

CMN300

Screen Media: Showcase in Practice

School: School of Business and Creative Industries

2026 | Trimester 2

UniSC Sunshine Coast
UniSC Moreton Bay

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to unisc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

Building on knowledge and skills gained in intermediate level screen media courses, you will develop and produce a short film that showcases your graduate level knowledge, skills and abilities. You will develop an understanding of contemporary screen industry processes and practices, distribution platforms, ancillary markets and audiences and apply this knowledge to screen production projects. You will be responsible for project management, planning and research to inform and progress your creative work.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Interactive online learning activities.	1hr	Week 1	10 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – Scheduled face to face workshops.	2hrs	Week 1	7 times
Tutorial/Workshop 2 – Scheduled face to face workshops (Extended)	4hrs	Week 6	3 times

1.3. Course Topics

The Screen Production Value Chain

Screen Production Processes, including Pre-Production, Production Management and Post-Production

Concept Creation and Development

Cinematography and Directing

Screen Sound and Sound Recording

Screen Editing

Marketing and Distribution

Screen Finance

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1 Investigate and critically analyse screen narratives and production histories within cultural, industrial, economic, and technological contexts	Knowledgeable
2 Demonstrate effective communication and problem-solving skills in project production and management	Creative and critical thinker
3 Engage in screen production workflows and processes reflective of industry practices	Engaged
4 Demonstrate creativity and innovation in the production of a screen artefact	Creative and critical thinker

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

5.5. Microcredential Information

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

By Week 4 of this course, you will receive feedback on a draft version of your first assessment task during the workshop.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Artefact - Creative, and Oral	Individual and Group	30%	5 minute Pitch Presentation per group plus Q&A. Submit your presentation slides as .ppt or .pdf. 2,500 words + or - 10%.	Week 5	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check and in class
All	2	Artefact - Creative	Individual and Group	30%	Film length is approx 8-10 mins. Submit your film in mp4 or .mov file	Week 12	Online Submission
All	3	Written Piece	Individual	40%	2000 words +/- 10%. Word count does not include production documents eg. production schedule or call-sheet. Word count is only for your critical reflection. Word count includes in-text citations but not your bibliography.	Exam Period	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

All - Assessment Task 1: Pitch Presentation

GOAL:	To professionally and persuasively pitch a short film idea.													
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Creative, and Oral													
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:														
FORMAT:	<p>Working in small production teams, you will work together to develop and persuasively pitch a short film project idea to an audience using professional oral communication to persuade them of its value and relevance. The pitch should include the project's creative aims and the planned production process. All group members must be present and speak at the presentation during class time in Week 5. There will be a Q&A after your presentation. Submit presentation slides as .ppt or .pdf with Harvard reference style.</p> <p>This task is being used for measuring assurance of learning towards Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation. The following Program Competency will be assessed: PC 1.2 Critical and creative thinkers and practitioners; PC 1.6 Entrepreneurial and innovative thinking and collaboration:</p> <p>Criteria No Description 1 Creativity: Quality, depth and innovation of creative ideas including the identification of a compelling topic/subject and conceptualisation of a screen work CLO1, CLO4 2 Communication: Ability to professionally and persuasively communicate project aims, as well as use of appropriate language and delivery techniques CLO2 3 Knowledge: Knowledge and understanding of the filmmaking process, including the ability to identify production problems and devise effective solutions CLO1, CLO2, CLO3</p> <p>Criteria 1: Creativity is group marked, while Criteria 2: Communication and Criteria 3: Knowledge are marked individually.</p>													
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All - Assessment Task 2: Short Film

