



AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CONTINUING EDUCATION

COURSE SYLLABUS/OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT FORM

Name of Class: *Acting On Camera I (as taught by Craig Nigh)*

Number of Clock Hours: 18

Course Description: This is an intermediate class focusing on acting for the camera. It is required that you have had at least a basic acting class before joining — such as Acting Fundamentals or the equivalent. It is suggested that you have had Acting Explorations. The emphasis is on developing a naturalistic acting style through connection, honesty, vulnerability, and following intuitive impulses. The student's work will be explored through exercises and scene study from film and television scripts. Some videotaping and playback will be used for critique.

Course Objectives: Learn how to break down film scripts, applying and understanding basic scene and character elements. Learn to work with another actor and respond to what is happening naturally. Basic physical story telling for camera.

Rationale: State the reason for offering the course: The film industry is ever growing and expanding, requiring new talent. This class provides the nuts and bolts of dealing with camera technique imperative for any actor desiring to work in film/TV and the new online venues.

Required Materials: Online: Internet access, a way to take notes. Ability to print handouts when emailed (preferred/not required)

Course Outline: What topics and sub-topics will be covered in this course?

Week 1– Introduction and overview of class, with a “cold read” scene as an exercise.

Week 2– Work with scene partners to breakdown and rehearse first scene

Week 3– Watch and evaluate First Scenes, with feedback from the teacher.

Week 4- Work with scene partners to breakdown and rehearse Second Scene

Week 5- Watch and evaluate Second Scenes, with feedback from the teacher.

Week 6- Do an on-camera monologue if the second scene is completed.

Playback/Critique – Scenes are reviewed, and constructive criticism is offered.

Q&A – Actors are offered insight about their current skill level and can ask questions