

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA DRAM200B: Introduction to Acting Winter 2017

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Office Hours	By appointment (emailing to book a time works best, but you can always drop by my		
	office). I am on campus every day from Monday to Friday.		
Day(s), Time(s) and	Tuesday 9:30 – 12:20 / Thursday 9:30 – 11:20		
Location of Class	CHD015		
Out of Class	1) Students will need to visit the Taylor Family Digital Library in order to complete		
Activities	assignments for the class;		
	2) Students may need to book time in the prop and/or costume shops to support		
	their work, and should do so following established guidelines;		
	3) Students may need to book time in the media lab in support of their work;		
	4) Extensive rehearsal time outside of class time is required. Students are		
	responsible for booking their own rehearsal times and spaces.		
Learning Resources:	Assigned texts and materials: as necessary to the support acting projects. We will		
Required Readings ,	continue to use the texts from the first semester (Liz Lerman's "Critical Reponses		
Textbooks and	Process," & Rosemary Hartel O'Neill's The Actor's Checklist: Creating the Complete		
Materials	Character). Acting students are expected to source materials to support their work		
	following the protocols and practices of The School of Creative and Performing Arts. All		
	students will be required to find two monologues and the plays from which they		
	originate for assignments in the class.		
	Dress: Please wear clothes in which you can move freely. There will be an element of floor work in all classes. Sweats or tights, and long sleeved shirts are recommended. Whatever your choice, you should be able to move without having clothes falling off, or riding up, so that you have to interrupt your work to adjust. Most work will be done in bare feet. No big jewelry is allowed on the floor, no hats may be worn in class, and long hair must be tied back. Avoid strong scents of any kind. Please be prepared to begin class promptly by arriving a few minutes ahead, and getting into your studio clothes. Bring a water bottle. No other food or drink is allowed.		
Prerequisites	None. This course may not be repeated for credit.		
Supplementary Fees	None		
Course Description	Practical experience in acting; improvisation and introductory work from texts; the		
	development of communication skills and personal acting creativity.		
Course Overview	The purpose of this course is to introduce basic concepts and practices of acting. The		
	course is academic and practical in approach. Some classes will consist of discussion		
	dealing with specific performance challenges, as well as historical and theoretical		
	issues that can support the development of an acting practice. Other classes will be		
	designated to the practical exploration and development of acting technique.		
	We will frame our studies as an extension of your work in the first term. We will begin our work with an examination of the theory and history of acting and then move into		
	focused study on monologues and the practical skill necessary to find, develop, refine		

and p	erform them for a variety of purposes.
The fo	oundation of our work draws on a few key areas:
Vocal	and Physical Technologies
•	Foundations in the understanding of body and voice as instruments of artistic expression;
•	Understanding of our selves as instruments;
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Work	Ethic
•	Exploration of collaborative nature of acting;
•	Study of ensemble/ individual work;
•	Development of rehearsal etiquette;
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•	Articulation of training as discipline;
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Resea	arch and Text Work
•	Students will complete two prepared monologues
•	Students will present an historically-based research performance
•	Students will develop an understanding of approach to text that includes:
	 Given circumstances (W questions)
	 Moment to moment reciprocity (give and take)
	 Performance journey
	 Imagination
	 Pace/rhythm/space/levels
	o Status
Deve	lopment
•	Work to increase awareness of self and others
•	Expand communication skills
•	Explore need for openness in process
•	Develop tolerance for contradiction and paradox
•	Understand the range and accessibility of phenomenological experience

