

Hagerstown Community College
Master Syllabus Document
17 FALL

COURSE: THR 114 – History of the Theatre (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 provides a chronological look at the history of theatre as a sociocultural institution. Historical periods such as ancient Greece, the European Middle Ages, Renaissance drama, 18th century theatre, and 20th century theatre are covered. As theatre is an extremely complex institution encompassing playwriting, texts, directing, acting, and many other areas, this course indicates some of the forces that explain the paths theatre has taken. Through text reading, class discussions and various projects, students learn the flavors of theatre in each era covered in class.

TEXTBOOK:

Wilson, Edwin and Alvin Goldfarb. *Living Theatre: A History of Theatre*. 6th ed. McGraw-Hill, 2011.

ISBN: 978-0073382203; required

This course utilizes the HCC's Moodle Component. Access is through:

<http://hccjoule2.mrooms.net/>.

Use your HCC Student ID and login to access Moodle.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

As a result of hands-on participation in the semester's production, the student should be able to:

- Identify different eras of theatre history and significant changes/contributions made in those eras.
- Prepare, explain and demonstrate knowledge of one key element of theatre history of the students' choosing.
- Read and interpret a historical playscript and demonstrate how it relates to not only historical theatre as an art, but also to political, social, and/or economic issues within the time period of the play.

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.

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction Class Time 37.5 h required	Student Work Out of Scheduled Class Time 75 h required
In-class instruction and discussion	37.5 hours	
Assigned Chapter Readings		30 hours
Mid-Term & Final Exam (taken out of class) and preparation for each		10 hours
Play Reading and Written Analysis		20 hours
Documented Research Paper & Class Presentations		15 hours
Total Hours	37.5 h	75 h

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:

Grading Scale: A= 90%-100%, B= 80%-89%, C= 70%-79%, D= 60%-79%, F= 0-59%

Assignment Description	Occurrences in semester	Percent of Grade
Chapter Quizzes	13	30%
Written Play Analysis	4	10%
Research Paper	1	10%
Presentation of Research	1	5%
Midterm Exam	1	20%
Final Exam	1	20%
Class Participation	Every class	5%

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. Students receive Class Participation points at every class meeting if they attend and participate in class. If a student fails to attend class, no Class Participation points will be awarded to that student for the missed class. Students are required to notify the Instructor as soon as possible if they intend to be late or missing entirely from class. Students who notify the Instructor in advance of lateness are awarded partial Class Participation points.
- 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.”

- **Cell Phone/Laptop:** At no time during class are cell phones permitted to be used. Cell phones must be turned off prior to class. Exceptions will be made for those students who are expecting emergency, family-related calls but students must inform the instructor prior to class. Laptops are permitted in class for note-taking only, no exceptions. Failure to comply these policies will result in Class Participation points being deducted for that session.
- **Late Papers/Assignments:** Papers/Assignments that are turned in past the posted due date will have ten points per day deducted from the final grade given for the paper/assignment. Assignments later than one week **will not be accepted**. Again, once quizzes, the Mid-Term and Final exams have closed on Moodle, they will NOT be re-opened.

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 or at 240-500-2530.