

Department of Drama and Production Studies

Writing for Television

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a short course designed to provide skills training to prospective writers interested in writing for Television. The course focuses on a variety of skills required to write scripts for television while also using industry-standard software for scriptwriting. Participants will learn how to write a logline and synopsis for a television script as well as developing a treatment for a one-week block of a telenovela. Participants will also write a story pitch for a drama series or telenovela.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This short course is suitable for all interested participants from both the private and public sectors at different levels. Participants require a matric pass and a sample script for a television project in order to be considered for intake.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this Short Course participants will be able to:

- Write a logline and synopsis for a television script;
- Write a treatment for a one-week block of a telenovela;
- Use relevant industry software in preparing and writing telenovela scripts;
- Write a story pitch document for a drama series of telenovela.

DELIVERY METHOD

A combination of methods will be used to deliver the course including: lectures, study groups and assignments. A blended mode of delivery will be used with some online sessions and others face-to-face. Independent study is also included so participants are able to engage the writing processes related to this medium of script development.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Course applicants must possess matric certificate or its equivalent as a minimum qualification and must supply a sample script for a television project.

DURATION

This course is offered annually (over the period of one month) with 24 hours designated for contact delivery. Classes take place afterhours and on weekends.

ENQUIRY CONTACT

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