

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

DRAMA 202

INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE ART (3-0-0)

Description:

The origins and development of theatre art; introduction to theatre aesthetics.

Objectives:

1. To introduce the student to the elements of theatre art.
2. To develop the student's understanding of the genre of plays.
3. To introduce the student to theatre aesthetics.

Syllabus:

1. Origins of theatre art.
2. Development of the elements of theatre art: acting, directing, design, playwriting.
3. Plays and the nature of the genre.
4. Introduction to theatre aesthetics: a way of knowing about and appreciating theatre art.

Techniques:

1. Lectures, audio-visual illustrations, discussion.
2. Reading assigned plays.
3. In-class exercises and projects.
4. Attendance at, and discussion of, performed plays.

Evaluation:

Quizzes	20%
In-class activities (discussions, projects, exercises)	25%
Mid-term exam	25%
Final project or research paper	30%

Text:

Cameron, Kenneth, and Patti Gillespie, The Enjoyment of Theatre, 2nd ed., New York: MacMillan, 1989.

Various photocopied materials (to be supplied).

Drama 202: ATTENDANCE POLICY

Drama 202 is not a correspondence course. Textbook and assigned readings are intended to supplement not duplicate lectures, discussions and in-class activities. Therefore, regular attendance is expected of all students (as, indeed, it is in all courses). Students having an inordinate number of unexcused absences may be debarred from final examinations, or, in this course, from final projects, resulting in failure. For this course, unexcused absences in excess of 10% of the total number of classes is considered to be an "inordinate" number.

All absences must be explained in writing. In the case of absence for medical reasons, this must be in the form of a note from a doctor in order to be excused. Generally speaking, only those absences due to medical emergencies, death, accident en route to class, or extreme weather conditions for students living outside Grande Prairie will be excused.