



THE1310- 01-H
Introduction to Theatre
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall, 2019

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COURSE INFORMATION

No Text Required

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
- Writing a five page critical analysis of the play you see
- 2 hours service learning
- Playwriting exercise
- Practical final exam

*There are no alternative assignments.

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, attach your analysis paper, 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)

F 0%-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:

Campus Concealed Carry:

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to

((<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

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
[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.