



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA
Course Title: 673 – Selected Problems in Playwriting II
Session: Winter 2015

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Office Hours	By Appointment
Location and Time of class	CH D210 WEDNESDAY 9:30 – 11:30 An additional weekly tutorial hour, devoted to writing, will be scheduled after the class first convenes.
Text(s)/Readings	Shape of a girl – Joan McLeod Glengarry Glen Ross - David Mamet Top Girls – Caryl Churchill The Weir – Conor McPherson Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing – Tomson Highway Cyrano De Bergerac – Edmond Rostand or the Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde
Prerequisites	A prior knowledge of dramatic structure and character development.
Course Description	This seminar style course will utilize a problem-solving model to examine the process of playwriting. Students will be expected to bring samples of their works-in-progress to class for scrutiny, critique, and continued development. Paralleling and complementing this process, students will read and apply analysis to selected texts from classical and contemporary dramatic literature. Special scrutiny will be applied to the particular strengths and skills evidenced in dialogue by the selected texts. This course will expose students to challenges they can expect to encounter in future writing endeavors, and will allow them to examine solutions utilized by accomplished playwrights of the past and present.
Course Objectives	Students can be expected to further develop those skills associated with writing for the theatre: specific voice, distinct style, arresting gesture and image, structural coherence and, of course, crisp dialogue.

Course Activities and Content	<p>SEMINAR PRESENTATION: Students will deliver a presentation of one of the selected plays, briefly placing it within a historical background as well as within a context of the playwrights works. They will then lead the class in a discussion of the play and the particular strengths it evidences in regards to the construction of dialogue.</p> <p>CHARACTER VOICE ESSAY: Students will examine one of the selected plays and illuminate the strategies utilized by the playwright to create vivid dialogue and character.</p> <p>CLASS PARTICIPATION: As the discussion and examination of the materials in this course is relevant to all students of the class, regular attendance, and participation in discussions will be considered an essential.</p> <p>FINAL PROJECT: A project will have been proposed at the beginning of term. The culmination of this project will be handed in at end of term.</p>																																																				
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