

# UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS

# SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA Drama 300 S01/B01 - Advanced Acting I

Session: Fall 2015-Winter 2016

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Office Hours	T 2:30-4:00 PM (or by appointment)						
Day(s),Time(s) and	MWF 10:00 - 11:50 am F.R. Matthews Theatre (CHF 101)						
Location of Class							
Out of Class	Students will be expected to rehearse outside of class time.						
Activities							
Learning Resources:	See Recommended Reading list (D2L)						
Required Readings,							
Textbooks and							
Materials							
Prerequisites	Drama 200 and consent of the Division Chair, Drama						
Supplementary Fees	None.						
Course Description	Further development of fundamental acting techniques; participation in Drama's season						
	of plays may be required.						
Course Overview	Drama 300 is a practical studio course designed to continue and build on the work						
	introduced in Drama 200.Students are expected to deepen their individual						
	commitment to their own development and awareness as an actor. The emphasis of						
	the studio work will be on process rather than product, employing acting explorations						
	aimed at providing the student with a solid base of practical and creative tools and						
	skillful understanding of analysis techniques. The Friday session of Drama 300 will be a						
	Movement and Voice Component in the Fall and Winter terms respectively.						
	The year of studio style classes will cover:						
	Physical and Vocal warm ups						
	Acting explorations /improvisations						
	Contemporary Monologue and Scene work						
	Meisner Technique – Part One						
	Shakespeare Study						
	Physical Theatre Improvisation						
Course Learning	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:						
Outcomes	Be able to understand and readily access the state of being necessary for						
Outcomes	acting work and exploration: present, fully available, grounded and focused in						
	the moment, dropped into given circumstances						
	Be able to perform and lead a full physical and vocal acting warm-up						
	3. Be able to perform and lead a full physical and vocal acting warm-up  3. Be able to responsibly and respectfully participate with: collaborative groups,						
	partners, ensemble members and actively support the culture of respect and						
	inclusion in the studio environment						
	4 Be able to confidently approach and present text based and improvised works						
	in a dynamic ensemble, in a partnership and in solo work						
	5. Be able to confidently execute script analysis for contemporary and						
	Shakesperean texts						

- 6. Be able to discern and identify personal habits and tendencies and have the tools to neutralize these liabilities working towards truthful, embodied acting
- 7. Be able to choose appropriate scenes and monologues (no film or internet selections) for an audition. Know how to choose material that has potential for truthful and authentic connection.
- 8. Be able to skillfully reflect and articulate experiences based on experiential learning model both in verbal and written forms.
- 9. Be able to offer thoughtful and considered self- assessment and constructive feedback/observations to fellow students using appropriate models.
- 10. Be able to integrate acting techniques and analysis in presentation work and have strong working knowledge of acting techniques and analysis methods and vocabularies. Be able to choose specific techniques that are effective for different kinds of work.
- 11. Be able to engage fully in play and imaginative work.
- 12. Be able to place personal artistic work in a broader context e.g. socially, politically and culturally.

#### **Course Schedule:**

Physical and Vocal warm up- every class

Creating the container- Sept 9-16 Monologue Component- Sept.21- Oct -7

Introduction to the Meisner Technique- Oct 14- Nov. 9

Scene Study #1 – Nov.16- Dec 7 Shakespeare Study- Jan.11-Feb.1

Physical Theatre Improvisation - Feb 3- Feb.22

Scene Study #2 - Feb.24- April 11

# Assessment Components

By accepting an offered position in this course, students warrant that they are able and willing to handle the physical and emotional demands of the class.

This is a full year course. The final grade is a combination of the grades from each of the Fall and Winter terms based on the following outline:

1) Participation 10%
2) Growth and Development 20%
3) Journal/Paper 10%
5) Mid-term Assignment 30%
6) Final Assignment 30%

Detailed handouts will be provided for each major assignment

There are no formal examinations.

Each student will receive a private mid-year and end of year assessment interview.

