

Course: Drama 1490 Introduction to the Dramatic Process

Session: Fall 07

Credit/Hours: 3 **(0-0-6) UT**

Transfer: UA, UC*, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC, Other

Pre/corequisite: n/a

Instructor: **Dr. Annie Smith**

Calendar Description: An introduction to the process of acting and to dramatic form, this course is based on explorations of movement, vocal development, scene creation, and ensemble acting through improvisation acting techniques. Students will learn disciplines of physical relaxation, breathing, physical integration, responsivity, and the employment of creative impulse, within themselves and between each other in small group scene creation. Dramatic process is a collaborative process and requires respect, trust, and care for oneself and one's cocreators.

Course Content: The course flows between individual preparation, group preparation, and group creation, practice, and presentation. Activities will include acting/improv. exercises, ensemble exercises, creating, rehearsing, and presenting scenes within class. There are possibilities for presenting work outside of class on campus and for a final class presentation of scenes for invited guests. Students will keep journals of their process and will be

required to attend at least one live theatre performance (outside of class time) for which they will write a short response paper. Students need to be able to commit to some rehearsal time outside of class, especially in preparation for

their final scenes.

Evaluation: Evaluation is based on class participation (40%), presentation of scenes

> (40%), journal (10%), and response paper (10%). There will be a student teacher consultation at mid-term to discuss the student's progress and the

instructor is always available for student initiated consultation.

Timeline: 90 hours

Required Students need to have comfortable, flexible clothing (no zippers, or belts) that Materials:

they use for class. No jewelry is to be worn during class.

Additional Costs:

theatre performance admission is the student's responsibility

Attendance: More than 10% absenteeism may constitute a failure except for medical or

extenuating circumstances in which case a doctor's letter may be required.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is cheating. The instructor reserves the right to use electronic

plagiarism detection services. See P. 33-43 of the Calendar for more details.

and for explanation of many other policies and regulations.

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