

# UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS

## **SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**

DRAM240: Introduction to Drama Session: Fall/Winter 2016/2017

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Office Hours	By appointment. I am on campus every day, but booking a time by email is the most				
Day(s),time(s) and	efficient way to secure a time. You can also drop by whenever you have some time.  Tues/Thurs 11:00 – 12: 15				
location of Class	· ·	1:00 – 1:50, F 2:00 – 2:50, F 3:00 – 3:50. Each s	student must sign up for one		
location of class					
	of the tutorials. (We will discuss how best to approach this decision in class.) CHE012 (Craigie Hall Basement)				
Out of class activities		nt will be required to attend three performance	es at the University of		
	Calgary. All performances are free for students. Each student is responsible to plan				
		their attendance at these events and to observe theatre etiquette during the			
	performan	ces attended. Information on the shows can be	found here:		
	http://scpa.ucalgary.ca/events/upcoming-events/drama				
Learning resources:		iew Anthology of Drama: Concise Edition, Gone			
required readings,		and Hamlet are in the bookstore. <i>Gone Home</i> is	available online and its		
textbooks and	access will be discussed in class.				
materials					
Prerequisites		ourse may not be repeated for credit.			
Supplementary fees	N/A.				
Course description	Interpretation and study of dramatic genres related to Drama's season of plays;				
Carrier Incoming	introduction to play analysis.				
Course learning	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:				
outcomes	Discuss factual, historical information about the practice of theatre;      Describe a variaty of approaches in description (northwest as a variaty of approaches).				
	Describe a variety of approaches in dramatic / performance work;      Read analyze and write about the atrical / performance toyte:				
	<ul><li>3. Read, analyze, and write about theatrical / performance texts;</li><li>4. Read, analyze, and write about live performance;</li></ul>				
	<ul><li>4. Read, analyze, and write about live performance;</li><li>5. Find, analyze, compile, and create research-based papers / projects;</li></ul>				
	6. Develop projects using the tools involved in drama and performance practice.				
Course schedule	Tentative Schedule: please be aware that at times things can develop during the term				
	that require us to revisit our schedule. It does not happen often, but if it does, we will				
	discuss it in class, and send out an update via the class list. Formal messages of this				
	kind will use your official contact information as recorded in your university file.				
		Topic / Assignment	Reading in Anthology		
	Sept 13	Introduction	<u> </u>		
	Sept 15	Studying Plays / Performance	VII – XII and classwork		
	Sept 20	Studying Plays / Performance	VII – XII and classwork		
	Sept 22	Strengths Program	In class		
			VII – XII and classwork		
	Sept 29	Gone Home	Online		
	Oct 3	Gone Home	Online		
	Oct 6	Oedipus	Anthology		
	Oct 11 Oedipus Anthology				

Oct 13	Frogs	Anthology
Oct 18	The Conversion of Thais the Whore	Anthology
Oct 20	Everyman	Anthology
Oct 25	Hamlet	Arden Shakespeare
Oct 27	Hamlet	Arden Shakespeare
Nov 1	Hamlet	Arden Shakespeare
Nov 3	Hamlet	Arden Shakespeare
Nov 8	Hamlet	Arden Shakespeare
Nov 10	Mid-Term Break	Anthology
Nov 15	Splendour	Performance
Nov 17	Splendour	Performance
Nov 22	The Tempest	Anthology
Nov 24	The Tempest	Anthology
	Splendour Review Due in Class	
Now 29	The Rover	Anthology
Dec 1	Game of Thrones	Selections
Dec 6	Review	Anthology + Classwork
Dec 8	Test	All material

	Topic / Assignment	Reading
Jan 10	Six Characters in Search of an Author	Performance
Jan 12	Six Characters in Search of an Author	Performance
Jan 17	Uncle Tom's Cabin	Anthology
Jan 19	Hedda Gabler	Anthology
	Six Characters Review Due in Class	
Jan 24	Hedda Gabler	Anthology
Jan 26	The Importance of Being Earnest	Anthology
Jan 31	Cat on a Hot Tin Roof	Anthology
Feb 2	Play	Anthology
Feb 7	Aunt Dan and Lemon	Anthology
Feb 9	The Rez Sisters	Anthology
Feb 14	The Rez Sisters	Anthology
Feb 16	Harlem Duet	Anthology
Feb 21	Reading Break	
Feb 23	Reading Break	
Feb 28	Mother Courage and Her Children	Performance
Mar 2	Mother Courage and Her Children	Performance
Mar 7	Harlem Duet	Anthology
Mar 9	The Wizard of Oz	Selections
	Mother Courage Reviews Due in Class	
Mar 14	Citizen Kane	Selections
Mar 16	Star Wars	Selections
Mar 21	The Matrix	Selections
Mar 23	Polygraph	In class
Mar 28	Sons of Anarchy	Selections
Mar 30	Disney / Pixar	Selections
Apr 4	Disney / Pixar	Selections
Apr 6	Review	
Apr 11	Test	All material