The instructor will be observing and assessing in the following areas:

The students' ability to be responsible for their own learning process

A willingness and commitment to move forward in the work

Openness, discipline, focus, risk-taking, openness Consistency, preparation, diligence and organization

Successful integration and application of the learned material

Generousity, respect for, and ability to work well with others and overall positive contribution to class discussions and activities

**Assignment 1**: Mid-Term Assignment

**Value: 30%** 

Due Date: Wed. Oct 7th

Type: Monologue Component

**Description**: Monologue Presentation and script analysis

**Assignment 2**: Fall Term Final Assignment

Value: 30%

Due Date: Monday, December 7th Type: Scene Study Component

Description: Scene Study Presentation, script analysis and book response

**Assignment 3**: Shakespeare Study

Value: 20%

Due date: Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> Type: Shakespeare Presentation

Description: Monologue Presentation and Scene work reading

**Assignment 4**: Physical Improvisation

Value: 10%

Due date: Mon. February 22nd Type: Ensemble Physical Score

Description: Presentation of Structured Improvisation

**Assignment 5**: Winter Final Assignment

Value: 25%

Due date: Monday April 11th Type: Scene Study Component

Description: Scene Study Presentation, script analysis

**Assignment 6**: Winter Final Assignment

Value: 5%

Due date: Wed. April 13th Type: New experience

Description: Oral presentation of new experience

Assignment 7: Journal and Journal Paper

Value: 10% x 2 (Fall and Winter)

Due date: Monday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and Wed. April 13th

Type: Journal Writing

Description: The journal is designed to provide a written record of class activities as well as the opportunity for self-reflection and clear articulation of discoveries within the work. There will periodic assigned questions for journal entries. The final journal paper will be a compilation of the term's discoveries and highlights presented in essay form. The instructor will collect both the reflection journal and the final paper on the last day of the semester. The journal needs to be kept separately from course notes.

## Assessment Expectations

### **Expectations for Writing:**

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.

#### **Expectations for Attendance and Participation:**

This course is developmental, experiential and collaborative in nature and therefore attendance is mandatory. Without *prior notice* to the instructor, lateness or absence will negatively impact the participation grade. When the absence affects a collaborative process, the deduction will increase. Please inform the instructor of any extenuating circumstances or legitimate excuses prior to the class. If for a medical emergency, the student must be late or absent from class, they MUST ADVISE THE

INSTRUCTOR BY EMAIL OR PHONE CALL well before the start of class. Acceptance of all excuses is at the discretion of the instructor. Tardiness indicates a lack of respect for all concerned and is highly unprofessional. Being on time means being *ready to begin* at the scheduled time. Throughout the year students will be required to rehearse outside of class time.

#### **Please Note**

- 1) Proper dress for this class is mandatory. Clothing that allows for complete freedom of movement is required. No jeans, hats, belts or restrictive clothing allowed. Layering is advisable.
- 2) Water bottles are mandatory. No food or other beverages unless for medical reasons.
- 3) Much of the work will require bare feet.
- 4) No cell phone use in the studio at any time.
- 5) Please bring notebook and pen to each class
- 6) <u>Any concerns or problems should be brought to the attention of the instructor and students are encouraged to use the posted office hours whenever necessary.</u>

#### **Guidelines for Formatting Assignments**

As specified in assignment handouts.

#### **Guidelines for Submitting Assignments**

All assignments must be delivered by the student, in hard copy form to the instructor at the beginning of the class on the due date. An electronic copy should always be saved and available for re-submission if the necessity should present itself.

#### **Late Assignments**

All assignments must be delivered by the student, in hard copy form to the instructor at the beginning of the class on the due date. An electronic copy should always be saved and available for re-submission if the necessity should present itself.

#### **Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass**

Consistent and punctual attendance, respectful and active participation in all course components and passing grades in each assignment will ensure a passing grade. Students are encouraged to go well beyond these minimum requirements and take full advantage of all opportunities for growth and learning potential..

