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Class Time: M W 4:30- 7:00 PM
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ART 240

Cinematography and Directing for 3D

Animation

Course Description

Essential skills, concepts and the use of the virtual camera in 3D animation environment: Planning, pre- production, storyboards and pre-visualization using real-world camera principles is combined with rendering, sound and post production in a non linear environment. Prerequisites: ADA/ART/MMT184 or permission of Instructor. .

Course Competencies

- Understand the visualization process in traditional arts vs. directing a shot in a 3D environment.
- Understand aspects of the camera such as aperture, DOF, lenses, and attributes needed to control the virtual camera in a 3D environment.
- Create conceptual sketches, plan and storyboard a project.
- Plan and develop the model and construct the shots for 3D animation, digital film content, or a multimedia project.
- Control lighting and apply compositional concepts, lighting for moods and other light principles within a 3D environment.
- Create and organize a project by applying shot fow and direct the composition by appropriate choice of camera shots.
- Stage a scene for a character and/or product shot.
- Control resolution, output and production of the project.
- Edit and use post production techniques in a non linear environment.

Course Format: Hybrid

Course Location: HT1 - 134

Exceptions: 1/15/18, 2/19/18

Final Exam: 5/7/18 @ 4:30 PM in HT1-134

Credit Hours: 3

Instructional Contact Hours: 5 hrs/week

Out-of-Class Course Work: 5-15 hrs/week

Materials



There is no required text for this class. We will use the GCC provided lynda.com and online resources as the reference for this class.



You are required to back up all your work for this class in the cloud. I recommend [Google Drive](https://www.google.com/drive/).



You are required to have an external hard drive to back up all your work. Never store your work only on GCC computers.



You are required to bring headphones to each class to listen to tutorials and work on the sound component of your work.



You are required to have a physical notebook to take notes for the class lectures AND tutorials. I recommend this notebook for digitizing and backing up your notes. [Leuchtturm Whitelines](http://www.leuchtturm.com/)

Class Policies

- The four main portfolio projects make up 80% of the grade in this class. These projects will be assessed on specific critique dates throughout the semester and again at the final portfolio review at the final exam time. **Missing the critiques for these projects will negatively impact your grade for that project. Do not miss critique days.**
- Students are subject to and must comply with college policies found in the current College Catalog and Student Handbook.
- Treat the lab and classroom as if it were a **professional studio**. Any student who is swearing, distracting other students, and acting in an unprofessional manner will be asked to leave the class. Offer to **help your fellow students** when working.
- The class will consist of a combination of lecture/demonstration and workshop time. During lectures and demonstrations students are expected to take notes and pay attention. Lecture information will not be repeated for students ignoring the lecture.
- Academic Catalog: <http://www.gccaz.edu/gcc-catalog>
- Student Handbook: <http://www.gccaz.edu/student-life/office-student-life/stu-Canvas>

Grading Categories

- **Projects 80 %** - There are four main projects that make up the final portfolio. These are each worth 20% of your grade
- **Participation and Attendance 20%**

Grading

A ≥ 90 && < 100
 B < 90 && ≥ 80
 C < 80 && ≥ 70
 D < 70 && ≥ 60
 F < 60

Canvas

- You will access the course content via the Maricopa Instructure Canvas CMS (Class Management System.)
- To login to Canvas: <http://learn.maricopa.edu>
- Your username and password are your MEID. If you don't know your MEID, you may find it here: <https://eims.maricopa.edu/MAW/SOlookupid.pl>
- Quick Guide listed here: http://cm.maricopa.edu/customer_service/

Maricopa Student Email

- Email and Canvas messaging are the official sanctioned method of communication in this class. You will need to use your GCC student email to correspond with the instructor and check it on a regular basis. <http://www.gccaz.edu/hd/Email/gmail/gmail.htm>

Participation & Attendance

- Attendance is mandatory. You are responsible for the information presented on any day you are absent. The instructor will not fill you in on information you missed while absent.
- You may miss a maximum of **three classes** over the course of the semester. **If you miss two class in a row** with no notification you will be dropped from the class.
- Participating in class with a **positive attitude** is essential for your learning, and the learning process of those around you. Your input is valuable, please share it with the class.
- Your participation in critique and class will be graded.

Syllabus Change/Acknowledgement

- Course content and schedule is subject to change at instructor's discretion to meet the needs of this particular cohort. The syllabus may change, and changes will be announced in class. **The student acknowledgement quiz in Canvas is your official acknowledgement of all the terms of the syllabus**

Statement Regarding Special Needs

- If you have a disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations. You need to contact the Disability Services and Resources office, located in TDS 100. Their phone number is 623-845-3080.

Statement Regarding Internet and Computer Usage

- Internet and computer usage is for class assignments and related research only. Inappropriate use of the Internet or computers is subject to loss of privileges, class withdrawal and other disciplinary action.

Statement Concerning Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is defined as presenting the work of another as one's own. More than four consecutive words from a source other than the writer constitute plagiarism when the source is not clearly identified in appropriate document format.
- From the GCC Student Handbook: *"Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the use of paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person with out full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials."*
- **Use hyper-links to clearly attribute any assets you did not create from scratch.**

Projects Shared with Students

- As a member of this class, you will be required to share the projects you are working on with other students in the class. A class critique involves offering and accepting feedback from peers. We will often have an on-line critique process that you will be required to participate in.

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Information on Student Information Systems

- The Student Center for information services can be accessed at <http://my.maricopa.edu/> and provides access to finding and enrolling in classes, viewing your schedule and grades, viewing charges and making payments and maintaining your contact information. Accessing the Student Center requires your Maricopa Enterprise ID and password that can be established or retrieved at <https://eims.maricopa.edu/MAW/>. Finding classes at any or all of the colleges in the Maricopa District can be done at <http://classes.sis.maricopa.edu/>.

Sexual Harassment Statement

- Sexual harassment is any unwelcome, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it alters working conditions and creates a hostile environment or reasonably interferes with, limits, or deprives a student of the ability to participate in or benefit from any educational program or activity.
- Sexual harassment and discrimination in any college education program or activity are prohibited. Sexual Harassment may include hostile environment harassment, sexual assault, inducing incapacitation for sexual purposes, sexual exploitation or dating violence and stalking.
- Students should report any discrimination and/or harassment they experience and/or observe to the GCC Office of Student Life in the Student Union. Phone (623) 845-3525 or email laura.dodrig@gccaz.edu.

Technology

- This class uses the Cinema 4D software package developed by Maxon. Additionally, we will use other Adobe CC programs After Effects, Photoshop, and Illustrator. If you would like to use Adobe programs on your home computer I would recommend registering for the student Creative Cloud Subscription.
- I am not obligated to provide technical support for the installation or maintenance of these programs on your home computer.
- Please schedule time to use the computers in the Digital Media Arts lab during the week. It is necessary to build this into your weekly schedule. A rough estimate for students that are comfortable with using computers for design work would be three hours of lab time outside of class, per week. If you're not computer literate or have had problems using computers in the past, you should schedule more than three hours of time during the week to be in the lab outside of class. If you are unable to commit to three hours of lab time during the week (and more during the busy periods in the semester) you should consider registering for a different course.
- Working with other students is a great way to share and learn. You are not expected to buy the software used in this class, the Digital Media Arts Lab exists to give students access to professional media authoring tools.

