

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

DRAM 225 Introduction to Scenography
Fall 2022

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Office Hours	Mondays 1pm – 2pm in person, or by Appointment
Day(s),time(s) and	MWF 11:00 - 11:50
location of Class	Location: MFH 164
Learning resources:	An Introduction to Technical Theatre
required readings,	https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/an-introduction-to-technical-theatre
textbooks and	Available online.
materials	Available offilite.
materials	An Introduction to Theatre Design by Stephan Di Benedetto; Routledge
	ISBN: 978-0-415-54754-3
	Available at Bookstore – will be in stock mid-September
	Also available for purchase / rental online:
	https://calgary-store.vitalsource.com/products/an-introduction-to-theatre-design-
	stephen-di-benedetto-v9781136480119?term=9780415547543
	Hedda Gabler, by Henrik Ibsen
	The script is available in many new and used bookstores. This play is in the public
	domain, and translations can be found online, and is available on the D2L site.
	https://blogs.baruch.cuny.edu/greatworks540spring2013/files/2013/03/Henrik-
	Ibsen Hedda-Gabler.pdf
	The Importance of Being Earnest, by Oscar Wilde
	This script is in the Norton Anthology of Drama, a DRAM 242 required text or you may
	order your own copies online. Single copies of the script are often found at used
	bookstores. This play is also in the public domain: scripts can be found online, and is
	available on the D2L site.
	http://www.jacneed.com/ASYD/Earnest/the importance of being earnest.pdf
	Other materials may be required for creative projects but do not buy these until needed.
	Most materials are available from the Campus Bookstore.
Learning	There is a D2L site for this course which contains required readings and other relevant
Technologies and	class resources and materials (see d2L.ucalgary.ca).
Requirements	
Prerequisites	None
Course description	An introduction to performance design and the disciplines within it: scenery, props,
	lighting, costumes and sound. Includes a study of the history of theatre design and space.
	Topics regarding contemporary notions of scenography will be explored, for example
	performance art, ritual, etc.

	This course may not be repeated for credit. This is a required course for Drama Majors.
Course learning	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:
outcomes	1. define scenography and its relevant terms (vocabulary) for themselves and understand
	its importance in the production or creation of theatre.
	2. analyze a script for its technical and design aspects.
	3. construct their own knowledge about technical theatre and theatre design, through
	the execution of paper-projects related to specific scripts.
	4. communicate basic design ideas related to a script in a visual way.
Course schedule	Will be posted on the D2L site.
Assessment	Script Analysis #1: The Importance of Being Earnest
components	Assessment Method: Dossier to be submitted (see sample on D2L)
	Description: Script analysis of technical elements for <i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> .
	1. a summary of the play,
	2. a props list,
	3. a scenery description,
	4. a preliminary ground plan,
	5. 2 costume descriptions, and
	6. 10 research images with a bibliography.
	Weight: 20%
	Due Date: Friday October 7
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	Elements and Principles of Design Essay: Assessment Method: In-class Essay – 2 pages – open book.
	Description: Students will be provided an image to analyze for the use of the Principles
	and Elements of Design.
	Weight: 10%
	Due Date: Monday October 17 In-class
	Diagrams Quiz:
	Assessment Method: In-class written quiz
	Description: Many topics in technical theatre and design are best described in labelled
	diagrams rather than by written essay texts. This is an opportunity for students to
	demonstrate their learning in visual form.
	Weight: 10%
	Due Date: October 24 – In-Class
	Costumo Anglysis
	Costume Analysis:
	Assessment Method: Essay – 750 - 1000 words
	Description: Critique a costume design from one of the approved movies on the list on
	D2L describing the designer's effective use of character analysis, social grouping, class,
	status, and other signifiers.
	Weight: 20%
	Due Date: Friday November 18 at 11:59pm
	Script Analysis #2: Hedda Gabler
	Assessment Method: Dossier to be submitted (see sample on D2L).
	Description: Script analysis of the technical and design elements for <i>Hedda Gabler</i> .
	1. a summary of the play,
	2. a props list,
	3. a scenery description and sketches: one per scene with groundplan,

- 4. a costume plot, and
- 5. research images with a bibliography: 5 images per character, 10 set images, 15 prop images.
- 6. For each photo, include a short description (75 words max) as to WHY you chose this photo, and how it relates to your interpretation of the play.

Weight: 25%

Due Date: Friday December 9 at 11:59pm

Final Quiz:

Assessment Method: In-class written quiz

Description: A quiz that includes all topics covered throughout the term. Questions will

be drawn from in-class lectures and class readings.

Weight: 15%

Due Date: Monday December 5th In-class

Assessment expectations

<u>Guidelines for Submitting Assignments:</u> Some assignments will be submitted via D2L dropbox. The assignments must be submitted by 11:59pm on the due date.

