

MEDIA PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

SUBTITLE: SPORTS PRODUCTION

COMM 356 – FALL 2015 – CAC 112,301

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

TR 1-2:50

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F: By Appointment

Course Description:

This course is a study of the contemporary practices and production of time-based Sports Production.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will produce media works that tell stories with a connection to sports.
2. Students will develop skills related to producing stories about sports.
3. Students will articulate the conceptual/practical processes of sports story productions and present their creative work for critique by the instructor and peers.

Required Supplies:

1. Stereo Headphones
2. Personal Hard Drive

Technology Fee:

If you are still enrolled in this course on the ninth day of the semester, a \$25 rental equipment fee will be charged to your student account. Paying this fee allows you to access production equipment (cameras, tripods, light kits, etc.) available for check-out through the IT Help Desk.

Outline: (Subject to Change)

September

3 intro – sports? Make a list

8 Transcending sports

10 Transcending sports

15 Transcending sports

17 Cinematography/Audio

22 Project 1 Preproduction

24 Project 1: Preproduction/Production

29 Project 1: Work in Progress Presentation

October

1 Any Kubitz guest speaker

6 Branding/Style Guides

8 Local/Regional Features

13 Local/Regional Features

15 Project 2 Preproduction
20 Project 2 Production
22 Project 2 Production
27 Project 2 Postproduction
29 Project 2 Critique

November

3 Project 1 Work in Progress Presentation
5 Promos
10 Promos
12 Project 3 Preproduction
17 Project 3 Production
19 Project 3 Production
24 Thanksgiving Break

December

1 Project 3 Postproduction
3 Project 3 Postproduction
8 Project 3 Critique
10 Spill
15 Project 1 Critique Day 1
17 Project 2 Critique Day 2: 8-10 (Thursday)

Last day to drop without a grade: September 14th

Last day to drop: November 6th

Project Descriptions

You will receive a detailed handout for each assignment.

Project 1 – Sports story that transcends sports – short form = ≤ 15 mins

Project 2 – Feature Story: 2-3 minutes

Project 3 – Sports Promo piece: :60-:90

Assignment Policy:

Late assignments will not be accepted. Students are responsible for all course materials, including, but not limited to: class lectures, handouts, textbook reading assignments, projects, labs, and quizzes. Assignments and due dates may be changed at the instructor's discretion with fair notice to students. Please see the attached tentative course schedule for specific assignments and due dates.

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend class regularly. Three absences are allowed. The fourth absence will lower the final grade by one letter. The fifth will lower the final grade by two letters. On the sixth absence, the student must drop or s/he will fail the course. If a student must be absent the day a presentation/project or exam is scheduled, s/he must notify the instructor prior to class time. No make-ups will be given if the instructor is not given a legitimate excuse before the time of the assignment due date. Students who are excessively late to class will be counted as absent.

Grading:

Lab Assignments/Quizzes	30%
Projects	60%
Participation	10%

Grading Scale: A= 94-100%; A-= 90-93%; B+= 87-89%; B= 83-86%; B- =80-82%; C+=77-79;
C=73-76%; C-=70-72%; D+=67-69%; D=63-66%; D-=60-62% F= Below 60%

Electronic Device Policy:

Do not use cellular phones or other electronic devices (i.e. social media) during class instruction time. In addition, students are asked to use classroom computers for class work only. The use of any electronic device during an exam or quiz will result in an immediate "F" for that assignment.

Email Notification:

The instructor will send information to students through D2L. Therefore, students **MUST** check their D2L account on a regular basis.

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<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyInfo.pdf>

If you have a disability and require classroom and/or exam accommodations, please register with the Disability and Assistive Technology Center and then contact me at the beginning of the course. I am happy to help in any way that I can. For more information, please visit the Disability and Assistive Technology Center, located on the 6th floor of the Learning Resource Center (the Library). You can also find more information here: <http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/>

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