



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA
DRAM 560 Performance Creation III
Fall 2015 – Winter 2016

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Office Hours	TBA
Day(s), Time(s) and Location of Class	Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 11:50 am CHE004
Out of Class Activities	Required attendance at 4 professional performances over 2 semesters.
Learning Resources: Required Readings, Textbooks and Materials	Course readings delivered via D2L.
Prerequisites	Drama 460 or consent of the Division Chair, Drama
Supplementary Fees	None.
Course Description	Independent research, creation and facilitation of original solo or group performances.
Course Overview	This course involves the practical and theoretical exploration of theatrical devising as a mode of performance generation and production. We will consider its historical and conceptual roots in a broad range of collaborative performance creation processes, as well as a selection of contemporary practices and practitioners from Canada and internationally. Students will also explore practical techniques of training, material generation, and performance through the creation of individual and group projects.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to: 1. Work independently and collaboratively with introductory competence in a range of performance-creation approaches 2. Recognize, contextualize and analyze a range of performance-creation approaches 3. Bring a heightened level of physical awareness and skill to all performance approaches
Course Schedule:	Topic #1: Introduction to Performance Creation Topic #2: Collaboration Topic #3: Established Approaches to Performance Creation Topic #4: Developing a Dramaturgical “Toolkit” for Performance Creation Topic #5: From Process to Product (and the place of Product in the equation) Topic #6: Performance
Assessment Components	Assignment 1: Reading Responses (4) Value: 10 % (total, 4 responses) Due Date: 2 per semester Type: Written with Oral Discussion Description: Independent analysis of distributed class readings, posted online and discussed in class. Assignment 2: Participation Value: 10 % each Due Date: Ongoing

	<p>Type: In-class Participation Description: Preparedness for and commitment to all in-class activities.</p> <p>Assignment 3: Collaborative Performance Projects (3) Value: 15 % each Due Date: mid-October, late November, early February (exact dates TBA) Type: In-class Presentation Description: Collaborative explorations of specific aspects of Performance Creation. In-class Presentations take the form of the demonstration of group process. Projects will require additional, out-of-class preparation and rehearsal.</p> <p>Final Project Value: 35% Date: Ongoing development; project presentation late March (exact date TBA) Details: Collaborative Performance Creation project integrating full-year learning, including public presentation. Involves written and visual design and documentation materials, composition, rehearsal, and performance. Projects will require additional, out-of-class preparation and rehearsal.</p>
<p>Assessment Expectations</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Students will be expected to submit a variety of written assignments, both online and as stand alone documents. In addition to content, assignment grading will include evaluation of writing skills in relation to clarity, organization, presentation, formatting, and citations/referencing.</p> <p>Expectations for Attendance and Participation: Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details. Students are expected to attend all classes and to arrive at class thoroughly familiar with assigned readings and prepared to fully commit to the in-class activities.</p> <p>Guidelines for Formatting Assignments Students are expected to follow the identified formatting guidelines for each assignment, including MLA or approved alternate guidelines for major course assignments.</p> <p>Guidelines for Submitting Assignments Most assignments will be submitted electronically, either through the D2L system or email. Larger assignment components may be submitted during regular class attendance.</p> <p>Late Assignments Late submission penalties will differ according to assignment. Details for late submission penalties will be included in the instructions for each assignment.</p> <p>Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass To pass this course students must demonstrate constant attendance, preparation and participation; successfully complete (pass) all 2 out of the 3 “Collaborative Performance Projects”; successfully complete (pass) the “Final Project” assignment.</p>

Grading Scale	<p>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:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="532 184 1414 821"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>GPA</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A+</td> <td>4.00</td> <td>Outstanding.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>4.00</td> <td>Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A-</td> <td>3.70</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B+</td> <td>3.30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>3.00</td> <td>Good - clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B-</td> <td>2.70</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>C+</td> <td>2.30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>2.00</td> <td>Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C-</td> <td>1.70</td> <td>Receipt of a grade point average of 1.70 may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation. (See individual undergraduate faculty regulations.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D+</td> <td>1.30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>1.00</td> <td>Minimal pass - marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>0</td> <td>Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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.
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MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULING	<p>Final examinations may be scheduled at any time during the examination period (11-22 December for Fall 2015 term; 16-27 April for Winter 2016 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: ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final</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. ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html</p>																																							
INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE	<p>elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d21/ ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app</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>																																							
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 (ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html) 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>																																							

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FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca or call us at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on 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 success@ucalgary.ca or visit their website at ucalgary.ca/ssc/ 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 futurestudents@ucalgary.ca or visit them at the MacKimmie Block 117.
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.
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