

Essentials of Screenwriting



Instructor: Tristan Speed

This course is for beginning screenwriters interested in learning the essentials of the craft. Over a period of six weeks, students will create their own story and characters and draft a short screenplay. Participants have the option of enrolling for either onsite classes in Bethel, CT, or online classes via the GoToTraining platform.

Students will learn:

- Essentials of visual storytelling
- Essential components of a screenplay
- How a screenplay can differ from the film
- Basic screenwriting terminology, structure, and format
- The role of dialogue
- How to develop original characters, each with a unique voice

As part of this course, each student will develop a short screenplay.

COST \$99 for the series of six classes. Space is limited. Payment secures your place.
A discount of ten percent is available for siblings or parents who'd like to participate.

LOCATION Onsite: Bethel, CT.
 Online: Participants are given secure links to the online classes.

QUESTIONS? For more information or to register for the series, please contact tristanspeed@gmail.com

CLASS SCHEDULE

Thursdays
10:30 am – 12 noon

- ♦ July 9, 16, 23, 30
 - ♦ August 6, 13
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ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Tristan Speed is a former homeschooled student and a rising college junior studying music and screenwriting at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. He has learned the basics of screenwriting, taken a graduate-level course in video game writing, and worked on multiple sets as a production assistant and script supervisor. He understands the difficulty – and even the mystery – of trying to write a screenplay and is eager to pass on the knowledge he has acquired.