

## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DRAMA 203: Creativity

**Summer 2020** 

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| Office Hours        | via email or Zoom, Tuesdays 10:00AM - 11:00AM MST  |
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| Day(s),time(s) and  | Online - asynchronous, 12 sessions • recommended twice weekly, MW starting 06/29/20 to 08/12/20                              |
| location of Class   |  |
|                     | <ul> <li>there will be 3 synchronous 200m meetings for group discussions → July 9, 16,</li> <li>23 at 10:00AM MST</li> </ul> |
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| Learning resources: | Materials needed:  |
| required readings,  | - Notebook   |
| textbooks and       | - Large sketch pad / newsprint pad   |
| materials           | - pens, pencils, crayons, markers, pencil crayons [ a selection of drawing   |
|                     | materials]   |
| 1                   | - masking tape   |
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|                     | Recommended Reading:   |
| 1                   | Sir Ken Robinson, Out of Our Minds, 3rd Edition [Capstone, 2017]   |
|                     | Kevin Ashton, How to Fly a Horse: The Secret History of Creation, Invention and  |
|                     | Discovery [Anchor Books, 2015]   |
|                     | Steven Pressfield, The War of Art [Black Irish Entertainment, 2002]  |
|                     | Brene Brown, Daring Greatly [Gotham Books, 2015]   |
|                     | Liz Wiseman, Rookie Smarts: Why Learning Beats Knowing in the New Game of Work   |
|                     | [HarperCollins, 2014]  |
|                     | Julia Cameron, The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity, 25th Anniversary                                     |
|                     | Edition [Putnam, 2016]   |
| Prerequisites       | There are no prerequisites for this class and students from every discipline are   |
|                     | welcome. NOTE: This is a non-major course for students in all faculties that is not  |
|                     | available as a course in the Field of Drama.   |
| Course description  | From the economy to the environment and from politics to entertainment, creativity is  |
|                     | an endlessly renewable resource that offers benefits for all citizens and may well be  |
|                     | the most important human element for our future. Students from all disciplines can   |
|                     | investigate the practices and processes of creativity and explore the ways in which it                                       |
|                     | can help enrich their lives.   |
| Course learning     | By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:   |
| outcomes            | 1. Form an appreciation and understanding of creativity as a genre.  |
|                     | 2. Encourage and develop generative thought as a means of creating ideas.  |
|                     | 3. Develop an awareness of intuition in the creative process.  |
|                     | 4. Play with ideas as a means of developing and realizing creative skills.   |
|                     | 5. Encourage the expression of emotions as a way of expressing creative inspirations.  |
|                     | 6. Promote a willingness to take risks and make mistakes as the creative process   |
|                     | involves many trials and errors before the realization of a creative inspiration.  |
|                     | 7. Expand ideas of what constitutes creativity in professional and personal  |
|                     | environments.  |

Course schedule | Module 1: Creativity is putting your mind to work [Sir Ken Robinson]→ What is

creativity? June 29, 2020 - July 10, 2020

[4 lessons  $\rightarrow$  2 group discussions, one reading, one video, one quiz]

Module 2: Creative thinking is just a special kind of problem solving [Kevin Ashton] July

13, 2020 - July 24, 2020

[4 lessons  $\rightarrow$  2 group discussions, one reading, one video, one quiz]

Module 3: Beginner's Mind  $\rightarrow$  The endless possibilities July 27, 2020 - August 12, 2020

[4 lessons  $\rightarrow$  2 group discussions, one reading, one video, one quiz]

Assessment components

**Assignment 1**: The Morning Pages [from Julia Cameron's The Artist's Way]

Value: 10% Due Date: Weekly

Type: Written

Description: Students will hand write 3 journal pages every day, as described in Julia

Cameron's The Artist's Way. [more assignment details on D2L]

Quiz 1: video: Are Schools Killing Creativity

Value: 5%

<u>Assignment 2</u>: Creative Impulse → Finding your creativity

Value: 20%

Due Date: July 9, 2020

Type: Written

Description: Students will listen to 3 pieces of music, selected by the Instructor and "draw" what they hear. They will then discuss with their group the experience and subsequent picture. They will reflect on the process in a short paper [more assignment

details on D2L]

Quiz 2: video: Creative Evolution

Value: 5%

**Assignment 3**: Resistance → Who is your Devil-voice?

Value: 20%

Due Date: July 16, 2020

Type: Presentation and written

Description: Students will build, with paper and masking tape, a sculpture or 3D form. A moderated group discussion regarding the building and product will occur over Zoom;

a summary of the result to be submitted [more assignment details on D2L]

**Quiz 3:** video: The Power of Vulnerability

Value: 5%

**Assignment 4**: Problem Solving → Work Backwards

Value: 10%

Due Date: July 23, 2020

Description: Students will take their idea and ask "What is this about?" and when you answer that, you know where you will end up. Then work backwards. [more details on

D2L]

<u>Final Presentation</u>: How to Tell your Story

Value: 25%

Due Date: August 6, 2020

Details: Students are to come up with a concept / message they need to get across and develop 3 trial and error iterations: 1] the worst way to get the message across, 2] the

|                         | skiest way to do it [high risk = high reward], 3] and somewhere in between is the orrect execution. The outcome demonstrates your creative/innovative skills [furthe etails on D2L]  | er   |
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| Assessment expectations | uidelines for Submitting Assignments Il assignments must be submitted via D2L Dropbox on the due date. riteria That Must Be Met To Pass articipation in synchronous and asynchronous group discussions, submitting at lea  | st 2 |
|                         | emments to contribute to each discussion.  emonstrating knowledge of the required videos and readings through the online uizzes  rticulating development of creative skills through the assignments  |      |
|                         | repectations for Writing:  Vriting skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, structors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation rudent work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the urriculum policy for details. | of   |
|                         | uidelines for Formatting Assignments pecific guidelines for each assignment will be articulated in the assignment escription   |      |
|                         | ate Assignments<br>0% per day will be taken from the grade.  |      |
|                         | <u>kpectations for Attendance and Participation:</u><br>lease refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details.  |      |
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|                         | Grade Point Value  |      |
|                         | A+ 4.00 Outstanding performance  |      |
|                         | A 4.00 Excellent performance   |      |
|                         | A- 3.70 Approaching excellent performance  B+ 3.30 Exceeding good performance  |      |
|                         | B 3.00 Good performance  |      |
|                         | B- 2.70 Approaching good performance   |      |
|                         | C+ 2.30 Exceeding satisfactory performance   |      |
|                         | C 2.00 Satisfactory performance  |      |
|                         | C- 1.70 Approaching satisfactory performance.  |      |
|                         | <sup>6</sup> D+ 1.30 Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subj   | ect  |
|                         | *D 1.00 Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subje  | ect. |
|                         | F 0.00 Failure. Did not meet course requirements.  |      |

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|  | D+ 67.6-69.9 D 62.6-67.5  |
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