

RTV 4930 Senior Special Study

Objective: Complete a Feature Length Screenplay or a Short and Long Form TV Pilot

Description: This class is specifically for writers looking to become screenwriters in television or film. During the semester they will craft either a feature length screenplay or a short and long form TV pilot. The purpose of this class is to equip students with material to spec, get an agent, and submit to festivals, option, or produce.

Instructor: Genevieve Murphy

Office: Weimer Hall #3024

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Lecture: Monday 4:05-7p.

Office Hours: By appointment

Required: *Save the Cat* by Blake Snyder

I will be assessing you each based on your individual needs and desires as a writer and creating a schedule and process for you. We will have class workshops and group readings and peer reviews.

The course will be comprised of lectures, exercises, screenings, workshops, analyses, and discussions.

Punctuality is important in this industry. Late assignments will be penalized by one letter grade (i.e., 10%) per day. Students are expected to attend and participate in all classes. Please refer to the official website at

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx> (Links to an external site.) for an explanation of the letter grades. Prior to lectures containing films, students are required to watch one of the listed films in order to participate in discussion and they will be assigned in the class before the screening. The films are tentative and the instructor reserves the right to change the listed films according to the needs and progression of the class.

#### Class procedures

No computers or phone usage in class, except during Workshops. Be respectful of each other's opinions and work. Please recycle paper when you can, and print double sided. Group work and discussion is strongly encouraged. Since this is a business about who you know, it is very important to develop relationships of mutual respect and trust between classmates. It is your responsibility to resource access to assigned films legally, use the library.

#### Students With Disabilities

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of students Office. The Dean of students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

## On-Line Course Evaluations

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>

Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results>

## University Honor Code

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge that states:

"We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code.

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: 'On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.' The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor.

## Campus Resources: Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care: If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

## Counseling and Wellness Center:

<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

## Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). <http://www.police.ufl.edu>

Academic Resources E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu).

<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling.

<http://www.crc.ufl.edu>

## Library Support

<http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>

Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.