

THTR 1301 Fall 2019
Theatre Plays in Performance

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Office Hours: By appointment only

Catalogue Information:

This course studies the theatre as an art form, examining its history, and the play production process with emphasis on those elements retained in modern theatre practice. The reading of varied styles of dramatic literature and attendance at theatre productions is required.

Knowledge Bases

This class will look at the history of theatre including a history of theatre, plays, playwrights, and all others associated with the theatre from its conception to the contemporary theatre. The student will receive a general knowledge in all aspects of theatre.

Learner Outcomes

1. Learners will study dramatic texts and be able to discuss genre, style, plot, as well as character analysis
2. Learners will understand the origins of theatre and study the history of the theatre from conception to the contemporary.
3. Learners will understand all basics of theatre hierarchy as well as basic vocabulary, and parts of a theatre.
4. Learners will understand the roles of the players in any theatrical production and be able to replicate creative works on their own.
5. Learners will understand and participate as in the collaborative nature that is the theatre through assignments and projects.

These are the dates the classes will meet

Other dates you will work on your own on the modules posted in canvas.

August 27

Sept. 10

Sept. 24

Oct. 8

Oct. 22

Nov. 5

Nov. 19

Dec. 3

Week One –August 27

Class meets – Introduction Origins of Theatre Greeks & Romans
Take Quiz Over Greek Theatre

Week Two Sept 3

On own –
Complete Reading on Dark Ages
Watch film (or read) Antigone
Take Quiz Over Dark ages and Antigone

Week 3 –Sept 10

Jan 30– On own
Renaissance – Shakespeare, Molier, Marlowe
Watch link provided of - A Mid-Summer Night's Dream
Read the handout on Director's vision
Take Quiz Over notes and Film
Divide into groups for Projects
Extra Credit- Come to Auditions for And Then There Were None at Tyler Civic Theatre

Week 4 – Sept 17

On Own
Read or watch the play Dr. Faustus Rent on Amazon Instant or
Youtube.
Read Over Types of Stages
Quiz

Week 5 – Sept. 24

Class Meets
Close out Renaissance – The Globe Theatre – Stage Geography
Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged
Take Quiz
Discuss Group Projects

Week 6 – Oct 1

On Own
Read about Eugene O'Neil
Read or watch Long Days Journey Into Night by Eugene O'Neil
Take Quiz over Long Days Journey Into Night and Eugene O'Neil

Week 7- Oct. 8

Class meets
Read Arthur Miller Biography (before Class meets) – (Biography.com)
Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
Take Quiz over Miller and Play

Discuss Project

Week 8 – Oct. 15

On Own

Read or watch – Fences

Take Quiz

Week 9 -Oct. 22

On Own

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Discussion Board and Quiz

Week 10 Oct. 29

Work on Projects

Read Martin McDonagh Bio (Biography.com)

Read or watch The Pillow Man

Post on Discussion board + 2 comments

Week 11 Nov. 5

Class meets

Group meetings with Professor about projects

The Theatre Process and Discuss Project

Quiz over the Theatre Process

Week 12 Nov. 12

Read 'Night Mother by Marsha Norman

Discussion board Post + 2 comments

Week 13 Nov. 19

Thanksgiving Break

Week 14 Nov. 26

Class Meets

Musical Theatre History and Watch Musical

Take Quiz

Week 15 Dec. 3

On own

Work on Projects

Week 16- Dec. 10

Class meets

Projects due and presented in class

Study for final and take final by Dec 13, 10 pm.

Grading –

You will receive a quiz grade for each class attended. If you are present you will receive full credit. If you are absent you will receive no credit. Absences will only be excused by doctors note and an alternate assignment will be given. 8 grades at 20 points each- total of 160

There will be Quizzes and Discussion Boards over readings, lectures, plays and films that we watch – 12 at 20 points each – total of 240

Mid-term exam is worth 100 points

Final exam is worth 100 points

Project worth 100 points

Extra Credit to replace 1 quiz grade – See a live performance of a play

Places to see plays

Tyler Civic

Cowen Center

Bring ticket stub program and 1 page double spaced summary of the experience.

Total of 700 points

A= 627-700

B= 557-626

C= 487-556

D=417- 486

F= Below 417

Classroom Etiquette –

Cell phones should be put away at all times unless professor asks you to use them. If they are being used during lectures or while we are watching plays the student will be asked to leave and lose attendance points.

No talking while watching plays.

Laptops are permitted but not during the watching of plays. If seen being used in a way that is not associated with the class the student will be asked to leave and lose credit for the class.

Food and drink are allowed as long as students clean up after themselves and it is not a distraction to professor or other students. Distractions include donuts, all cookies except for oatmeal raisin, chips, and popcorn especially caramel or cheddar.

If you need a restroom break permission is not needed but exit and reenter class quietly.

Show respect to all members of the class and the professor.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at

<http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Fall, the Census Date is Sept. 12.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date (Sept. 12th) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

☑ Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.

☑ Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)

☑ Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)

☑ Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for payment

☑ Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by

documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct: Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or

materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

- (i) "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:
- copying from another student's test paper;
 - using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
 - failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
 - possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
 - using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
 - collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
 - discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
 - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
 - substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
 - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
 - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
 - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
 - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

(ii) “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.

(iii) “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

(iv) All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by SafeAssign™, available on Blackboard.

UT Tyler Resources for Students:

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu, <http://www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/>
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu, <https://www.uttyler.edu/tutoring/>
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, This is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254) <https://www.uttyler.edu/counseling/>