

## MRTS 4411.003 – VIRTUAL STUDIO PRODUCTION

Tuesday 9:00am– 11:50am MRTS STUDIO A Fall 2023

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### TEXT and SUPPLIES:

- *Operations Manual Ultimatte 12.* (2018). [UltimatteManual.pdf \(blackmagicdesign.com\)](#)
- Foster, J. (2015). *The Green Screen Handbook: real-world production techniques.* Focal Press. 978-1138780330
- *Ross Carbonite Manual Getting Started* [Getting Started \(rossvideo.com\) User Manual \(rossvideo.com\)](#)
- *Mac or PC with Ethernet*

### OBJECTIVES:

This course will introduce students to the history, theory, creative and technical techniques, and general workflow used in bluescreen/greenscreen image compositing for television, still photography and feature film production using industry standard hardware and software.

- Distinguish when image compositing is/is not an appropriate production technique.
- Analyze a scene and determine the proper compositing techniques for the most efficient production solution.
- Apply creative skills needed to make realistic composites in pre-production, production and postproduction.
- Apply technical and critical decision-making processes for efficient project completion.
- Analyze the basic principles and the theory of image compositing in editing across multiple formats and distinguish the appropriate application for specific formats.
- Explain the principles and impact of lighting, camera position and lens selection on the final creative production.

**GRADING:** A = 100 – 90% / B = 89 – 80% / C = 79 – 70% / D = 69 – 60% / F = 50% - below

- **Exam 1:** 10 % =History and Definitions
- **Project 1:** 15 % = Lighting, Background Matching
- **Online Exercises:** 10 % =Mini Quizzes
- **Final Exam/Project:** 15 % = Comprehensive Final
- **Exam 2:** 10 % = Basic Shooting and Setups
- **Project 2:** 30 % =Finished composited project
- **Attendance = 10 %**

### BASIC COURSE SCHEDULE:

In addition to normal assignments this course may include guest speakers, screenings, supplemental lectures, and readings. Such **information is subject to formal examination.**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC <u>The Schedule Below May Be Altered Slightly Based on Course Needs</u></b>
<b>Week 1</b> <b>August 22</b>	Class Introduction: 001: Overview/History Compositing images through history Homework: Read Foster 12&2
<b>Week 2</b> <b>August 29</b>	Camera setup
<b>Week 3</b> <b>September 5</b>	Basic Ultimatte Setup
<b>Week 4</b> <b>September 12</b>	Advanced matting – Multiple layers
<b>Week 5</b> <b>September 19</b>	EXAM #1 VR XR AR
<b>Week 6</b> <b>September 25</b>	Matching Foreground and Background
<b>Week 7</b> <b>September 26</b>	Microprocessors, Sensors and Motors and Interface w/Unreal Engine Homework: Arduino IDE/Jeremy Blum Lesson #1 and #2/ Picking Stock Set
<b>Week 8</b> <b>October 3</b>	Lab #4: Matching Foreground and Background/ Guest Speaker-Robert Stadd-Visual Effects producer/supervisor -growth in the field Homework: TBD
<b>Week 9</b> <b>October 10</b>	Introduction to Infinity Set
<b>Week 10</b> <b>October 17</b>	Calibration of Infinity Set
<b>Week 11</b> <b>October 24</b>	Live Action Backgrounds
<b>Week 12</b> <b>October 31</b>	Exam #2 Advanced Color Correction
<b>Week 13</b> <b>November 7</b>	Final Project Shoot
<b>Week 14</b> <b>November 14</b>	Final Project Shoot
<b>Week 15</b> <b>November 28</b>	Final Project Shoot
<b>Week 16</b> <b>December 5</b>	Final Exam