

Course Information

Page 1 of 3 Division: Academic Date: 94.06.02 **Department:** Arts & Humanities **New Course:** Program: Theatre **Revision of Course** Information Form: 84.04.26 **THEA 310** D: Advanced Acting I E: 3 Subject & Course No. **Descriptive Title** Semester Credit Calendar Description: This is an advanced course in **Summary of Revisions:** acting which will focus on various styles from Greek (Enter date & section) tragedy to the epic theatre of Berthold Brecht. Eg. Section C,E,F Students will participate in appropriate scenes and/or short plays and will continue to work on scene analysis 94.06.02: K and role development. G: Type of Instruction: Hours per Week/per Semester H: Course Prerequisites: Lecture Hrs. **THEA 210** Laboratory Hrs. Seminar Hrs. I: Course Corequisites: Clinical Experience Hrs. Field Experience Hrs. Nil Practicum Hrs. Shop Hrs. J: Course for which this Course is a Prerequisite: Studio Hrs. **Student Directed Learning** Hrs. Other Hrs. K: Maximum Class Size: **TOTAL** 6 **HOURS** 22 College Credit Transfer X M: Transfer Credit: Requested: College Credit Non-transfer Granted: Specify Course Equivalents or Unassigned Credit as Appropriate: U.B.C. S.F.U. U. Vic. Other: COURSE DESIGNER(S) **DIVISIONAL DEAN**

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N. Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students (Use Bibliographic Form);

Crawford, Jerry. Acting in Person and in Style.
Wm. C. Brown Co. Publishing, 2nd edition, 1980.

\$24.00

Complete Form with Entries Under the Following Headings: O. Course Objectives; P. Course Content; Q. Method of Instruction; R. Course Evaluation

0. Course Objectives

- Students will become familiar with various styles of acting including Greek Tragedy, Old Greek Comedy, Commedia dell'Arte, Elizabethan Theatre, Restoration Comedy and Brechtian Epic Theatre.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of these acting styles through participation in workshop exercises, short plays or scenes from larger works.
- Students will participate in exercises to achieve and maintain the vocal and movement techniques appropriate to the various styles of acting.
- 4. Students will continue to develop the techniques of text analysis and creation of roles dealt with in Theatre 210.

P. Course Content

1. Greek Tragedy

- a. Voice, movement, use of masks in Greek Tragedy.
- b. Scene work from Oedipus Rex, Antigone, or Medea.

2. Greek Comedy

- a. Voice, movement, use of masks in Greek comedy.
- b. Scene work from Lysistrata or The Frogs.

3. Commedia dell'Arte

- a. Voice, movement, use of masks in Commedia dell'Arte.
- b. Acting Commedia dell'Arte scenarios.

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4. Elizabethan (Shakespearean)

- a. Voice, gesture and movement, the use of dance and music in Elizabethan plays.
- b. Scene work from Shakespearean plays such as <u>Hamlet</u>, <u>Macbeth</u>, <u>Merchant of Venice</u>, <u>Twelfth Night</u>, and <u>Romeo and Juliet</u>.

5. Restoration Comedy

- a. Voice and movement in Restoration Comedy.
- b. Scene work from The Way of the World, The School for Scandal, or The Rivals.

6. Brechtian Epic Theatre

- a. Voice and movement in Brechtian Theatre.
- b. Scenes from The Caucasian Chalk Circle or Mother Courage.

Q. Method of Instruction

- 1. Student self directed scenes or short plays under the guidance of the instructor in which students develop characterizations done in particular theatrical styles.
- 2. Use of video tape for filming student actors in scenes and short plays for replay, study and evaluation.
- 3. Use of individual cassette tape recorders which students can utilize to hear famous actors in representative plays or to record their own voices.
- 4. Vocal and movement exercises and workshops designed to aid the student in developing the skills necessary for the various styles of acting.

R. <u>Course Evaluation</u>

- Demonstration of effective acting principles, ability to create and project characterization with the emphasis on the appropriate style of the scenes and projects assigned throughout the term.
- $6 \times 10 = 60\%$

2. Final scene assignment.

- = 25%
- 3. Attendance, participation and cooperation in class work.
- = 15%