



# Theatre History 3 Fall 2022

THEA 3003

**Class Time:** TR 11:00 am-12:20 pm

**Course Description:** A study of acclaimed plays from the contemporary theatre, including, but not limited to musical theatre, African-American and other minority theatre, and other significant dramatic works. Also includes discussion of leading theatrical figures and movements that have defined the contemporary theatre and inspired avant garde theatrical production.

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**Office Hours:** Skype/zoom meetings are available at [elizabethlewandowski@youcanbook.me](mailto:elizabethlewandowski@youcanbook.me) or you can just drop by! Office hours are T&R 9:00am-10:45 am and Wednesday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. I am generally on campus most of the day and, if not already with someone, will be happy to stop what I am doing and talk. Other times by appointment. I will check my email at least twice a day on weekdays (morning and evening) and at least once a day on weekends. You are welcome to text me on my cell but be sure to identify yourself the first time so I know who you are. I will respond to texts as soon as I am able.

## Disclaimer

The information provided within this syllabus may be subject to change. Always assume that the syllabus is correct unless the instructor has made a formal amendment. In the event that the university moves to fully online teaching, a revised syllabus will be posted to D2L as soon as possible.

## Course Objectives

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

- Comprehend important developments in Western drama that have occurred since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century (SLO: Knowledge of development of theatre).

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- Experience a number of plays that illustrate these developments and to analyze these plays 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 theatrical research paper and summarize it to give a presentation**

### **Requirements**

Enrollment a course that uses D2L: In order to effectively take an online course, you will need the following.

- A stable internet connection
- Access to a computer
- Access to D2L
- The ability to use Respondus during the midterm and final exams.

Zoom meetings: I'm more than happy to zoom with you. If you do zoom with me, I have the following requirements.

- Have a working video camera
- Have a stable internet connection
- Have a working microphone
- Have a quiet space in which to zoom (I will end the zoom if you are at work or driving a vehicle).
- Have high visibility lighting (ring light is ideal)

If the university moves to all online classes, a new schedule will be developed. The grading will be adjusted if needed.

### **Grading**

Withdrawals: It is the responsibility of the student to properly withdraw. The last day to withdraw for Fall 2022 is October 24 by 4:00 pm.

Point value/grade distribution: 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59-0=F

Weighting of assignments:

Participation 100 points

Quizzes (10 points each) 80 points

Script worksheets (20 points each) 160 points

Midterm (essay questions 50 points, objective portion 75 points) 125 points

Final exam (essay questions 50 points, objective portion 100 points) 150 points

Research paper 285 points

Presentation on research topic 100 points

Total possible points = 1000 points

### **Details regarding grading**

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given most weeks (see schedule for details). Quizzes are each worth 10 points. The professor sees quizzes as an opportunity to learn, NOT as a penalty for not knowing the information. With that in mind, students will be allowed an infinite number of attempts. The

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professor encourages the student to take the quiz until the full 10 points are achieved. Quizzes will be objective and contain 10 questions. The questions will be randomly pulled from a pool of questions, so each attempt may be different. Quizzes will open Mondays at 12:01 am and close Sundays at 11:59 pm.

Midterm & Final exam: These tests will require the student to use Respondus so if you have difficulty running Respondus on your computer, you may need to use a university computer rather than your own. There will be a time limit on the objective portion of the exam. The essay questions will be distributed in class as part of the review and will be due at the end of the exam time.

### **Mental and Physical Health**

If you are ill and unable to complete the work within the timeframe allowed, it is your responsibility to speak with the professor. Don't just email or text. Be sure to speak with the professor so we can figure out how to address the class schedule in a manageable way.

We are living in a world with increasing stress which is challenging for everyone. Each of us responds differently to this stress and sometimes we need assistance in maneuvering life. As soon as you start to feel that you are not coping/dealing with life as well as you have in the past, the need to reach out for assistance or just someone outside your everyday life to speak with, please reach out to me. I am concerned that we each be as mentally well as possible. I can listen, offer my assistance, but more importantly, I can help you get the professional assistance that you need. The Psychology Clinic and the Counseling Center are services that you have already paid for with your fees and so are no cost for you to use!

Additionally, your student fees have paid for and created the Wellness Center (<https://msutexas.edu/student-life/wellness-center/index.php>) with lots of free classes and many hours of access to a wide range of machines. There is no charge to use the Wellness Center.

If you are sick, you have access to medical care on campus at the Vinson Health Center (<https://www.msutexas.edu/healthcenter/services>). There is no charge for a doctor's appointment but there are minimal costs for lab work, x-rays, etc. Prescriptions written there can be filled at any pharmacy in Texas. MSU has a contractual agreement with Trott's Drug (<https://www.trottsdrug.com/>) to provide prescribed medications at a discounted rate for enrolled MSU students.

Let's all do our best to be as healthy mentally and physically, as we can!

### **Infection/Illness Control**

Even the best and most careful of us get sick. In order not to infect others, the professor asks you to zoom in to class if you are sick. If you need to zoom, you should contact the professor at least 30 minutes prior to the start of class. If you zoom in, you are required to meet the following requirements:

- Have a working video camera
- Have a stable internet connection
- Have a working microphone

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- Have a quiet space in which to zoom
- Have the video camera and microphone on the entire class
- Have at least high visibility lighting (ring light is ideal)

Should the class need to move to remote, all the above requirements are needed by every student.

### **How to Succeed in This Course**

Be prepared.

Be awake.

Be present.

Study.

Write your paper.

### **Academic Dishonesty Statement**

Plagiarism is (1) the use of source material of other persons (either published or unpublished, including the Internet) without following the accepted techniques of giving credit or (2) the submission for credit of work not the individual to whom credit is given. If a student in the class is caught plagiarizing, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The Student Creed developed and adopted by the MSU Student Government reinforces the discouragement of plagiarism and other unethical behaviors. The first statement of the Creed reads, "As an MSU student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else to do so." Plagiarism is lying, cheating, and stealing.

### **Student Privacy Statement**

In accordance with Federal Privacy Laws a student's personal information is protected. As an instructor it is unlawful for me to share your personal information (including grades) with anyone unless I have written consent. This means I will not be able to discuss your grades with parents. If you have questions about your grades or have forgotten the grading policy for the course please contact the instructor during office hours.

### **Disability Support Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center, 940-397-4140.

### **Campus Carry**

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. In the B Wing of the Fain Fine Arts Center, the scene shop is excluded from concealed carry. For more information regarding

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campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at <http://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>

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