

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**Master Syllabus Document**  
17 Fall

**COURSE:** THR 101 – Introduction to Theater (3 credit hours)  
(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

**INSTRUCTOR:** (replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course introduces the first principles and practice of the correlated arts which make up the production of a play. A theater production will integrate the content of the course.

**TEXTBOOK:**

None

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

At the completion of this course students will be able to:

- Have a basic knowledge of acting for the stage.
- Understand the techniques used in creating a theatrical production.
- Develop the fundamental skills needed to create a role for the stage.
- Work collectively and collaboratively with other cast and crew members to participate in a full theatrical production.

**MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE**

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 112.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

	<b>DIRECT Faculty Instruction Class Time 37.5 h required</b>	<b>Student Work Out of Scheduled Class Time 75 h required</b>
In-class instruction, including activities, rehearsals, quizzes, and exams	37.5 hours	
Additional mandatory rehearsals		10 hours
Memorization and research including at least 2 hours with costuming and 2 hours with		40 hours

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction Class Time <b>37.5 h required</b>	Student Work Out of Scheduled Class Time <b>75 h required</b>
staging		
Dress rehearsals and performances – call 2 hours prior to curtain.		25 hours
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>37.5 h</b>	<b>75 h</b>

### **ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:**

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one's own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one's own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one's own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: "I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do."

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

### **Services for Students with Disabilities:**

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.