

Course: DR 1010 - Introduction to Theatre Art

Session: Fall 07

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

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

Pre/corequisite: n/a

Instructor: Dr. Annie Smith

Calendar Description:

What is Theatre? Who Makes Theatre? Why? How? This course will look at the origins and development of theatre, primarily in Western culture, and introduce students to the aesthetics of theatre and performance through the study of drama texts and critical writings and through the attendance of at least one live theatrical performance. We will also endeavour to have theatre

artists come to class to talk about their work.

Course Content:

The course is primarily a lecture course that will include small group discussion and presentations. The basic format for the course is to study one play each week, looking at content, style, form and context of each work, to grasp a sense of the development of theatre from ancient times to the present day. Class assignments will include a review of the live performance attended and 1 short (4-6 page) paper. The mid-term and final exam will be structured for written paragraph answers.

Evaluation: Class participation (including presentation

Class participation (including presentations) 20%, written assignments 30%,

mid-term exam 20%, final exam 30%.

Timeline: 45 hours

Required Materials:

Required text: The Harcourt Brace Anthology of Drama, 5th Edition, Brief

Version. **This text is also required for DR 1020.

Additional Costs:

Students are responsible for their own theatre admission.

Attendance: More than 20% 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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