



**THE1310 01W-H**  
**Introduction to Theatre**

**COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall, 2015**

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**Office Location:** PAC 103

**Classroom:** PAC 100

**Class Time :** TR, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

**Office Hours:** MWF 1:00PM- 4:30 PM, TR 1:00PM-2:45PM, or by appointment

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

Required Text: Downs, Wright and Ramsey. *The Art of Theatre Then and Now*, 3rd ed.

ISBN: 10: 1-111-34830-8

**Course Description:**

A survey of the fields of theatre activity designed to provide introductory knowledge of all phases of drama, literature, performance, theatre plants and equipment, and production procedures.

**Objective:** The objective of this course is to provide the student with an overview of the fundamentals of theatre through practical experience in the various crafts of theatre.

**Student Learning Outcomes: By the end of this course, the student will make progress on:**

- 1.Learning fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories
- 2.Developing creative capacities
- 3.Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving and decisions)

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments**

**Methodology:** This course will be conducted through readings, lectures, discussions, practical exercises, a mid-term exam and a practical final exam.

The student's final grade will be determined by the average of the following scores:

- Attendance and participation (Each day of attendance and participation is worth 5 points.)
- Daily assignments or activities
- Mid-term exam
- Attendance of a University Playhouse production
- 2 hours service learning
- Playwriting exercise
- Practical final exam

**Note:** When you see a play at the University Playhouse:

Be polite to the staff. Their job is difficult enough.

Don't put your feet on the seats.

Turn phones and other devices off. An incoming call or text can deafen a person wearing a headset back stage.

After the performance, the House Manager will sign your program or ticket stub.

Write your full name and campus-wide ID on the program or ticket stub and put it in my mailbox in PAC101.

**Note:** For Service Learning see the scene shop supervisor, costume shop supervisor, or Box Office manager to get a specific assignment.

### **Grading**

**A** 90%-100% (exceptional quality work)

**B** 80%-89% (above average quality work)

**C** 70%-79% (average quality work)

**D** 60%-69% (below average quality work)

**F0%**-59% (fails to meet expectations in quality of work)

## **COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**

It is important that instructors and students maintain an open and on-going communication. Please feel free to drop by my office any time during my office hours, contact me to make an appointment, or call my office, or contact me by e-mail.

If you are having trouble with any assignment don't hesitate to ask for help.

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Course Specific Procedures:**

**Clothing:** Wear comfortable clothing and shoes that do not restrict movement and your ability to participate fully in all physical and vocal activities.

**Written work:** Please save your work to a disk, flash drive or other such storage devices.

**Food and drink:**

Other than bottled water, bring no food or drink to class

**Phones and other devices:** Please silence all devices during class and turn them off during performances.

### **University Specific Procedures:**

#### *ADA Statement*

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

**Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

**Texas A&M University-Commerce**

**Gee Library 132**

**Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835**

**Fax (903) 468-8148**

[StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu](mailto:StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu)  
[Student Disability Resources & Services](#)

*Student Conduct.*

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*). To this, let me add that courtesy and respect are required at all times. Intellectual dishonesty will not be tolerated.