**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

REQUEST FOR ADDITION, EXPIRATION,
OR REVISION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

(DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE)

**DEPARTMENT Communication**

**EFFECTIVE SESSION** Fall 2013

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check the items below which describe the purpose of this request.

- [X] New course with supporting documents
- [ ] Add existing course offered at another campus
- [ ] Expiration of a course
- [ ] Change in course number
- [ ] Change in course title
- [ ] Change in course credit type
- [ ] Change in course attributes (department head signature only)
- [ ] Change in instructional hours
- [ ] Change in course description
- [ ] Change in course requisites
- [ ] Change in semester(s) offered (department head signature only)
- [ ] Transfer from one department to another

**PROPOSED:**

- **Subject Abbreviation:** COM
- **Course Number:** 3XXX
- **Long Title:** Digital Storytelling
- **Short Title:** DiStories

**EXISTING:**

- **Subject Abbreviation:**
- **Course Number:**
- **Long Title:**
- **Short Title:**

**TERMS OFFERED:**

- Check All That Apply:
  - Fall
  - Spring
  - Summer

**CAMPUS(ES) INVOLVED:**

- Calumet
- Cont Ed
- N. Central
- N. Statewide
- Ft. Wayne
- W. Lafayette
- Indianapolis

**CREDIT TYPE:**

- Fixed Credit: 3.0
- Variable Credit Range: [ ]
- Minimum Cr. Hrs. (Check One): [ ]
- Maximum Cr. Hrs. (Check One): [ ]
- Equivalent Credit: [ ] Yes [ ] No

**COURSE ATTRIBUTES:**

- Pass/Not Pass Only [ ]
- Satisfactory/Upsatisfactory Only [ ]
- Repeatability [ ]
- Maximum Repeatable Credit: [ ]
- Credit by Examination [ ]
- Fees: [ ] Coop [ ] Lab [ ] Rate Request [ ]
- Include comment to explain fee

**SCHEDULE/TIME:**

- Lecture [ ]
- Recitation [ ]
- Presentation [ ]
- Laboratory [ ]
- Lab Prep [ ]
- Studio [ ]
- Distance [ ]
- Clinic [ ]
- Experiential [ ]
- Research [ ]
- Ind. Study [ ]
- Practic/Observ [ ]

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course examines the theory and practice of digital storytelling and teaches students how to use digital tools to gather audio and visual material to tell a journalistic story across multiple media platforms.

**Prerequisites:** COM 140 and JOUR 200

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Be a competent reader, speaker, writer, and listener
- Be aware of and skilled in the use of new technologies relevant to the field of journalism
- Think critically, creatively and independently
- Understand concepts and apply theories in the use and presentation of images and Information
- Collaborate on their own work and that of others for research, analysis, and interpretation

**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**
Welcome! I look forward to working with you as you further develop your journalism skills in exploring the exciting field of digital storytelling.

Please review this syllabus carefully, keep it with you, and refer to it weekly throughout the semester. It includes information on course objectives, requirements and grading, as well as campus services. This syllabus and additional information also will be posted on Blackboard.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the theory and practice of digital storytelling and teaches students how to use digital tools to gather audio and visual material to tell a journalistic story across multiple media platforms. Preparation for Course P: COM 140 (Intro to Media Production) and JOUR J200 (Reporting, Writing, & Editing I).

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

Instructor:
Email:
Office phone:
Office location:
Office hours:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Be a competent reader, speaker, writer, and listener
- Be aware of and skillful in the use of new technologies relevant to the field of journalism
- Think critically, creatively and independently
- Understand concepts and apply theories in the use and presentation of images and information
- Demonstrate an understanding of professional ethical principles and work ethically in pursuit of truth, accuracy, fairness and diversity
- Write correctly and clearly in forms and styles appropriate for the communications professions, audiences and purposes they serve
- Critically evaluate their own work and that of others for accuracy and fairness, clarity, appropriate style and grammatical correctness
REQUIREMENTS

Required Texts & Readings


HIGHLY RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

- **EQUIPMENT:** Broadcast quality digital audio recorder, digital camera, and digital video recorder. You also can check out these items from Studio M, but you need to plan well in advance of deadlines.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- Stories (5 beat story packages @ 100 points) 500 points 50%
- Final multimedia project (1 @ 200 points) 200 points 20%
- Social media and online updates 200 points 20%
  - Twitter micro blog (10 x 10 points each)
  - Facebook (5 x 20 points each)
- Labs, quizzes and other assignments 100 points 10%

Note: The failure to complete all outside stories and the final multimedia project in their entirety will result in your earning an F in the class, regardless of your point total.