### **Grading Scale**

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.2 of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2015-2016:

Grade	GPA	Description				
A+	4.00	Outstanding.				
А	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.				
A-	3.70					
B+	3.30					
В	3.00	Good - clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.				
B-	2.70					
C+	2.30					
С	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					

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		D	1.00	Minimal pass - marginal performance; generally insufficient
		F	0	preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
		F	U	Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.
	The fo	llowing n	umerica	al equivalences will be used:
	A+	95-100		ar equivalences will be used.
	A	90-94	70	
		85-89		
	A-			
	B+	80-84		
	В	75-79		
	B-	71-74		
	C+	67-70		
	С	63-66		
	C-	59-62		
	D+	55-58		
	D	50-54		
	F	0-49		
MIDTERM AND FINAL	Final ex	xaminatio	ns may b	e scheduled at any time during the examination period (11-22
EXAMINATION	Decem	ber for Fa	ll 2015 te	erm; 16-27 April for Winter 2016 term); students should therefore
SCHEDULING	avoid r	naking pri	or travel	, employment, or other commitments for this period. If a student is
	unable	to write a	n exam	through no fault of his or her own for medical or other valid reasons,
	docum	entation r	nust be բ	provided and an opportunity to write the missed exam <b>may</b> be
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DEFERRALS OF				deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of illness,
EXAMS/TERM WORK		-		stic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with your advisor if
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COMMUNCATION	_	-		uters may be approved by your Instructor. Cell phones and other
DEVICE			-	n devices should be silenced or turned off upon entering the
DEVICE				the Instructor's policy regarding the use of electronic communication
		,		you may be asked to leave the classroom; repeated abuse may result
				t. No audio or video recording of any kind is allowed in class without
		_		Instructor.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY,		•		is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and
PLAGIARISM	honest	y. Studen	ts are ex	pected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic
	honest	y and to u	phold th	e policies of the University in this respect. Students are referred to the
	section	on plagia	rism in t	he University Calendar ( <u>ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html</u> )
	and are	e reminde	d that pl	agiarism Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting
			-	is academic offence. Consequences include failure on the assignment,
				possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. You must
			-	quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your
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				sources. Please consult your instructor or the Student Success Centre
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ACCOMMODATION	Student Accessibility Services (SAS); SAS will process the request and issue letters of
ACCOMINIODATION	accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and
	accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/access/">www.ucalgary.ca/access/</a> . Students who
	require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other
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	than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.
	The full policy on Student Accommodations is available
FOID	at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy 0.pdf .
FOIP	ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy
STUDENT	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html
MISCONDUCT	
ACADEMIC STANDING	<u>ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html</u>
SAFEWALK	220-5333 anytime. <u>ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk</u>
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.
EMERGENCY	Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. The primary assembly
EVACUATION	point for Craigie Hall is the Professional Faculties Food Court. For more information, see the
	University of Calgary's Emergency Management website:
	<u>ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints</u>
FACULTY OF ARTS	• For academic advising, visit the Arts Students' Centre (ASC) for answers about course
PROGRAM ADVISING	registration, graduation checks, and the 'big picture' on programs and majors. Drop in at
AND STUDENT	SS102, email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca or call us at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the
INFORMATION	Faculty of Arts website at arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on
RESOURCES	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 <a href="mailto:success@ucalgary.ca">success@ucalgary.ca</a> 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 at <u>futurestudents@ucalgary.ca</u> or visit them at the MacKimmie Block 117.
COURSE OUTLINES FOR	It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other
TRANSFER CREDIT	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.
STUDENT UNION	Student Union: su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/
CONTACT	Faculty of Arts reps: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca; arts2@su.ucalgary.ca; arts3@su.ucalgary.ca;
STUDENT	arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
OMBUDSPERSON	Graduate Student's Association: gsa.ucalgary.ca/executive
	Student Ombudsman: <a href="mailto:su.ucalgary.ca/page/quality-education/academic-services/student-rights">su.ucalgary.ca/page/quality-education/academic-services/student-rights</a>
UNDERGRADUATE	DUS: Drama Undergraduate Society, CHC 005 <u>uofcdus@gmail.com</u>
ASSOCIATIONS	MUS: Music Undergraduate Society, CHF 219 <u>undmusic@ucalgary.ca</u>
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