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**THE1310**  
**Introduction to Theatre**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall, 2020**

**Instructor:** Karri Anderson, Adjunct

**Office Location:** D108, Black Box

**Classroom:** D108, Black Box

**Class Time:** Online - Asynchronous

**Office Hours:** M-F 9:40 am – 10:15 am and 1:10 pm – 1:40 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> periods) by appointment

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

Required Materials

**Required Text:** Hamlet (Act 4 sc 5) by William Shakespeare - available free online

[http://www.opensourceshakespeare.org/views/plays/play\\_view.php?WorkID=hamlet&Act=4&Scene=5&Scope=scene](http://www.opensourceshakespeare.org/views/plays/play_view.php?WorkID=hamlet&Act=4&Scene=5&Scope=scene)

The Elephant Man by Bernard Pomerance (play script – not film script)

Various monologues chosen by the student

**Required Viewing:** *The Elephant Man* directed by David Lynch (1980 film)

**Technology requirements:** You will need to have a laptop or similar device and be able to access the internet. Students will also need to be able to video themselves at least twice during the semester.

**Course Description:** This is an exploratory course of the fundamentals of theatre production and will incorporate a brief overview of theatre history, script analysis, theatrical design, and other elements of theatrical production. Students will experience dramatic literature in several formats, including close reading of play scripts and videos of live performances. Students will analyze and critique those experiences.

**Objective:** The primary purpose of this course is to create educated and engaged audience members. Students who have had a variety of theatrical experiences will have a better appreciation for theatre and a better understanding of dramatic literature.

## Standard Learning Outcomes:

Critical Thinking-- *Students will be able to analyze, evaluate, or solve problems when given a set of circumstances, data, texts, or art.*

Communications-- *In written, oral, and/or visual communication, A&M-Commerce students will communicate in a manner appropriate to audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure.*

Teamwork-- *Students will be able to work together toward a shared purpose relevant to the course or discipline with a sense of shared responsibility for meeting that purpose.*

Social Responsibility-- *Students will demonstrate an understanding of societal and/or civic issues.*

**Student Learning Outcomes Specific to This Course:** By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

1. understand basic terminology used in theatre,
2. have a historical view of theatrical production,
3. intelligently discuss major theatrical movements,
4. experience designing costumes, hair and makeup, setting, and publicity for a play, and
5. create a virtual portfolio.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments

**Methodology:** This course will be taught and evaluated through online lessons, video examples of theatrical production, videos of live performances of theatrical production, virtual class discussions, written critiques/reviews, close script reading, various class assignments, midterm and final exams. Assignments and other materials for this class can be found on Google Classroom.

Class code: 4by2yj5

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

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| 25% | Daily assignments, journal entries, or activities  |
| 45% | Performance-based assessments in the following areas: Theatre History, Directing Styles, Theatrical Design, Theatrical Production (including acting) |
| 20% | Virtual Portfolio  |
| 5%  | Mid-term exam – multiple choice  |
| 5%  | Final exam – 750-word essay - your choice of topic from a provided list  |

### Grading

- A** 90%-100% (excellent, punctual work)
- B** 80%-89% (above average, punctual work)
- C** 70%-79% (average and/or late work)
- D** 60%-69% (below average, late work)
- F** 0%-59% (extremely poor quality or failure to submit assignment)

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Please let me know if you're are having difficulties completing an assignment or if you don't understand an assignment. I can be contacted by email. [karri.anderson@commerceisd.org](mailto:karri.anderson@commerceisd.org) or [karri.anderson@tamuc.edu](mailto:karri.anderson@tamuc.edu)

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

### **Course Specific Procedures/Policies**

#### **Syllabus Change Policy**

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

### ***University Specific Procedures***

#### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

#### **TAMUC Attendance**

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

#### **Academic Integrity**

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

## ***Students with Disabilities-- 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- Room 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

## **Nondiscrimination Notice**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

## ***Campus Concealed Carry Statement***

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 the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

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.

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## **COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR**

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Aug 24 - First day of class

Sept 7 – Holiday

Oct 5-9 – October Break

Oct 16 - Midterm exam

Dec 4 - Last class day

Dec 7 - Final exam day