GRADING SCALE

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Grading Standards

- **A+ to A-:** Excellent/outstanding work that **exceeds** course/assignment requirements.
- **B+ to B-:** Good work that **goes beyond** the required level for the course/assignment.
- **C+ to C-:** Satisfactory work that **meets** the course/assignment requirements.
- **D+ to D-:** Work that deserves credit, but **does not meet** the course/assignment requirements.
- **F:** Unsatisfactory work that **fails to meet** course/assignment requirements.
GRADING NOTES:

- Each student starts with zero points and has the opportunity to earn points for each assignment, up to a maximum of 1,000 points for the semester.
- Plagiarized work earns a zero on the work and university disciplinary action.
- It is your responsibility to keep all graded work until final grades are posted. These will be necessary to resolve any grade dispute (i.e., a recording error).

GRADE REVIEWS—the 24/7 rule

I will not discuss an assignment grade until at least 24 hours after it is returned to you. This practice serves the primary function of allowing you time to review your work and prepare a grade review request. Requests for a review of any assignment grade must be made within one week (7 days) of the return of the assignment. If an assignment is returned before a break, the seven-day period does not include the break days. You are responsible for checking for assignments returned electronically.

DEADLINES, LATE WORK AND ATTENDANCE

Deadlines: Just as an editor or news director would expect you to turn in your assignments on time, I expect the same. It is my policy not to accept late work, as it is not fair to other students or to future employers. I reserve the right to refuse late work or, in the case or extenuating circumstances, to take 10% off the grade after the time the assignment is due and 10% each day after the due date (see below for list of extenuating circumstances). The late work policy is not a penalty, but rather is designed to help you succeed by ensuring that you are keeping up to date and moving forward with the rest of the class and by allowing me to return work to students in a timely manner. However, you will have the opportunity to submit ONE of your stories up to seven days past deadline, similar to taking sick leave in a newsroom (Note: You cannot request an extension on the final project, so please plan ahead).

Extenuating Circumstances: Exceptions may be made in dire circumstances, such as devastating floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, calamitous illness, organ transplants, death and similar events beyond one’s control. Employment hours and assignments for other classes are not considered “extenuating circumstances.”

Attendance: Class attendance is required, just as it would be in a newsroom, ad agency, public relations firm, or other place of business. Students who attend class typically earn higher grades and become more proficient in the work, which also can give them an edge in finding a job and being promoted.

COURSE POLICIES

Academic Honesty

- Plagiarism is the use of another person’s words or ideas, including the use of both direct quotes and paraphrasing, without crediting that person. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated and may lead to failure on an assignment and/or in the class, and dismissal from the University.
- You are responsible for being attentive to or observant of campus policies about academic honesty as stated in the University’s Student Conduct Code: http://bulletin.ipfw.edu/content.php?catoid=19&navoid=487#Academic_Honesty

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Civility and Ground Rules for Discussion

- Remember to turn off cell phones and other portable electronic devices during class unless we are using them in class.
- Adherence to the Student Conduct Code is expected.
- Learning is most productive in a safe, comfortable environment. I am committed to creating a climate for learning characterized by respect for one another and the contributions each person makes to class. I ask that you make a similar commitment. Disagreement and debate is a norm in college classrooms, but civility is necessary. Each person in this course has unique prior experiences and a unique viewpoint to share. This offers a great opportunity for us to learn from each other. Though disagreement and even conflict may occur, I expect your cooperation in maintaining an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Tips for Success

- Doing the reading assigned for each class before coming to class is necessary to benefit from what we do in class. The Course Schedule indicates the dates by which reading assignments are to be completed before class.
- Begin working on stories two to three weeks in advance of due date.
- Reserve equipment from Studio M in advance, if you do not have your own.
- Reserve editing time in Studio M if you do not have the software needed to complete your projects.
- Write, revise, edit, proof, rewrite, re-edit, and re-proof each story package before turning it in!

