

DMA Co-Producer Project Contract Agreement

*The following department policy applies to all DMA-TV majors who work on class production projects in **co-producer teams** for documentary, PSA, drama, and music video projects in courses such as DMA 322, 325, 327, and 499.*

- 1) The **final product** and all **original footage** resulting from the work of the co-producer team on an “approved class project” belong equally to each member of the co-producer team. This means that the final product cannot be altered, distributed, or screened in public without the expressed written permission of each member of the co-producer team. Original footage from the project cannot be utilized for other purposes without the expressed written permission of each member of the co-producer team.

- 2) Although an individual student who is responsible for writing the **original script** for a PSA or drama project can copyright the script solely in his or her name, the resulting production project belongs equally to the members of the co-producer team. As such, any monetary or material prize winnings from a festival or competition must be divided equally among the members of the co-producer team.

- 3) The **production credits** appearing on the final product cannot be altered or amended for subsequent public screening or distribution. The credits appearing on the final product at the time of submission for academic credit must remain intact for all subsequent distribution and public exhibition.

- 4) **Copyrighted music recordings** cannot be used on any DMA co-producer project unless the producers have secured expressed written permission from the: 1) composer; 2) publisher; and 3) record company that own the rights to the music recording.

By my signature below, I agree to abide by the terms of the Co-Producer Project Agreement. I further acknowledge that violation of any of the aforementioned co-producer rules can result in formal disciplinary action by the University.

Title of Co-Producer Class Project: _____

Circle Type of Co-Producer Project: *PSA* *Documentary* *Drama* *Music Video* *Other* _____

Circle Total Number of Co-Producers: 2 3 4 *Other* ____

<i>Print Co-Producer Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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