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FACULTY OF ARTS
SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA
Drama 571: Sexuality as Portrayed in the Theatre
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Office Hours	By appointment
Location and Time of class	Craigie Hall CHE 012 July 2 – August 14, 2015 1:00 – 2:50 pm
Important Content Warning:	Students should be advised that this course contains mature, sexually explicit, and violent materials, which are integral to the course design. We will also have candid and open discussions about these topics. Think carefully before you enroll in this class as these sensitive topics can be instructive and useful but also difficult and challenging.
Text(s)/Readings	Ruined by Lynn Nottage Hosanna by Michel Tremblay In The Next Room or The Vibrator Play by Sarah Ruhl Drama 571: Sexuality as Portrayed in the Theatre Reading Package
Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites for this class and students from every discipline are welcome.
Course Overview	This course considers the dramatic representations of sexuality found within contemporary theatre, film, and popular culture. There are no prerequisites to enrolling in this course and students from every discipline are welcome.
Course Description	This course examines the representations of sexuality found within contemporary theatre and culture. We will consider the variety of dichotomies which sexuality presents such as masculine/feminine, heterosexual/homosexual, purity/corruption, and deviant/normal. We will explore sexuality as a conceptualization defined by history and politics with social, psychological, and cultural implications. We will question the politics involved in regulating and normalizing sexuality through laws, the media, and institutions such as religion. Finally, we will consider the aesthetic implications of sexuality as portrayed in the drama we discuss.
Course Objectives	<p>Course Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form an appreciation and understanding of sexuality as portrayed in the theatre as a genre. 2. Expand our ideas of what constitutes male/female in our society. 3. Express ideas about class material in an oral and/or written form. 4. Critically analyze works in terms of form, style, characterization, theme, and plot. 5. Develop critical thinking skills in the area of sexuality studies. 6. Form knowledge of the texts and authors studied. 7. Gain an understanding of the value of self-reflection in the learning process.

Assessment	Assignment #1 Assignment #2 Assignment #3 Take Home Final Exam	Due July 15 Due July 29 Due Aug 12 Due Aug 17	25% 25% 25% 25%
Students will be provided with an extensive list of creative and academic assignment opportunities from which they will choose three to complete. Students must complete the three assignments choices and the final exam to receive credit for this course.			
Missed Assignments:	Documented illness or family emergencies are acceptable reasons for late written work or an inability to make scheduled presentations. In the case of a missed oral presentation or class participation assignment, the instructor would appreciate advance notification if possible. Documented means a fully explanatory note from an appropriate authority such as a physician or counselor. Late written assignments with no documented excuse will be accepted with the penalty of ten percent deducted from the final mark for the assignment for each business day or portion thereof past the deadline.		
Recording:	Recording of any kind during class time is forbidden unless the student has a documented need for recording lectures.		
Grading Scale	Please see the Undergraduate Calendar F.2 Undergraduate Grading System for details.		
Attendance	Regular attendance is advised for students in all courses.		
FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES	<p>Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre (ASC) is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts! Visit us 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.</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 success@ucalgary.ca or visit their website at http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/ for more information or to book an appointment.</p> <p>For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625], by email at futurestudents@ucalgary.ca or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block 117.</p>		
ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION	http://www.ucalgary.ca/access		
FOIP	http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy		
ACADEMIC STANDING	http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html		
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.		
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.		
DEFERRALS OF EXAMS/TERM	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		

WORK	with your advisor if any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by stated deadlines.
EMERGENCY EVACUATION	http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints
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.
PLAGIARISM	Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. For details see the University of Calgary Calendar. 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 3 rd Floor) if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.
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