COURSE COMMUNICATION

In addition to announcements made in class and written handouts distributed in class, I may need to contact you between classes, which I'll do through individual and group email messages. One of the requirements for this course is that you maintain an active IPFW email address and check it and Blackboard regularly for messages. You are responsible for any messages, including assignments and schedule changes, I send you via email and on Blackboard.

The best method to contact me is through IPFW email. I also encourage you to call or visit me during office hours so that we can work together to help you succeed in the class.

DIVERSITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION

"IPFW is committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the university seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The university believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life. IPFW prohibits discrimination against any member of the university community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran." (Statement from the IPFW Student Handbook).
DISABILITIES STATEMENT

If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities (Walb Union, Room 113, telephone number 481-6658) as soon as possible to work out the details. Once the Director has provided you with a letter attesting to your needs for modification, bring the letter to me. For more information, please visit the website for SSD at http://www.ipfw.edu/ssl/

OTHER SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

• **Center for Academic Support & Advancement (CASA)** KT G23 260-481-6817
  www.ipfw.edu/casa -- study skills development, tutoring, STEPS short courses, supplemental instruction, ESL.

• **The Writing Center** Helmke Library/2nd floor 260-481-5740 http://www.ipfw.edu/casa/writing/ -- peer tutors who can help with all phases of the writing process.

• **Career Services** KT 109 260-481-0689 http://www.ipfw.edu/career/ -- assistance with on- and off-campus job placement and internships.

• **Information Technology Services Help Desk** KT 206 260-481-6030 http://new.ipfw.edu/its/ -- information on all aspects of computing at IPFW; hardware and software support (including Blackboard); student email accounts.

• **Personal Counseling Service/Student Assistance Program** Walb 113 260-373-8060 -- Many students feel anxious, depressed, confused or overwhelmed at times. You can get help in dealing with feelings and problems that seem out of control.

• **Studio M** Walb 220 260-481-0114 http://www.ipfw.edu/studiom/ -- curriculum-based multimedia lab for students that offers assistance customized to student needs and course requirements.

• **Center for Women and Returning Adults** Walb 120 260-481-6029 www.ipfw.edu/cwra/ -- workshops, support groups, counseling, and other programs.

• **Diversity & Multicultural Affairs** Walb 118 260-481-6608 http://www.ipfw.edu/odma/ -- skills workshops, support groups, diversity training, counseling, mentoring, cultural heritage programs; ASAP program.

• **International Student Services** Walb 145 260-481-6034 http://www.ipfw.edu/iss/ -- visa and INS issues; help with housing, counseling.

• **Mastodon Advising Center (MAC)** KT 110 260-481-6595 http://www.ipfw.edu/mac/ -- appointments with professional academic advisors; help with guiding students in deciding on their major and ultimately their career; help for exploring students, deciding students, and readmitted students; and various student resources.

• **Helmke Library Service Desk** 260-481-6505 www.lib.ipfw.edu -- reference librarian help, books, journals, reference; interlibrary loan reserve readings for courses: Reserves Express (REX):
www.lib.ipfw.edu

- Dean of Students Office Walb 111 260-481-6601 www.ipfw.edu/dos/ — student health insurance, mentoring, grade appeals, free short-term personal counseling and support.

STUDENTS CALLED FOR MILITARY DUTY

If you are a student in the military with the potential of being called to military service and/or training during the course of the semester, you are encouraged to contact your advisor immediately. Please let me know as well. Thank you for your service to our country!

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES—Fall 2012

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COURSE SCHEDULE

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<td>Journalism Basics: Writing, Reporting, Interviewing</td>
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<td><strong>-AP Statement of News Values &amp; Principles</strong></td>
<td>For Thurs/AP: pp. 307-20</td>
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| **ADDING MULTIMEDIA CONTENT TO STORIES** |  |
| **3** | For Tues/Wilkinson: Ch. 4 |
| -From Print to Internet: Repurposing Content | For Thurs/Wilkinson: Ch. 5 |
| -From Print to Internet: New Types of Content |  |

| **4** | For Tues/Wilkinson: Ch. 6 |
| -From Broadcast to Internet: Repurposing Content | Due Thursday: Story #1 package |
| -From Broadcast to Internet: New Content | For Thurs/Wilkinson: Ch. 7 |

<p>| <strong>5</strong> | For Tues/Wilkinson: Ch. 8 |
| -Basics of Broadcasting | Thursday: Studio M—Audio training: Recording |</p>
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Have a wonderful break!!