GOAL:	To create a short film that demonstrates your understanding and application of screen craft at an advanced level.																
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Creative																
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FORMAT:	<p>Continuing on from Task 1, you will work in your production teams to create a short film, of any genre, that demonstrates your understanding and application of screen craft at an advanced level. As part of this assessment task, you must complete a self and peer assessment for all members of your group.</p> <p>This task is being used for measuring assurance of learning towards Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation. The following Program Competency will be assessed: PC1. 2. Critical and creative thinkers and practitioners; PC. 1.6 Entrepreneurial and innovative thinking and collaboration.</p> <p>Criteria No Description 1 Creativity: Innovation, originality and depth of creative idea CLO4 2 Execution: Effective production of an industry-reflective screen project that addresses topic/subject/story in an engaging way CLO3, CLO4 3 Collaboration: Effective participation as a member of a collaborative production team. CLO2, CLO3 4 Storytelling and audience engagement: Film is cohesive and coherent within its form and engages an audience. CLO2, CLO3</p> <p>Criteria 1: Creativity, Criteria 2: Execution and Criteria 4: Storytelling and audience engagement are group marks, while Criteria 3: Collaboration, is marked individually. Criteria 3 is also peer assessed.</p>																
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All - Assessment Task 3: Production Portfolio and Reflective Account

GOAL:	To create a personal production portfolio and critical reflective account for a screen project.															
PRODUCT:	Written Piece															
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:																
FORMAT:	<p>Each student must individually submit a Production Portfolio that includes key project documents or files that demonstrate their own contribution to the Task 2 film project, collected over the trimester, as well as a Critical Reflective Account (2000 words) on your role in the production.</p> <p>Portfolio must contain the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A written Critical Reflective Account based on your experiences making your film – this must be based on your role within the production team. Identify and describe your project’s creative aims, influences (what is informing your practice), challenges (to creative aims), how these were overcome (problem solving), and an informed critique on the strengths and weaknesses of your final work to reflect on how this could be improved. You must research, reflect on and engage with broader issues in the screen industry in considering your creative aims, influences and challenges. - A Minimum of three (3) separate and unique project documents/files per student that you are personally responsible for in your production role, including but not limited to production schedules, storyboards, moodboards, shot lists, call sheets, production sketches or colour swatches, test sound recordings or edit logs, etc. - A reference list of at least six (6) academic sources used/referred. <p>Submitted as a Word .doc or .docx. Times New Roman, 12 point font, 1.5 double line spacing. Critical Reflective Account should be written in formal academic style using appropriate Harvard referencing conventions, where appropriate.</p> <p>This task is being used for measuring assurance of learning towards Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation. The following Program Competency will be assessed: PC1.2 Critical and creative thinkers and practitioners; PC1.6 Entrepreneurial and innovative thinking and collaboration.</p> <p>Criteria No Description 1 Knowledge: Demonstrated knowledge and application of technical and professional skills in assigned crew role CLO3 2 Analysis: Analysis and reflection on creative practice development (including your own growth as a creative practitioner, as well as your strengths, challenges, opportunities and problem-solving skills) CLO1, CLO2 3 Communication: Effective written communication and critique of screen production project with appropriate language, formatting and referencing conventions CLO1, CLO2 4 Research: Demonstrated research and application of information about screen production contexts, with specific reference to issues arising in the industry CLO1</p>															
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7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

This is a graduate level screen media production course. All students must email course co-ordinator for enrolment to be approved.

An external hard drive and a set of headphones will be of benefit to you in this course. Also this course uses some commercial software or hardware which is provided at USC campuses for student use. If you elect to do this course online you may: attend a campus at which it is available; discuss alternative open source solutions with your course coordinator that would enable you to demonstrate the learning outcomes; or if you prefer you may acquire this software and/or hardware at your own expense. A basic camera (DSLR that shoots video) and basic video editing software will suffice.

Students will be expected to be available for autonomous group production meetings and film shoots on evenings and weekends. If you feel that you may have problems with these time commitments it is recommended that you study the course at another time.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Risk assessments have been performed for all field activities and low to moderate levels of health and safety risk exists. Moderate risks may include working in an Australian bush setting, working with people, working outside normal office hours for example. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

- (a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%; and
- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

Less than 15 minutes: No penalty

From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty

More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

10.4. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.5. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful.

The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.6. General Enquiries

For course-specific questions, contact your teaching staff or Course Coordinator.

For other enquiries or to access support, please contact Student Central:

- [UniSC Student Central](#)
- [UniSC Adelaide Student Central](#)