



### **Course Description**

#### **FIL1100 | Screenwriting 1: Introduction to Story Structure | 3.00 credits**

A workshop-style introductory class covering narrative script writing for film and television. Students will learn to develop a short-format screenplay incorporating three-act story structure, script elements, and standard industry formatting.

### **Course Competencies:**

**Competency 1:** The student will define the Three-Act Structure by:

1. Identifying the components of storytelling
2. Defining the three-act structure and dramatic turning points
3. Applying the three-act structure through the writing of a short- length screenplay

**Competency 2:** The student will develop dramatic elements in screenplays by:

1. Defining the dramatic components of a screenplay
2. Identifying rising tension in character motivation and story
3. Applying dramatic elements in writing a short-length screenplay

**Competency 3:** The student will identify the industry standard screenplay format by:

1. Defining elements of screenplay format
2. Describing the use of the screenplay format
3. Applying screenplay format through written assignments

**Competency 4:** The student will identify various responsibilities of a professional screenwriter by:

1. Comparing and contrasting film scripts
2. Developing and pitching stories for screenplays

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities
- Demonstrate knowledge of global and historical perspectives