



**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**  
**DRAM357**  
**Contemporary Canadian Theatre and Drama**  
**Session: Winter 2017**

Instructor Office Email Office Hours	Dr. Patrick Finn CH D14 (Craigie Hall Basement) pfinn@ucalgary.ca By appointment. I am on campus every day, but booking a time by email is the most efficient way to secure a time. You can also drop by whenever you have some time.																																	
Day(s),time(s) and location of Class	TTh 12:30 to 13:45 CHE012 (Craigie Hall Basement) Note: after the first two class meetings we will be using the F.R. Matthews Theatre for our meetings: CH F101.																																	
Out of class activities	Each student will be required to attend one performance outside class time.																																	
Learning resources: required readings, textbooks and materials	<i>Impro</i> , Keith Johnstone & <i>Something Like a Drug: An Unauthorized History of Theatresports</i> , Kathleen Foreman and Clem Martini.																																	
Prerequisites	This course is not open to those who have taken DRAM356. The course may not be repeated for credit.																																	
Supplementary fees	Students will have to buy a ticket to one professional play.																																	
Course description	History, Literature and cultural milieu of Canadian theatre since the 1980s.																																	
Course learning outcomes	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss factual, historical information about the development of Improv and Theatre Sports in Canada;</li> <li>2. Describe a variety of approaches in improvisational work;</li> <li>3. Study, analyze, and write about improvised performance work;</li> <li>4. Find, analyze, compile, and create Improv-inspired papers / projects;</li> <li>5. Lead, and engage in, improvisational exploration.</li> </ol>																																	
Course schedule	<p><b>Tentative Schedule:</b> please be aware that at times things can develop during the term that require us to revisit our schedule. It does not happen often, but if it does, we will discuss it in class, and send out an update via the class list. Formal messages of this kind will use your official contact information as recorded in your university file.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 60%;">Topic / Assignment</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Reading</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jan 10</td> <td>Introduction</td> <td>In class</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 12</td> <td>Strengths Workshop</td> <td>In class</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 17</td> <td>Something Like a Drug</td> <td>Textbook</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 19</td> <td>Something Like a Drug</td> <td>Textbook</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 24</td> <td>Something Like a Drug</td> <td>Textbook</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 26</td> <td>Improv: Intro and Notes</td> <td>Textbook</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 31</td> <td>Improv: Intro and Notes</td> <td>Textbook</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 2</td> <td>Improv: Status</td> <td>Textbook</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 7</td> <td>Improv: Status</td> <td>Textbook</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 9</td> <td>Improv: Status</td> <td>Textbook</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Topic / Assignment	Reading	Jan 10	Introduction	In class	Jan 12	Strengths Workshop	In class	Jan 17	Something Like a Drug	Textbook	Jan 19	Something Like a Drug	Textbook	Jan 24	Something Like a Drug	Textbook	Jan 26	Improv: Intro and Notes	Textbook	Jan 31	Improv: Intro and Notes	Textbook	Feb 2	Improv: Status	Textbook	Feb 7	Improv: Status	Textbook	Feb 9	Improv: Status	Textbook
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	Mar 21	Impro: Masks and Trance	Textbook
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	Mar 28	Impro: Explorations	Textbook
	Mar 30	Impro: Explorations	Textbook
	Apr 4	Impro: Explorations	Textbook
	Apr 6	<b>Review</b>	
	Apr 11	<b>Test</b>	Content of both books
Assessment components	<p><b><u>Assignment 1</u></b>  <b>Value:</b> 20%  <b>Due Date:</b> Full term  <b>Type:</b> Seminar Participation  <b>Description:</b> There are two distinct components to seminar presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Early in the term, the instructor will ask students to sign up to lead the discussion of sections from the two books. On the date assigned for those sections, the students who have signed up will be responsible for providing a brief, research-based introduction to the work. They will then suggest key passages from the text that the class should note. Introductions to the reading material should focus on key details in order to appreciate the piece under study. You might think of it as an answer to this question: if this is the only time that the people in this room will ever get to read this book, what should they make sure they know about it? Your introductions should be brief, with the majority of class time devoted to explorations of the work described in the books;</li> <li>2) As a class focused on the study of performance, it is essential that students read the books in advance and contribute to class explorations throughout the term. We will take turns exploring passages from the books and spend significant time exploring what they propose. The instructor realizes some students are more comfortable speaking in front of groups than others, and will work to ensure that people are able to engage in class.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Assignment 2</u></b>  <b>Value:</b> 20%  <b>Due Date:</b> March 16 in class  <b>Type:</b> Essay  <b>Description:</b> 500-word review developing a formal analysis of a live performance that uses Improv as its primary means of expression. Using citations from the event, you will develop an essay sharing your analysis of the performance. Our emphasis will be on the quality and clarity of ideas, and the way in which those ideas are supported by citations of direct evidence from the performance. Secondary sources will not be</p>		

