

COURSE DETAIL

DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING

Country

Singapore

Host Institution

Nanyang Technological University

Program(s)

Nanyang Technological University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Film & Media Studies

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING

UCEAP Transcript Title

DOCMNTRY FILMMAKING

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course consists of a series of lectures, film viewings and workshops, and explores the different genres and practices of the cinematic non-fiction film form. Topics include a brief history and theory of the documentary as political propaganda, investigative essay, personal journal, and cinema vérité observation, through the study of documentary auteurs. Students develop an understanding of the ethical precepts and an appreciation of the aesthetics and intellectual rigor of the documentary form. Through practice, students learn the fundamentals of documentary filmmaking. Students develop the ability to identify, conceptualize and research a topic, negotiate access to characters or events, manage a production through efficient budgeting and scheduling, and create a short non-fiction cinematic narrative with coherent artistic vision and intellectual purpose. Students create a documentary film project working in groups of two, where teams write, shoot, direct and edit a video documentary no more than 60 minutes of video per group with the finished film at 4-6 minutes long, complete with titles and credits. This includes oral pitches. The films are to be submitted as self-contained MOV files. Continuous assessment components include both written and studio-based exercises.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DF5001

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Art, Design and Media

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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