

BLOG POSTS AND REFLECTIONS - FAQs

REFLECTIONS

Q: What is a “Reflection?”

A: A written “Reflection” is a communication between the student and the instructor, which “reflects” upon your experience doing assigned work for class.

Q: What exactly needs to be “Reflected” upon?

A: A Student must write a Reflection after each of the two in-class rehearsal presentations, after the presentation of the filmed scene, as well as a first reflection upon a demonstration experience from the beginning of the semester.

Q: I’m not good at math – that’s why I’m in Film School: How many is that exactly?

A: Four.

Q: Is this like a formal paper?

A: Not at all; It should be an informal correspondence between student and instructor. It’s designed to give me an insight into what you are learning and where you may be struggling.

Q: Will it be graded?

A: No grade will be given for the Reflection. However, you will lose grade points for failing to turn in a reflection on time without prior arrangement.

Q: What should it include?

A: It can include whatever seems most important to you. It might be about your experience casting or rehearsing with actors outside of class. Or it could be about your experience with the in-class rehearsal presentation and feedback. It might also refer to concepts addressed in class that are unclear or, conversely, are actively engaging you at the moment. Similarly, you might be writing about your experience shooting and editing your scene, as well as screening it for the class.

Q: How long should it be?

A: At least a long paragraph; I would prefer a page. It need not be longer, but I will read whatever you send.

Q: When is it due?

A: It is due the day of the next class session (i.e. one week) after the in-class work was done by 12pm .

Q: To whom do I give it, and in what form?

A: Email it to me in a WORD DOCUMENT, PROPERLY LABELED. The SUBJECT LINE of the email to which it is attached SHOULD HAVE THE SAME LABELING AS THE WORD DOCUMENT itself.

BLOG POSTS

Q: What are they and why do we do them?

A: The Class Facebook Blog is an opportunity to continue the conversation about comedy and directing outside of class hours. The Blog is a space for sharing videos, articles and observations on the world of comedy, acting and directing sourced from the internet, newspapers, magazines and other media. You can also use it to communicate with classmates and reach out for support and help in your work.

Q: When should I post a blog entry?

A: Whenever the spirit moves you? When you see something that someone else posted and want to respond. When you see a screening of a film, TV show or internet video. When you want to react to something you've heard or read.

Q: How often do I post?

A: You can post as many times as you like. There is no limit! There is, however, a minimum. You MUST POST AT LEAST 1 TIME BEFORE MIDTERM and 1 TIME AFTER. That's a total of 2 TIMES MINIMUM.

Q: You mean I can get away with posting less than once a week?!

A: That's right! Posting only 2 times will get you credit.

Q: Can I get partial credit?

A: It goes by halves. To get 5 points for the first half post and 5 points when you post in the second half.

Q: How long do the posts need to be?

A: Come on, you're busting my chops....get with the spirit of this thing. I'm not going to be counting words. Make your posts make sense...don't try to game the assignment. Be part of the conversation!

Q: What if I post 10 times but you don't realize it and don't give me credit?

A: That will be easy to fix because you will have CLEARLY IDENTIFIED YOURSELF AT THE TOP OF YOUR POST. YOU WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE DATE AND YOU WILL SEQUENTIALLY NUMBER YOUR POSTS !