



WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
VIRTUAL CAMPUS-PLAINVIEW
SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

Wayland Mission Statement:

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Course Title and Number:

THEA 1303-Introduction to Theatre

Term:

Fall 2017

Name of Instructor:

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Office Hours and Class meeting time and Location:

Class Meeting: Online via Blackboard.com (WBU Virtual Campus)

Catalog description:

A survey of the theatre including history, aesthetics, production, literary movements, criticism and theatrical styles and forms. Viewing live productions and/or films via video are required.

Prerequisites:

None

Required textbook and resource materials:

Barranger, Milly S. *Theatre: A Way of Seeing*. S.I.: Heinle, 2014. Print.

Optional materials:

None

Course outcome competencies:

The student will be able to:

- A. Describe the theatre process and compose a functional definition for the theatre event.

- B. Name the basic responsibilities and roles of the playwright, director, actor and designer in the theatre production.
- C. Have a basic understanding of the difference between tragedy, comedy, melodrama, farce, epic and absurdist theatre.
- D. Describe the uniqueness of the theatre art.
- E. Describe the elements necessary to bring about a unified production.
- F. List and describe several types of theatre language.
- G. Identify a variety of theatre spaces.
- H. Identify the names and works associated with key figures in the theatre.
- I. Demonstrate their understanding of either acting, directing, playwriting or design in the areas of set, sound, or make-up.

Attendance requirements:

There is an attendance policy for this course. If you miss four attendance assignments throughout the semester, it will result in the loss of a letter grade (-189pts). If you miss six attendance assignments throughout the semester, it will result in another letter grade being lowered (another -150pts added equals -339pts). Any student who misses nine attendance assignments will receive a grade of 'F' for the entire course. **The assignments that will count for attendance are: Written Short Papers #1-9, Quizzes #1-9, Play Report, Mid-Term, and Final.** PLEASE NOTE: THE FINAL EXAM IS MANDATORY. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE FINAL EXAM WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC "F" IN THE COURE.

Disability statement:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 2913765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

*** Course Requirements and Grading Criteria:** Specific requirements of the course including the criteria utilized to assess student performance and the weight of each. A variety of means to evaluate student performance should be used and grading criteria should conform to the grading system contained in the catalog. An example of assessment criteria and weights might include:

***Required by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.**

The expected learning outcomes for the course will be assessed through:

- Discussion Board.
- Quizzes.
- Written Assignments.
- Exams.

Grading criteria:

Who am I? Paper: 50pts
 Discussion Board: 170pts
 Quizzes: 315pts
 250-Word Assign: 405pts
 Play Report: 100pts

Mid-Term Exam: 150pts

Final Exam: 300pts

TOTAL: 1500pts

Letter Grades:

A: 1312-1500pts

B: 1162-1311pts

C: 1012-1161pts

D: 862-1011pts

F: 861pts and lower

I: Incomplete

Course Schedule:

8/21-27 CHAPTERS 1-2

8/28-9/3 CHAPTERS 3-4

9/4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

9/5-10 CHAPTER 5

9/11-17 CHAPTER 6

9/18-24 CHAPTERS 7-8

9/25-29 MID-TERM

10/2-7 CHAPTER 9

10/9-15 CHAPTER 10-11

10/16-22 CHAPTER 12-13

10/23-29 CHAPTER 14-15

10/30-11/3 PLAY REPORT AND FINAL EXAM