THE1310 01E
Introduction to Theatre
COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring, 2015

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COURSE INFORMATION

Required Text: Downs, Wright and Ramsey. The Art of Theatre Then and Now, 3rd ed.
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.
   Daily assignments or activities
   Mid-term exam
   Attendance of a University Playhouse production
   Option 1: 5 hours service learning
   Option 2: 5 page research paper
   Playwriting exercise
   Practical final exam
Note: If you choose Option 1, schedule a meeting with Head of Theatre, Michael Knight 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:**

**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)
To this, let me add that courtesy and respect are required at all times. Intellectual dishonesty will not be tolerated.