	<p>required. <b>Attach your ticket stub to your assignment. Assignments without tickets will not be marked.</b></p> <p>We will talk about this in class, but it is the student’s responsibility to find, schedule and book the event. Doing so is a required component of the assignment. (The reason I am giving you such a long warning is that what can sometimes happen is that we think we have lots of time to get things done, and we end up leaving things to the last minute. Then, something unexpected happens, and we cannot make it to a show. Doing that would offer an important lesson in scheduling and procrastination, but would not satisfy the requirement for our course, so it would make us both sad.)</p> <p><b><u>Important Notes about this Assignment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You need to arrange your attendance at a show in advance;</li> <li>• Attach your ticket stub to your assignment;</li> <li>• Observe theatre etiquette when attending events as part of our community;</li> <li>• All theatres provide information about transportation to and from shows.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Assignment 3</u></b>  <b>Value:</b> 50%  <b>Due Date:</b> Apr 11 in class  <b>Type:</b> Performance Journal  <b>Description:</b> throughout the term students will maintain a process or performance journal related to our work. There will be opportunities to discuss how such journals work and to check in with the instructor about progress. For each section of the work, students will be expected to record the results of their research in the history, practice and critical implications of Improv.</p> <p><b><u>Test</u></b>  <b>Value:</b> 10%  <b>Date:</b> Apr 11 in class  <b>Length:</b> One hour  <b>Details:</b> An essay based test asking students to share their knowledge of the work covered in the class. Students will be given questions to choose from in order to best share their ideas.</p>
<p>Assessment expectations</p>	<p><b><u>Guidelines for Submitting Assignments</u></b>  All assignments must be handed in during class time and must be in hard copy. Electronic submissions are not accepted for this class.</p> <p><b><u>Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass</u></b>  Passing grade overall.</p> <p><b><u>Expectations for Writing:</u></b>  Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, the instructor will use the 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. (<b>Note:</b> the instructor will take time during the semester to work with students on their writing.)</p> <p><b><u>Guidelines for Formatting Assignments</u></b></p>

Assignments submitted in the Drama program must follow the MLA style guide. Copies of the most recent guidelines are available in the library, the bookstore, and online.

Late Assignments  
Late assignments will be accepted, but will lose one letter grade per day late. Days late will be calculated using workdays and not holidays or weekends. Assignments not handed in during class time are considered one day late.

Expectations for Attendance and Participation:  
This class uses a seminar format so attendance and participation is of utmost importance. Seminar work cannot be made up because the group is required for the work, so if you are worried about making it to class this may not be a good choice for you. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details.

Grading scale

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.2 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2016-2017:

Grade	GPA	Description
A+	4.00	Outstanding.
A	4.00	Excellent – superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
A-	3.70	
B+	3.30	
B	3.00	Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
B-	2.70	
C+	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 preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
F	0	Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

For Your Reference: Numerical Scale for the Calculation of Grades in this Class

A+	96 -100
A	93 -95
A-	86 - 92
B+	80 - 85
B	75 - 79
B	70 -74
C+	65 - 69
C	60 - 64
C	55 -59
D+	50 - 54
D	45 - 49
F	0 - 44

Academic accommodation

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS); SAS will process the request and issue letters of

	<p>accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/access/">ucalgary.ca/access/</a>. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.</p> <p>The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf">ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf</a>.</p>
Academic integrity, plagiarism	<p>The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are referred to the section on plagiarism in the University Calendar (<a href="http://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html">ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html</a>) and are reminded that plagiarism-- Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it—is an extremely serious academic offence. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly 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.</p>
Student misconduct	<a href="http://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html">ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html</a>
FOIP	<a href="http://ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy">ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy</a>
Emergency evacuation	<p>Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. <b>THE PRIMARY ASSEMBLY POINT FOR CRAIGIE HALL IS THE PROFESSIONAL FACULTIES FOOD COURT.</b> For more information, see the University of Calgary’s Emergency Management website: <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints">ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints</a></p>
Internet and electronic communication device	<p><a href="http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/">elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/</a>  <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app">ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app</a></p> <p>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.</p>
Safewalk	220-5333 anytime. <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk">ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk</a>
Students’ union and ombudsperson contacts	<p>Student Union: <a href="http://su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/">su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/</a>  Faculty of Arts reps: <a href="mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca">arts1@su.ucalgary.ca</a>; <a href="mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca">arts2@su.ucalgary.ca</a>; <a href="mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca">arts3@su.ucalgary.ca</a>; <a href="mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca">arts4@su.ucalgary.ca</a>  Graduate Student’s Association: <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/graduate-students-association-gsa-grad.html">ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/graduate-students-association-gsa-grad.html</a>  Student Ombudsman: <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/ombuds/contact">ucalgary.ca/ombuds/contact</a></p>
Midterm and final examination scheduling	<p>Final examinations may be scheduled at any time during the examination period (12-22 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: <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final">ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final</a></p>
Deferrals of exams/term work	<p>It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of illness, 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. <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final">ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final</a>  <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html">ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html</a>  <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html">ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html</a></p>

SCPA Claim Your Seat Program: Student Guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Claim Your Seat (CYS) program, funded by the Students' Union Quality Money, allows all University of Calgary students to attend on-campus School of Creative and Performing Arts (Dance, Drama and Music) events free of charge.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
Academic standing	<a href="http://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html">ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html</a>
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 ( <a href="http://library.ucalgary.ca/copyright">library.ucalgary.ca/copyright</a> ).
Faculty of Arts program advising and student information resources	<p>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 <a href="mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca">ascarts@ucalgary.ca</a> or call at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <a href="http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate">arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate</a> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.</p> <p>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 <a href="http://ucalgary.ca/ssc/">ucalgary.ca/ssc/</a> for more information or to book an appointment.</p> <p>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 <a href="mailto:futurestudents@ucalgary.ca">futurestudents@ucalgary.ca</a> or visit them at the MacKimmie Block 117.</p>
Course outlines for transfer credit	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	<p>DUS: Drama Undergraduate Society, CHC 005 <a href="mailto:uofcdus@gmail.com">uofcdus@gmail.com</a></p> <p>MUS: Music Undergraduate Society, CHF 219 <a href="mailto:undmusic@ucalgary.ca">undmusic@ucalgary.ca</a></p>