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Course Syllabus

THE 2000 Understanding Theatre

Fall 2024



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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:


- develop the ability to synthesize and integrate information and ideas more effectively.
- develop the ability to think creatively.
- develop openness to new ideas.
- develop aesthetic appreciations.
- develop an informed appreciation of other cultures.
- develop respect for others.
- identify and use basic theatre terminology.
- recognize the roles and responsibilities of various theatre professionals.
- identify theatrical developments within historical contexts.
- identify types of theaters as well as their infrastructures.
- identify the production elements of theatre.
- distinguish the characteristics of theatre forms from around the world.

Additional Required Materials: None





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Contact Response Time: Due to the nature of theatrical production I will be in the scene shop when outside of my class and office hours, consequently, I am often unable to check my voicemail or email outside of my office hours. I attempt to respond to all emails within 24 hours (not including weekends); however, if I have not responded to your email within two workdays, please attempt to contact me again. The Canvas Mail system and my Gulf Coast State College email (Eburger@gulfcoast.edu) are the official methods of contact for this class, *please do not rely on voicemail.*

If contacting me via Eburger@gulfcoast.edu please be sure to include your name, what class you are contacting me about, the time the class meets, and the best method to contact you back.

The Administrative Assistant for the Division of Visual and Performing Arts is Danyelle Alexander. She can be contacted by phone at: (850) 827-3886 or via email at: dalexand2@gulfcoast.edu (<mailto:dalexand2@gulfcoast.edu>).

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Policies & Statements

Two withdrawals are permitted per credit course. After that, a grade will be assigned. Please be concerned about withdrawals. When admitting students into certain programs, universities may calculate withdrawals as grades. It is your responsibility to verify the effects of enrollment and/or withdrawal upon your financial assistance (financial aid, scholarships, grants, etc.).

▸ Incomplete Grade Policy

To receive a grade of “I” (for “Incomplete”) in a class, the student must submit a written request to the instructor prior to the last day of the course. The “Incomplete” option is only intended to help students who have an emergency arise in the last two weeks of the class that prevents them from finishing all work. The “Incomplete” provides 30 days from the ending date of the course to make up any missing work. If work is not submitted during this time period, the grade will automatically change to an “F”.

▸ Academic Integrity Policy

Honest participation in academic endeavors fosters an environment in which optimal learning can take place and is consistent with the college’s mission. Academic misconduct, including cheating or plagiarism, is destructive to the spirit of an educational environment and therefore will not be tolerated. “Cheating” includes but is not limited to use of any unauthorized assistance in completing course work. “Plagiarism” includes, but it not limited to, the use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment. Sanctions for incidences of academic misconduct, depending on the severity of the incidence and/or its repetition, may range from receiving an F grade (or zero) for the test, assignment, or activity, to failure of the course, to suspension or dismissal from the program or the college.

Policy on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Written Assignments

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), including but not limited to machine learning models, text generators, or any other AI-driven content creation tools, is strictly prohibited in the preparation and submission of written assignments for this course. This policy is to ensure academic integrity and the originality of student work. All work submitted must be the student’s own, and any form of AI-generated content will be considered a violation of academic honesty policies.

It is your responsibility as a student to understand what constitutes AI-generated content and

- Use the subject line to identify the content of the message.
- Stay up-to-date on forum postings by reading them regularly.
- Always comply with copyright by citing your references when posting online content.
- Use individual e-mail for messages to individuals rather than tying up the group list.
- Do not forward emails or discussion forum postings without asking permission to from the original author.
- Electronic communication does not provide visual cues, such as smiles or frowns that face-to-face communication allows. Therefore, humor and/or sarcasm in written text might be misunderstood and interpreted as rude or inflammatory in the online environment. Choose your words carefully to avoid hurting, or angering anyone. Should emotions become inflamed, do not promote the anger. Take a cooling down period, perhaps overnight, before you engage in the online activity again.
- Avoid using all capital letters in your text. This is considered 'shouting' in the online classroom.
- Aim for clarity and readability in your text.
- Use proper English and remember to spell check.
- If you do not understand the assignment's directions or the posts of your classmates don't be afraid to ask for clarification.
- The online classroom is a community of learners. Participate actively in the community and reach out to your classmates with a helping hand.



Technology & Skill Requirements

Canvas is where course content, grades, and communication will reside for this course.

For Canvas, passwords, or any other computer-related technical support contact the IT Service Help Desk. Technical support is available by phone 24 hours a day 7 days per week by calling (850) 913-3303.







Additional Requirements:










- Computer & Internet Access
- The library has computers for student use during the building hours. Link to library - <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/library/index.html>
- Office 365 (as a GCSC student you have free access to Office 365 via the left hand navigation menu.







Course Navigation

You can use the links at the top of each page (Start Here, Table of Contents, Modules, and Additional Resources) to navigate the major sections of the course. You will need to complete the orientation before being granted access to Part 1. Likewise, you will need to complete Part 1 before you are given access to Part 2, and so on.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Mon Aug 19, 2024	 Start Here	to do: 11:59pm
Tue Aug 20, 2024	 Introductions Discussion Post (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585080)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Aug 23, 2024	 Chapter 1 Reading Assignment (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585081)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Aug 27, 2024	 Chapter 1 Quiz (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585072)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Aug 30, 2024	 Chapter 2 Reading Assignment (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585086)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Sep 2, 2024	 College Closed: Holiday (https://gcsc.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=221795&include_contexts=course_28876)	12am

Date	Details	Due
Fri Sep 27, 2024	 Chapter 7 Reading Assignment (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585091)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Sep 30, 2024	 Chapter 7 Quiz (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585071)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 4, 2024	 Chapter 8 Reading Assignment (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585092)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 7, 2024	 Chapter 8 Quiz (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585065)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 11, 2024	 Chapter 9 Reading Assignment (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585093)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 14, 2024	 Chapter 9 Quiz (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585067)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 18, 2024	 Chapter 10 Reading Assignment (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585082)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 21, 2024	 Chapter 10 Quiz (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585070)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 25, 2024	 Chapter 11 Reading Assignment (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585083)	due by 11:59pm

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Thu Nov 28, 2024	 Thanksgiving Break (https://gcsc.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=221791&include_contexts=course_28876)	12am
Fri Nov 29, 2024	 Thanksgiving Break (https://gcsc.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=221792&include_contexts=course_28876)	12am
Sat Nov 30, 2024	 Thanksgiving Break (https://gcsc.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=221793&include_contexts=course_28876)	12am
Sun Dec 1, 2024	 Thanksgiving Break (https://gcsc.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=221786&include_contexts=course_28876)	12am
Wed Dec 4, 2024	 Last Day of In-Person Class (https://gcsc.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=221144&include_contexts=course_28876)	12am
Fri Dec 6, 2024	 Finals Start (https://gcsc.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=221143&include_contexts=course_28876)	12am
	 Critique #2: Into the Woods (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585095)	due by 11:59pm
	 Cumulative Final Exam (Parts 1-4) (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585069)	due by 12:01am
Thu Dec 12, 2024	 Extra Credit: Director's Concept (https://gcsc.instructure.com/courses/28876/assignments/585096)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Dec 13, 2024	 End of Semester (https://gcsc.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=222227&include_contexts=course_28876)	12am