



**MIDWESTERN
STATE UNIVERSITY**

A Member of the Texas Tech University System

Course Syllabus: Independent Study in Theatre History 3 Fain College of Fine Arts THEA 3003

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Course Description

By the end of the semester, the student should be able to do the following:

- Comprehend important developments in drama that have occurred since the mid-20th century (SLO: Knowledge of development of theatre)
- Experience a number of plays that illustrate these developments and analyze these play both orally and in writing (SLO: Knowledge of development of theatre)
- Articulate the impact of important writers and other theatrical personages who have shaped the contemporary theatre (SLO: Knowledge of development of theatre)
- Write a theatre research paper and summarize it in a live presentation.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Readings and playscripts that are required for the course will be provided on D2L.

Student Handbook

Refer to: Student Handbook-2020-21

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

The use of generative AI tools (such as ChatGPT) is not permitted in this course; therefore, any use of AI tools for work in this class may be considered a violation

of Texas Tech's Academic Integrity policy and the Student Code of Conduct since the work is not your own. The use of unauthorized AI tools will result in referral to the Office of Student Conduct.

[MSU Productions and Extra Credit](#)

Attend the Midwestern plays this semester *1984* and *Godspell*.

Your ticket is free to both of these shows with your validated Midwestern Student ID. An analysis paper covering the performance of one of the actors (additional 5% added to your final grade) can be submitted one week after the production closes.

Late Work

Late work will not be accepted with the exception of an emergency.

[Make Up Work/Tests](#)

No make-up work or tests will be accepted with the exception of an emergency.

[Important Dates](#)

Last day for term schedule changes: January 24, 2025

Deadline to file for graduation: February 17, 2025

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" March 24, 2025 by 4pm

Refer to: Drops, Withdrawals & Void

[Desire-to-Learn \(D2L\)](#)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact Dr. Edgar.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees, and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. However, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans, and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist

in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make an application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state, and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License-to-carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by the MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “*Run. Hide. Fight.*” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: [“Run. Hide. Fight.”](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Assignment	Due Date	Percentage of Final Grade
<i>All My Sons</i> Script Analysis	January 31, 2025	10%
<i>Raisin in the Sun</i> Script Analysis	February 14, 2025	10%
<i>Happy Days</i> Script Analysis	February 28, 2025	10%
Midterm Exam	March 7, 2025	5%
<i>Angels in America: Millenium Approaches</i> Script Analysis	March 28, 2025	10%
<i>Stupid F*cking Bird</i> Script Analysis	April 11, 2025	10%
<i>M Butterfly</i> Script Analysis	April 17, 2025	10%
<i>Slave Play</i> Script Analysis	May 2, 2025	10%
Research Paper	May 12, 2025	20%
Final Exam	May 14, 2025	5%