

# FILM 010C: FILM PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT: SET MANAGEMENT

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**Originator**

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**Justification / Rationale**

The Coachella Valley is a center for location shooting. Identifying pathways to entry-level-jobs in these productions, ie, PA's or production assistants, has been given primary consideration in discussions with our program's local film advisory group, which resulted in courses be developed in production management, specifically budgeting, scheduling, set management and location scouting and management to give students the tools needed to get these jobs. With the popularity of the film program and enrollment growing, both by word of mouth and articulation agreements with high school film, it's time to expand the film curriculum in a practical, employment-related way. These tools will also benefit students interested in producing and directing film and creative content, as understanding the value time and money and managing these resources properly is directly related to a project's success.

**Effective Term**

Fall 2020

**Credit Status**

Credit - Degree Applicable

**Subject**

FILM - Film

**Course Number**

010C

**Full Course Title**

Film Production Management: Set Management

**Short Title**

SET MANAGEMENT

**Discipline****Disciplines List**

Broadcasting Technology (Film making/video, media production, radio/TV)

Film Studies

Media Production (Broadcasting Technology)

**Modality**

Face-to-Face

**Catalog Description**

Movies are make-believe. The work done to make them is not. Long before cameras roll, and continuing when and long after they do, line producers, production managers, locations managers, first assistant directors and others are working hard to prepare for, manage and carry out a process that will utilize the talents of a small army of creative and technical filmmakers and allocate valuable, irreplaceable resources not the least of which are time and money. There is no just "going out and shooting" this. The seeming madness of the creative process that is filmmaking is in reality managed in a process of its own that evolved with the medium.

This course will teach students how to manage a set, whether it's in a studio or on location. In doing so, they will learn the personnel required to run a set, the processes they support, the protocols that help govern those processes and the best practices that will result in a well-run, productive movie set.

This course is valuable for anyone interested in producing, line producing, production managing, set managing, location scouting and managing and producing or directing a movie.

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**Lecture Units**

1.5

**Lecture Semester Hours**

27

**Lab Units**

0

**In-class Hours**

27

**Out-of-class Hours**

54

**Total Course Units**

1.5

**Total Semester Hours**

81

**Prerequisite Course(s)**

FILM 002A

**Required Text and Other Instructional Materials****Resource Type**

Book

**Author**

Bastian Cleve

**Title**

Film Production Management

**Edition**

4th

**Publisher**

Routledge

**Year**

2017

**College Level**

Yes

**ISBN #**

0415788773

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**Class Size Maximum**

24

**Entrance Skills**

Identify and demonstrate the elements of pre-production including scripting, scheduling, storyboarding and shot listing involved to successfully develop and prepare an original short film/video for production.

**Requisite Course Objectives**

FILM 002A-Identify and demonstrate the elements of pre-production including scripting, scheduling, storyboarding and shot listing involved to successfully develop and prepare an original short film/video for production.

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### Entrance Skills

Identify and demonstrate the elements of production including camera, sound, performance, set protocols and management procedures required to successfully shoot a short film/video.

### Requisite Course Objectives

FILM 002A-Identify and demonstrate the elements of production including camera, sound, performance, set protocols and management procedures required to successfully shoot a short film/video.

### Course Content

- The role of the First, Second and Third Assistant Director
- The Departments on a movie set and the personnel in each
- Call Sheets, Schedules, Script Notes, Camera and Sound Reports
- Video Village
- Union Rules
- Breaks, Meals, Craft Services
- Load In / Wrap
- Set Protocol

### Course Objectives

|             | Objectives   |
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| Objective 1 | Analyze and evaluate the personnel, processes and protocols needed to run a properly managed film production set.                    |
| Objective 2 | Formulate an ability to work properly and professionally within these on-set processes supporting the various departments as needed. |

### Student Learning Outcomes

|           | Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:  |
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| Outcome 1 | Work effectively as a Production Assistant on a professional movie set. |
| Outcome 2 | Manage the set of a short film or video.                                |

### Methods of Instruction

| Method             | Please provide a description or examples of how each instructional method will be used in this course.   |
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| Activity           | Practice protocols and processes of set management, create production documents, set up and manage Video Village                                 |
| Collaborative/Team | Determine department functions, communication on set and with production office  |
| Observation        | Instructor evaluation by observation of team and individual activity   |
| Lecture            | Using Keynote presentations, video and computer projection, lecture will communicate the process and protocols of film production set management |

### Methods of Evaluation

| Method                                   | Please provide a description or examples of how each evaluation method will be used in this course.  | Type of Assignment |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Group activity participation/observation | Over the course of six to eight in class set management learning projects, students will collaborate in teams to carry out proper processes and protocols of managing a film production set and instructor will evaluate by observation and critique | In Class Only      |
| Student participation/contribution       | Students will participate in managing the set of a Film 2B or C (Production II or III) narrative film production   | Out of Class Only  |
| Tests/Quizzes/Examinations               | Test basic knowledge of practices and protocols of set management  | In Class Only      |

Reading reports

Reports written based on text and other readings  
will be submitted for instructor evaluation

Out of Class Only

### Assignments

#### Other In-class Assignments

Learn the rules, how to learn diplomacy – the soft skills in this department that make the set work smoothly, the downline attitude is contagious.

Discover the needs of each department – before they become urgent – keep checking daily

Load In / Set-Up / Wrap

Manage digital island, video village

Lights, Camera, Action - practice a movie set's production process and protocols and demeanor

Production reports and paperwork:

Set up communication method to deliver to Assistant Directors, Heads of Departments and relevant crew

Script page changes

Know and Collect releases: Location. Cast. Extras. Animals. Crew. All Art Department

Call Sheets, Schedules, Script Notes, Camera and Sound Reports,

Create a Wrap Bible.

Controlling Petty cash. Set-up sheets, receipt records

Controlling Purchase orders – set-up sheets, following PO to delivery and invoices to LP

Identify potential on-set problems and solutions

How to feed a small army

#### Other Out-of-class Assignments

Work as a Production Assistant on a COD student film

Research SAG-AFTRA and other union rules of production

Read text and articles

#### Grade Methods

Letter Grade Only

### MIS Course Data

#### CIP Code

50.0602 - Cinematography and Film/Video Production.

#### TOP Code

061220 - Film Production

#### SAM Code

C - Clearly Occupational

#### Basic Skills Status

Not Basic Skills

#### Prior College Level

Not applicable

#### Cooperative Work Experience

Not a Coop Course

#### Course Classification Status

Credit Course

#### Approved Special Class

Not special class

**Noncredit Category**

Not Applicable, Credit Course

**Funding Agency Category**

Not Applicable

**Program Status**

Program Applicable

**Transfer Status**

Not transferable

**Allow Audit**

No

**Repeatability**

No

**Materials Fee**

No

**Additional Fees?**

No

**Approvals****Curriculum Committee Approval Date**

11/21/2019

**Academic Senate Approval Date**

12/12/2019

**Board of Trustees Approval Date**

1/17/2020

**Chancellor's Office Approval Date**

1/21/2020

**Course Control Number**

CCC000612105

**Programs referencing this course**

Basic Film Production Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalog.collegeofthedesert.eduundefined?key=149/>)

Advanced Film Production Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalog.collegeofthedesert.eduundefined?key=196/>)

Film Production Management Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalog.collegeofthedesert.eduundefined?key=269/>)

Film Production AS Degree (<http://catalog.collegeofthedesert.eduundefined?key=69/>)