THE 497-001, Adapting Dramatic Literature for Film
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2012

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings: All materials are available on-line, or in Gee Library.

Course Description: THE 497, Adapting Dramatic Literature for Film is for Theatre Majors and interested non-majors who wish to write original screenplays, or adapt plays written for the stage to screenplay format.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Learning fundamental principles, vocabulary, generalizations and theories
2. Developing creative writing skills
3. Becoming aware of elements of the film industry

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments
This is a lecture/discussion class wherein student written screenplays and exercises are read and critiqued by the class and instructor. Grades are based upon the average of the following.

Attendance and Participation
Project One
Project Two
Project Three

Students will write short screenplays totaling no less 60 minutes of screen time over the course of the semester.
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)

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
Assignments should be saved on a flash drive, or similar device and submitted via e-mail to the address above.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor Statement:
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.
Also, you may seek research assistance at Gee Library:

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures:
University Specific Procedures:
Other than water, bring no food or drink into the classroom. Silence all electronic devices.

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
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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).