10)**

N - Is Not Part of a Cooperative Work Experience Education Program

**Course Classification Status (CB11)**

Y - Credit Course

**Educational Assistance Class Instruction (Approved Special Class) (CB13)**

N - The Course is Not an Approved Special Class

**Course Prior to Transfer Level (CB21)**

Y - Not Applicable

**Course Noncredit Category (CB22)**

Y - Credit Course

**Funding Agency Category (CB23)**

Y - Not Applicable (Funding Not Used)

**Course Program Status (CB24)**

1 - Program Applicable

**General Education Status (CB25)**

Y - Not Applicable

**Support Course Status (CB26)**

N - Course is not a support course

**Field trips**

Will not be required

**Grading method**

(L) Letter Graded

**Alternate grading methods**

(O) Student Option- Letter/Pass

(P) Pass/No Pass Grading

**Does this course require an instructional materials fee?**

No

**Repeatable for Credit**

No

**Is this course part of a family?**

No

**Units and Hours**

**Carnegie Unit Override**

No

**In-Class**

**Lecture**

**Minimum Contact/In-Class Lecture Hours**

17.5

**Maximum Contact/In-Class Lecture Hours**

17.5

**Activity**

**Minimum Contact/In-Class Activity Hours**

0

**Maximum Contact/In-Class Activity Hours**

0

**Laboratory****Minimum Contact/In-Class Laboratory Hours**

52.5

**Maximum Contact/In-Class Laboratory Hours**

52.5

**Total in-Class****Total in-Class****Total Minimum Contact/In-Class Hours**

70

**Total Maximum Contact/In-Class Hours**

70

**Outside-of-Class****Internship/Cooperative Work Experience****Paid****Minimum Paid Internship/Cooperative Work Experience Hours**

0

**Maximum Paid Internship/Cooperative Work Experience Hours**

0

**Unpaid****Minimum Unpaid Internship/Cooperative Work Experience Hours**

0

**Maximum Unpaid Internship/Cooperative Work Experience Hours**

0

**Total Outside-of-Class****Total Outside-of-Class****Minimum Outside-of-Class Hours**

35

**Maximum Outside-of-Class Hours**

35

**Total Student Learning****Total Student Learning****Total Minimum Student Learning Hours**

105

**Total Maximum Student Learning Hours**

105

**Minimum Units (CB07)**

2

**Maximum Units (CB06)**

2

**Prerequisites**

FTMA M194A

**Entrance Skills****Entrance Skills**

FTMA M194A

**Prerequisite Course Objectives**

FTMA M194A-define and demonstrate an understanding of the aesthetic and technical skills associated with documentary filmmaking.

FTMA M194A-observe and analyze the various components shared by documentary films.

FTMA M194A-recognize suitable subjects for a basic documentary film.

FTMA M194A-design basic set-ups for effective interviews and b-roll footage.

FTMA M194A-demonstrate knowledge and proper use of terminology related to production.

FTMA M194A-select and utilize appropriate cameras, lenses, lights and sound equipment.

FTMA M194A-demonstrate knowledge of studio and field production techniques.

FTMA M194A-utilize non-linear editing software effectively to edit a documentary.

**Requisite Justification****Requisite Type**

Prerequisite

**Requisite**

FTMA M194A

**Requisite Description**

Course in a sequence

**Level of Scrutiny/Justification**

Closely related lecture/laboratory course

**Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)**

**Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:**

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|---|---|
| 1 | produce a complex, well-crafted and compelling documentary project. |
| 2 | set up complex interviews in field locations.                       |
| 3 | arrange legal aspects for shooting at various venues.               |

