



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:

SUMMER 2017

Name of Instructor:

Gene Gray, MFA

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Office Hours, Building, and Location:

Online via Blackboard.com (WBU Virtual Campus)

Class meeting time and location:

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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.l.: 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 no attendance policy for this course. However, if you miss four of any assignments throughout the semester, it will result in the loss of a letter grade (-126 pts). If you miss six assignments throughout the semester, it will result in another letter grade being lowered (another -100pts). Any student who misses 25% or more of the regularly scheduled assignments (nine assignments) will receive a grade of 'F' in the entire course. **The assignments that will count for attendance are: Written Assignments #1-9, Quizzes #1-9, 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) 291-3765. 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.**

Methods for assessing the expected learning outcomes for the course:

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

- **Written Assignments.**
- **Discussion Board.**

- **Quizzes.**
- **Exams.**

Grading criteria:

Who am I?: 35pts

Discussion Board: 135pts

Quizzes: 270pts

Written Assignments: 360pts

Mid-Term Exam: 100pts

Final Exam: 100pts

TOTAL: 1000pts

Letter Grades:

A: 875-1000pts

B: 775-874pts

C: 675-774pts

D: 575-674pts

F: 574pts and lower

I: Incomplete

Blackboard Instructions:

Blackboard's primary purpose is to provide a means for students to receive timely information about the course in general, assignments, grades, and announcements from the instructor.

Logging On: Go to "<https://wbu.blackboard.com>" and log on. Use your WBU ID number as the username. Your password is your WBU password. Once in, click on the course name (INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE SUMMER-CMP 2017 VC01) and follow the link(s)!

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Additional Information:

Academic Honesty:

University students are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms

of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one's own work.)

Email:

Your Wayland email address is the official line of communication between you and the university. You must make sure your email address is established, functioning and is also **monitored at least once a day** as you will receive important information about your classes, financial aid, billing, emergency situations, etc. through this email.

Tentative Schedule:

COURSE SCHEDULE (DAY-BY-DAY) SUBJECT TO CHANGE

5/29 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY AND READ SYLLABUS

5/30-6/4 CHAPTERS 1-2

6/5-11 CHAPTERS 3-4

6/12-18 CHAPTER 5

6/19-25 CHAPTER 6

6/26-7/2 CHAPTERS 7-8

7/3-7 MID-TERM

7/4 FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

7/10-16 CHAPTER 9

7/17-23 CHAPTER 10-11

7/24-30 CHAPTER 12-13

7/31-8/6 CHAPTER 14-15

8/7-11 FINAL EXAM