

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Theatre Department

Course Number and Title

THTR 2103 Screenwriting I

Catalog Description

An introduction into the craft of storytelling for film, learning the craft of format, structure, and development of a screenplay and television script. This course also explores the different professional opportunities in the field of screenwriting in the industry.

Prerequisites

None

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

Three

Target Audience/Transferability

This course is designed for both theatre majors and nonmajor. THTR 2033 may transfer to other institutions as credit for theatre majors and/or as an elective for nonmajors.

General Education Outcome(s)

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.
- Students develop effective writing skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course students will:

- To have an understanding of the basic craft of writing a screenplay for film and television.
- To gain knowledge and exposure to different script formats, scriptwriting software/programs, screenwriting instructional materials, submission opportunities, and industry best practices.
- To practice writing individually and collaboratively with faculty and peer feedback.
- Learn how to complete and market your screenplay.
- To have the capability to identify various structures and genres of films and television, along with how they relate to screenwriting.

Topics

Script analysis, scriptwriting, script formatting, structure, plot, character development, professional practices in the field of television, film, and media.

Assessment

- Students will write 1 screenplay and 1 teleplay (television script)
- Students will read and provide script coverage by analyzing at least 5 screenplays during the semester.

- Students will learn how to create a pitch presentation for a film or television series.
- Students will learn complete a scriptwriting software assessment to learn screenplay formatting.

Required Materials

None