**Course Objectives**

**Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:**

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|---|--|
| 1 | define and demonstrate an exceptional understanding of the ethical, legal, aesthetic, and technical skills associated with documentary filmmaking.             |
| 2 | observe and analyze the various components shared by documentary, non-fiction, and reality television and films.   |
| 3 | recognize and book a compelling central character for a successful and fascinating documentary film.   |
| 4 | design complex set-ups for effective interviews, cinéma vérité, walk-and-talks, and b-roll footage.  |
| 5 | demonstrate knowledge and proper use of terminology and specialized industry terms related to production.  |
| 6 | select and utilize appropriate cinematic cameras, interchangeable lenses, color-balanced lights, and wireless sound equipment.                                 |
| 7 | demonstrate leadership in and knowledge of interior studio and exterior field production techniques.   |
| 8 | effectively and creatively utilize non-linear editing software to shape the interview, cinéma vérité, b-roll, and stock footage into a compelling documentary. |

**Course Content****Lecture/Course Content**

- **20% - Central characters**
  - Identify
  - Book a compelling central character
- **40% - Research techniques**
  - Use third party stills
  - Employ stock footage in non-fiction, reality, and documentary storytelling

- Identify elements that make up compelling and well-crafted non-fiction, reality, and documentary films
- Recognizes representation of race/ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation, and ability in storytelling
- **20% - Pre-production, production, and post-production techniques**
  - Directing functions
  - Producing functions
- **20% - Three Act Structure**
  - Identify and shape story elements for non-fiction, reality, and documentary productions

### Laboratory or Activity Content

- 20% - Use intermediate camera and lighting techniques for interviews, cinéma vérité, and b-roll
- 15% - Edit with stills, stock footage, interviews, b-roll and cinéma vérité to properly structure a compelling and well-crafted documentary story
- 50% - Direct and produce a complex and layered non-fiction film that reflects contemporary documentary trends
- 15% - Capture high quality ambient and dialog audio recordings using correct microphone choices, placement and use

### Methods of Evaluation

**Which of these methods will students use to demonstrate proficiency in the subject matter of this course? (Check all that apply):**

Written expression  
Skills demonstrations

**Methods of Evaluation may include, but are not limited to, the following typical classroom assessment techniques/required assignments (check as many as are deemed appropriate):**

Essay exams  
Objective exams  
Problem-solving exams  
Skills demonstrations  
Classroom Discussion  
Projects  
Participation  
Reports/Papers/Journals

### Instructional Methodology

**Specify the methods of instruction that may be employed in this course**

Audio-visual presentations  
Case studies  
Class discussions  
Demonstrations  
Distance Education  
Instructor-guided interpretation and analysis  
Instructor-guided use of technology  
Lecture  
Small group activities

**Describe specific examples of the methods the instructor will use:**

- Lead group discussions and use inclusive PowerPoint presentations to demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses of various reality-based genres.

### Representative Course Assignments

#### Writing Assignments

1. Develop a compelling and well-structured story and convincing pitch.
2. Develop challenging and probing interview questions for the documentary subject.
  - Create a complex non-fiction story outline.

#### Critical Thinking Assignments

1. View other student projects and write a detailed critical analysis of their project.
2. Watch and analyze a documentary film identifying character, story, production, and post-production elements.

- Evaluate a subject to determine if they are a great speaker who is also visually pertinent to your topic and therefore a generally captivating central character who can grab and hold the viewers' attention.

### Reading Assignments

- Research a current issue that you feel strongly about and prepare a 1-2 page treatment for your project proposal in which you clearly state your research topic and the theoretical questions you will explore that advocates your position.
- Read two scripts each from different modes of documentary storytelling. Discuss how the narrative is different.

### Skills Demonstrations

- Edit the documentary using an audio mix down of Voice Over, Music and Natural Sound.
- Create a lighting design to record an individual in silhouette.

### Outside Assignments

#### Representative Outside Assignments

- Organize, produce, and direct an on-location documentary shoot overseeing crew members.
- Research and identify resources for stills and stock footage and obtain all legally required clearances to obtain and utilize them in a documentary film.
- Scout possible field locations and obtain all legally required permits and releases.