- As each project practices the thinking and organizational processes and the skills needed to complete subsequent projects, it is necessary that you participate in and finish all the projects to be successful in this course.
- Similarly, all the parts of a project, exercise or sketchbook assignment contribute to the evolution and final realization of the work. Therefore, the Instructor(s) may decide not to accept or grade incomplete projects; all parts of each project must be included in the final submission by the given deadline.

<u>Attendance and Participation:</u> Attendance is expected for all lectures. The lecture portion of the class will not always be covered in the D2L modules. Students are responsible for acquiring the notes for missed lectures from a classmate. **The professor will not provide summaries of lectures via email.**

<u>Missed or Late Assignments:</u> Being on time in the theatre is critically important. Late assignments will be downgraded one letter grade per day late. That is, after 6 days late, work that would have been assessed at an A will be assessed at an F.

Expectations for Writing:

MLA format is to be used for all assignments.

Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.

As this course focuses primarily on the vocabulary of technical theatre and design, appropriate use of the terminology learned in the course is of great importance.

Grading scale

All grades will be given in letter grade format.

Grade conversion scale (any point grade will be rounded up):

A+ 100 A 99-93 A- 92-89 B+ 88-85 B 84-82 B- 81-79 C+ 78-76 C 76-73 C- 72-70 D+ 69-67 D 66-64 F 0-63 For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in section F.1.Grading System and Transcripts of the Calendar:

https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-1.html

- A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations.
- The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific undergraduate faculty promotional policy.

Guidelines for Zoom Sessions

The professor may be available by Zoom for office hours.

Zoom is a video conferencing program that will allow us to meet at specific times for a "live" video conference, so that we can have the opportunity to meet each other virtually and discuss relevant course topics as a learning community.

To help ensure Zoom sessions are private, do not share the Zoom link or password with others, or on any social media platforms. Zoom links and passwords are only intended for students registered in the course. Zoom recordings and materials presented in Zoom, including any teaching materials, must not be shared, distributed or published without the instructor's permission.

The use of video conferencing programs relies on participants to act ethically, honestly and with integrity; and in accordance with the principles of fairness, good faith, and respect (as per the Code of Conduct). When entering Zoom or other video conferencing sessions (such as MS Teams), you play a role in helping create an effective, safe and respectful learning environment. Please be mindful of how your behaviour in these sessions may affect others. Participants are required to use names officially associated with their UCID (legal or preferred names listed in the Student Centre) when engaging in these activities. Instructors/moderators can remove those whose names do not appear on class rosters. Non-compliance may be investigated under relevant University of Calgary conduct policies (e.g Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy). If participants have difficulties complying with this requirement, they should email the instructor of the class explaining why, so the instructor may consider whether to grant an exception, and on what terms. For more information on how to get the most out of your zoom sessions visit: https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/guidelines-for- zoom/.

If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity for the missed session (e.g., to review a recorded session). Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. Students will be advised by their instructor when they are expected to turn on their webcam (for group work, presentations, etc.).

The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be

	advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These
	recordings will be used to support student learning only and will not be shared or
	used for any other purpose.
Academic	It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according
Accommodation	to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student
	Accommodations policy is available at https://ucalgary.ca/student-
	services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations.
	Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns
	should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the
	Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
	(https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-
	Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf).
	Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to
	fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other
	than Disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.
	SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors.
	For additional information on support services and accommodations for students
	with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.
Academic	Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper
integrity,	assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication;
plagiarism	falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an
	instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing
	academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam
	regulations applied by the Registrar.
	For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure
	please visit: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-
	services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Academic-Misconduct-
	Policy.pdf and https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-
	services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Academic-Misconduct-
	Procedure.pdf. Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity
	Website at https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-
	success/learning/academic-integrity.
Internet and	The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner
electronic	appropriate to the course and classroom activities. Please refrain from accessing
communication	websites and resources that may be distracting to you or for other learners
device	during class time. Students are responsible for being aware of the University's
	Internet and email use policy, which can be found at
	https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-
	Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf.
Intellectual	Course materials created by instructors (including presentations and posted
Property	notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual
	property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed
	or copied without the explicit consent of the instructor. The posting of course
	materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is
	prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students
	enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.
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Copyright	All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material
	Protected by Copyright (https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-
	services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-
	Policy.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-
	42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course
	materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use
	material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-
	Academic Misconduct Policy https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html .
Freedom of	Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private
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Protection of	information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at
	the University of Calgary.
Privacy	
Student Support	Please visit this link for important information on UCalgary's student wellness and safety
	resources: https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines
Arts Students'	Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information
Centre Program	resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at
	ascarts@ucalgary.ca.
Advising:	You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has
	detailed information on common academic concerns.
Faculty of	For graduate studies email: graduate@ucalgary.ca or call 403 220 4938.
Graduate Studies:	Visit the Faculty of Graduate Studies for more details: https://grad.ucalgary.ca/
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