Course Learning	By the com	plation of this course, successful students will b	a abla ta:	
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Outcomes		•	acting;	
		scribe a variety of approaches to acting;		
		ad, analyze, and discuss dramatic text;	-1:- 1 1	
	 Read, analyze, and plan the performance of dramatic text; Find, analyze, compile, and create research-based performances; Produce a performance journal recording the actor's journey; Produce a principal performance precisety. 			
		oduce original performance projects;		
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Course Schedule:		Tentative Schedule: please be aware that at times things can develop during th that require us to revisit our schedule. It does not happen often, but if it does, w		
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		n class, and send out an update via the class list re your official contact information as recorded		
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		Topic / Assignment		
	Jan 10	Introduction and Studio Work		
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	Jan 12	Studio Work		
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	Jan 19			
	Jan 24	Actor's Legacy Presentations		
	Jan 26	Actor's Legacy Presentations		
	Jan 31	Monologue / Play Summary Presentations		
	Feb 2	Showings		
	Feb 7	Showings		
	Feb 9	Monologue 1: Presentation 1		
	Feb 14	Monologue 1: Presentation 1		
	Feb 16	Monologue 1: Presentation 2		
	Feb 21	Reading Break		
	Feb 23	Reading Break		
	Feb 28	Monologue 1: Presentation 2		
	Mar 2	Monologue / Play Summary Presentations		
	Mar 7	Showings		
	Mar 9	Showings		
	Mar 14	Monologue 2: Presentation 1		
	Mar 16	Monologue 2: Presentation 1		
	Mar 21	Monologue 2: Presentation 2		
	Mar 23	Monologue 2: Presentation 2		
	Mar 28	Monologues 1&2: Presentation		
	Mar 30	Monologues 1&2: Presentation		
	Apr 4	Monologues 1&2: Presentation		
		Submit Performance Journals in Class		
	Apr 6	Interviews		
	Apr 11	Interviews		
Assessment	Assignmen	<u>t 1</u> :		
Components	Value : 10%	,)		
	Due Date:	Ongoing		
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	and Mar 21 for final performance and evaluation. (Be prepared for performance of both monologues by Mar 28, 2016.) Type : Monologue 2
	Description : students will find a monologue with a runtime that is a maximum of two
	minutes. They will share the monologue with the class, describe the play from which it is taken and develop the monologue for performance. Students will then present the monologue and work on it in collaboration with the class and the instructor. Once this monologue is complete it will be presented alongside the first monologue as part of a set of two contrasting monologues (see note to the first monologue).
	Assignment 10: Value: 10%
	Due Date: Apr 5, 2016 in class
	Type : Performance Journal
	Description : students will maintain an ongoing performance journal noting their experience from each class, performance and assignment. Journals will frame the discussion in the final interview with the instructor.
Assessment	Expectations for Writing:
Expectations	Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.
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	Performance journals need not be formally constructed, but must demonstrate
	ongoing, detailed analysis of the work throughout the semester.
	Expectations for Attendance and Dartisination.
	Expectations for Attendance and Participation: This is a studio performance class, so attendance is essential for success. We will
	discuss work as a group in every class. Students who are not able to attend classes
	regularly will not be able to satisfy the requirements to pass the course and should
	consider their options.
	Guidelines for Formatting Assignments
	The Drama Program uses MLA Style for all formal written work. There are no formal
	written components in the second semester of this class, so the guidelines are not
	applicable to our work.
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	For written work: all assignments must be submitted in hard copy during class time. Papers submitted outside of class time but on the due date are considered one day
	late as per the "Late Assignments" policy in this document. Electronic assignments will
	not be marked.
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	For performances: students are responsible for scheduling their work. Failure to
	properly plan, schedule and book your work will result in the loss of marks. Students
	are also responsible for supporting the work of their fellow students; failure to do so
	will result in a loss of marks.
	Late Assignments
	Loss of one letter grade per day. (For example: from A- to B+, B+ to B, B to B)
	Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass
	Passing grade.

