

Hagerstown Community College
Official Course Syllabus Document
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

COURSE:

THR 106 – Fundamentals of Acting (3 credits)
(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 the forum for an exploration of the role of the actor in the theater and training of the body in the art and skill of expressing thought, emotion, and characterization. Characters in dramatic literature and improvisation are studied. Students in the class are expected to participate in College theater activities.

TEXTBOOK:

None required.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will be able to:

- Demonstrate competency with basic audition and performance techniques.
- Discuss the integration of the synergistic properties involved in producing a performance.
- Interpret and analyze the ways Theater functions in the culture at large.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The achieve the above program outcomes, upon the completion of this class the student will be able to:

- Illustrate through acting well-researched and developed tools necessary to create a believable role for a monologue.
- Discuss the integration of the synergistic properties involved in producing a performance, including but not limited to the contribution of the director, actors, designers, and technical crew.
- Illustrate through acting well-researched and developed tools necessary to create a believable role in a short scene.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 12.5 clock hours (15 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 12.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 37.5 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 In-class 37.5 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required
In-class instruction and discussion	37.5 hours	
Assigned play reading & analysis		10 hours
Monologue Presentation		30 hours
“Moment Alone” Exercise Presentation		9 hours
Monologue & Scenework Character Analyses		5 hours
Scenework Presentation		13 hours
People Watching & Artwork Studies		8 hours
Total Hours	37.5 h	75 h

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 or at 240-500-2530.