

COURSE DESCRIPTION & SYLLABUS

Digital Media | FOOTHILL HS

PROJECTS of the DIGITAL MEDIA class introduce students to professional-level work and opportunities for those looking ahead to careers in media after high school.

Photography is the first major part of the Digital Media class. Composition & Design elements of Photography will be taught, so students are knowledgeable of what makes a great picture. With this knowledge, good and sometimes great photos can be captured with cell phones. Once a student has demonstrated proficiency in the photography curriculum, he/she may be able to step up to utilize some of the school's professional photography equipment.

After photography, video is the next major component of the course. Most of the same concepts learned about photography apply to video, the major difference being that video incorporates moving pictures and, most importantly in many cases, audio (or sound).

Writing is also a very important aspect of the Digital Media course. Script writing allows the videographer and the working team have a plan. "Winging it" is not a plan. One of the most important skills learned in the course is communication. One effective way to communicate is through writing.

Programs learned will include Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Premiere Pro. Some exposure to special effects programs and animation software can be expected.



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GRADING SCALE

I use a 4-point scale, just like a grade point average (GPA). When I grade student work, grades will be 4, 3, 2, 1, or 0 (zero), which are A, B, C, D, F.

So, 75% is a B, 50% is a C, and a 0 (zero) doesn't destroy a student's grade. ... See below.

GRADE	LOW	%	HIGH
A+	104.17		112.50
A	95.83	100	104.16
A-	87.50		95.82
B+	79.16		87.49
B	70.83	75	79.15
B-	62.49		70.82
C+	54.16		62.49
C	45.82	50	54.15
C-	37.49		45.81
D+	29.15		37.48
D	20.82	25	29.14
D-	12.48		20.81
F		0	

DIGITAL MEDIA CURRICULUM

INTERVIEWS

PHOTOGRAPHY

MUSIC VIDEOS

PHOTOSHOP

COOKING VIDEOS

WRITING & EDITING

PHOTO CHALLENGES

SHORT DOCUMENTARIES

CAMERAS

PROJECT MANAGER

COOPERATION

CREATIVITY

CAMARADERIE

PRODUCE-A-VIDEO

PROMOTIONS

STOP-MOTION

PORTFOLIO

TECHNOLOGY

YOUTUBE

ZOOM MEETINGS!