				ole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined ir Jndergraduate Calendar for 2016-2017:
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		A+	4.00	Outstanding.
		A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive
		•	2 70	understanding of subject matter.
		A- B+	3.70 3.30	
		В	3.00	Good - clearly above average performance with knowledge
			2 70	of subject matter generally complete.
		В- С+	2.70 2.30	
		C	2.00	Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter.
		C-	1.70	Receipt of a grade point average of 1.70 may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation. (See individual
				undergraduate faculty regulations.)
		D+	1.30	
		D	1.00	Minimal pass - marginal performance; generally insufficient
		F	0	preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject. Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course
			U	requirements.
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	where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes		
	assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and		
	material taken from such sources. Please consult your instructor or the Student Success Centre		
	(TFDL 3rd Floor) if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.		
Student misconduct	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html		
FOIP	ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy		
Emergency evacuation	Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. THE PRIMARY ASSEMBLY POINT FOR CRAIGIE HALL IS THE PROFESSIONAL FACULTIES FOOD COURT. For more information, see the University of Calgary's Emergency Management website:		
	ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints		
Internet and electronic	elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/		
communication device	ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app		
	The in-class use of computers may be approved by your Instructor. Cell phones and other		
	electronic communication devices should be silenced or turned off upon entering the		
	classroom. If you violate the Instructor's policy regarding the use of electronic communication		
	devices in the classroom, you may be asked to leave the classroom; repeated abuse may result		
	in a charge of misconduct. No audio or video recording of any kind is allowed in class without		
	explicit permission of the Instructor.		
Safewalk	220-5333 anytime. <u>ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk</u>		
Students' union and	Student Union: su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/		
ombudsperson	Faculty of Arts reps: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca; arts2@su.ucalgary.ca; arts3@su.ucalgary.ca;		
contacts	arts4@su.ucalgary.ca		
	Graduate Student's Association: ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/graduate-students-		
	association-gsa-grad.html		
	Student Ombudsman: ucalgary.ca/ombuds/contact		
Midterm and final	Final examinations may be scheduled at any time during the examination period (12-22		
examination scheduling	December for Fall 2016 term; 15-26 April for Winter 2017 term); students should therefore		
	avoid making prior travel, employment, or other commitments for this period. If a student is		
	unable to write an exam through no fault of his or her own for medical or other valid reasons,		
	documentation must be provided and an opportunity to write the missed exam may be		
	given. Students are encouraged to review all examination policies and procedures:		
	ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final		
Deferrals of	It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of illness,		
exams/term work	accident, family or domestic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with your advisor if		
	any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by stated		
	deadlines. ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final		
	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html		
	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html		
SCPA Claim Your Seat	1. The Claim Your Seat (CYS) program, funded by the Students' Union Quality Money, allows		
Program: Student	all University of Calgary students to attend on-campus School of Creative and Performing		
Guidelines	Arts (Dance, Drama and Music) events free of charge.		
	2. Depending on the performance, there is a limited number of seats available for CYS. There		
	is not a guarantee that tickets will be available for all CYS patrons for every performance,		
	based on audience size, demand, etc.		
	3. CYS tickets are a privilege. If a student receives a ticket to attend a performance, it is		
	expected that they will respect the value of the admission and attend the performance.		
	4. Process for students: On the date of the performance, from 45 minutes prior to 15		
	minutes prior to the performance start time, they arrive to the CYS table next to the Box		
	Office and show their Unicard. If students arrive after 15 minutes prior to the performance		
	start time, they can go to the Box Office and purchase a ticket at the student rate. Students		
	should not go to the Box Office unless they are purchasing a ticket.		
	5. If students have a course requirement to attend a performance for a specific date, access		
	to the tickets will be communicated by the instructor to University Theatre Services prior to		
	the event. The best guarantee for a free ticket is to arrive early, up to 45 minutes prior to		
	the performance start time.		

	6. Respect for the Front of House and theatre staff, performers and fellow patrons is an absolute requirement. Failure to comply with this will lead to being asked to leave the venue and could result in the revoking of CYS privileges.		
Academic standing	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html		
Campus security	220-5333. Help phones: located throughout campus, parking lots, and elevators. They connect directly to Campus Security; in case of emergency, press the red button.		
Copyright	It is the responsibility of students and professors to ensure that materials they post or distribute to others comply with the Copyright Act and the University's Fair Dealing Guidance for Students. Further copyright information for students is available on the Copyright Office web page (library.ucalgary.ca/copyright).		
Faculty of Arts program advising and student information resources	For academic advising, visit the Arts Students' Centre (ASC) for answers about course registration, graduation checks, and the 'big picture' on programs and majors. Drop in at SS102, email at <u>ascarts@ucalgary.ca</u> or call at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <u>arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate</u> which has detailed information on common academic concerns. For academic success support, such as writing support, peer support, success seminars, and learning support, visit the Student Success Centre on the third floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL), email them at <u>success@ucalgary.ca</u> or visit their website at <u>ucalgary.ca/ssc/</u> for more information or to book an appointment. For enrolment assistance, including registration (add/drop/swap) changes, paying fees, and navigating your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625], by email		
Course outlines for transfer credit	at <u>futurestudents@ucalgary.ca</u> or visit them at the MacKimmie Block 117. It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other institutions or for proof of work done. It is the student's responsibility to keep these outlines and provide them to employers or other universities when requested. Please ensure that outlines of all the courses you take are kept in a safe place for your future reference. Departments/Programs do not guarantee that they will provide copies.		
Letter of permission	If you wish to study at another institution while registered at the U of C, you must have a letter of permission. You can submit your request through your Student Centre at MyUofC. Students must have the Letter of Permission before they take the course at another school. Failure to prepare may result in no credit awarded and could result in suspension from the faculty.		
Undergraduate associations	DUS: Drama Undergraduate Society, CHC 005 <u>uofcdus@gmail.com</u> MUS: Music Undergraduate Society, CHF 219 <u>undmusic@ucalgary.ca</u>		