### Articulation

#### Equivalent Courses at other CCCs

| College           | Course ID  | Course Title                    | Units |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| LA Pierce College | CINEMA 119 | Advanced Documentary Production | 6     |

### District General Education

#### A. Natural Sciences

#### B. Social and Behavioral Sciences

#### C. Humanities

#### D. Language and Rationality

#### E. Health and Physical Education/Kinesiology

#### F. Ethnic Studies/Gender Studies

#### Course is CSU transferable

Yes

#### CSU Baccalaureate List effective term:

Fall 2018

**CSU GE-Breadth****Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking****Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning****Area C: Arts and Humanities****Area D: Social Sciences****Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development****Area F: Ethnic Studies****CSU Graduation Requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals:****IGETC****Area 1: English Communication****Area 2A: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning****Area 3: Arts and Humanities****Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences****Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences****Area 6: Languages Other than English (LOTE)****Textbooks and Lab Manuals****Resource Type**

Textbook

**Description**Bernard, Sheila Curran. *Documentary Storytelling: Creative Nonfiction on Screen*. 5th ed., Routledge, 2023.**Resource Type**

Textbook

**Description**Kobre, Kenneth. *Videojournalism: Multimedia Storytelling*. Routledge, 2012.**Resource Type**

Textbook

**Description**Artis, Anthony Q. *The Shut Up and Shoot Documentary Guide*. 2nd ed., Routledge, 2014.**Library Resources****Assignments requiring library resources**

Possible research using the Library's print and online resources on such topics as the ethical responsibilities to subjects in documentary filmmaking.

**Sufficient Library Resources exist**

Yes

**Example of Assignments Requiring Library Resources**

Research and write a paper comparing and contrasting a written news article and a documentary on the same subject.

**Distance Education Addendum****Definitions****Distance Education Modalities**

Hybrid (1%–50% online)  
Hybrid (51%–99% online)  
100% online

**Faculty Certifications**

**Faculty assigned to teach Hybrid or Fully Online sections of this course will receive training in how to satisfy the Federal and state regulations governing regular effective/substantive contact for distance education. The training will include common elements in the district-supported learning management system (LMS), online teaching methods, regular effective/substantive contact, and best practices.**

Yes

**Faculty assigned to teach Hybrid or Fully Online sections of this course will meet with the EAC Alternate Media Specialist to ensure that the course content meets the required Federal and state accessibility standards for access by students with disabilities. Common areas for discussion include accessibility of PDF files, images, captioning of videos, Power Point presentations, math and scientific notation, and ensuring the use of style mark-up in Word documents.**

Yes

**Regular Effective/Substantive Contact****Hybrid (1%–50% online) Modality:**

| <b>Method of Instruction</b>                 | <b>Document typical activities or assignments for each method of instruction</b>  |
|--|---|
| Asynchronous Dialog (e.g., discussion board) | Discussion Forums will be used to disseminate coursewide information and facilitate ongoing collaborative course work. Students may also use the Discussion Forums to solicit help from the instructor and other students. Discussions may also be graded encouraging students to participate in the class. |
| E-mail                                       | Email is a tool primarily used for course-wide updates and individual student contact. Students and the instructor can privately contact each other with questions, concerns.   |
| Other DE (e.g., recorded lectures)           | The instructor can provide text, presentation slides, audio/visual material, assignment examples, tutorials (which may be live or recorded), and links to supplemental publications, articles, and websites.  |

**Hybrid (51%–99% online) Modality:**

| <b>Method of Instruction</b>                 | <b>Document typical activities or assignments for each method of instruction</b>  |
|--|---|
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**100% online Modality:**

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**Examinations**

**Hybrid (1%–50% online) Modality**

On campus  
Online

**Hybrid (51%–99% online) Modality**

On campus  
Online

**Primary Minimum Qualification**

MEDIA PROD/BROADCASTING TECH

**Review and Approval Dates**

**Department Chair**

02/03/2023

**Dean**

02/15/2023

**Technical Review**

03/02/2023

**Curriculum Committee**

03/07/2023

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