

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

**COURSE:**

THR 114 – History of the Theater (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 a chronological look at the history of theatre as a sociocultural institution. Historical periods such as ancient Greece, the European Middle Ages, Renaissance drama, 18<sup>th</sup> century theatre, and 20<sup>th</sup> 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:**

*Living Theatre: History of Theatre, 6th ed.* Edwin Wilson/Alvin Goldfarb; McGraw Hill, 2012

*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:**

The student will be able to:

- Recognize and identify different eras of theatre history and identify significant changes/contributions made in those eras.
- Prepare, explain, and demonstrate knowledge of one key element of theatre history of the student's choosing.
- Read and interpret an historical playscript and discuss how it relates to not only historical theatre as an art, but relates to political, social, and economical 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 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.

	<b>DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 37.5 h required</b>	<b>Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required</b>
In-class instruction, and discussion	37.5 hours	
Assigned chapter readings		28 hours
Mid-term & Final exam (online)		4 hours
Play reading & written analysis		20 hours
Documented research paper & class presentation		20 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.