Assessment components

**Assignment 1** 

Value: 50% across both terms

Due Date: Full year

Type: Seminar Presentations, Reflections and Analysis

**Description**: There are two distinct components to seminar presentation:

- 1) Early in the term, the instructor will ask students to sign up to lead the discussion of plays from the reading list. On the date assigned for those plays, the students who have signed up for the day will be responsible for providing a brief, research-based introduction to the play. They will then suggest key passages from the text that the class will read aloud. Introductions to the play should focus on key details we should be aware of in order to appreciate the play / performance we are studying. You might think of it as an answer to this question: if this is the only time that the people in this room will ever get to read this play, what should they make sure they know about it? Your introductions should be brief, with the majority of class time devoted to reading the play and discussing its connection to our ongoing explorations;
- 2) As a seminar class, it is essential that students study the material in advance and contribute to our work throughout the year. We will take turns reading passages from the plays and spend significant time on class discussion. The instructor realizes some students are more comfortable speaking in front of groups than others, and will work to ensure that people are able to engage in class. Students do not need to be expert readers or trained critics; they merely need to be ready to share ideas with the group.

## **Assignment 2**

**Value**: 10%

Due Date: Nov 24 in class

Type: Review

**Description**: 500-word review developing a formal analysis of a live performance. Using citations from the event, you will develop an essay sharing your analysis of the performance. Our emphasis will be on the quality and clarity of ideas, and the way in which those ideas are supported by citations of direct evidence from the performance. Secondary sources will not be required. **Attach your ticket stub to your assignment. Assignments without tickets will not be marked.** 

In order to complete the assignment, students need to attend the performance of a play in the University of Calgary's season. We will talk about this in class, but it is the student's responsibility to find, schedule and book the event. Doing so is a required component of the assignment. (The reason I am giving you such a long warning is that what can sometimes happen is that we think we have lots of time to get things done, and we end up leaving things to the last minute. Then, something unexpected happens, and we cannot make it to a show. Doing that would offer an important lesson in scheduling and procrastination, but would not satisfy the requirement for our course, so it would make us both sad.) Information on the event can be found here: <a href="http://scpa.ucalgary.ca/events/splendour">http://scpa.ucalgary.ca/events/splendour</a>

### **Important Notes about this Assignment**

- You need to arrange your attendance at a show in advance;
- The only shows acceptable for the assignment are the those listed above;
- Attach your ticket stub to your assignment;

- Observe theatre etiquette when attending events as part of our community;
- The link provided provides information about the performance
- All university shows are free for you when you present your student card

# Test 1

Value: 10%

**Date**: Dec 8 in class **Length**: One hour

**Details**: A content test based on the work of the first semester. A content test, the focus will be on the essential elements covered in the plays under study. Given that we will be studying these plays in class, studying should be a simple review.

## Assignment 3

**Value**: 10%

**Due Date**: January 19 in class

Type: Review

**Description**: 500-word review developing a formal analysis of a live performance. Using citations from the event, you will develop an essay sharing your analysis of the performance. Our emphasis will be on the quality and clarity of ideas, and the way in which those ideas are supported by citations of direct evidence from the performance. Secondary sources will not be required. **Attach your ticket stub to your assignment. Assignments without tickets will not be marked.** 

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#### Assignment 4

**Value**: 10%

Due Date: January 19 in class

Type: Review

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lesson in scheduling and procrastination, but would not satisfy the requirement for our course, so it would make us both sad.) Information on the event can be found here: http://scpa.ucalgary.ca/events/mother-courage-and-her-children Test 2 **Value**: 10% Date: April 11 in class Length: One hour **Details**: an essay-based test reflecting on the material studied throughout the year. Students will be given a choice of topics. Assessment **Guidelines for Submitting Assignments** expectations All assignments must be handed in during class time and must be in hard copy. Electronic submissions are not accepted for this class. Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass Passing grade overall. **Expectations for Writing:** Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, the instructor will use the 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. (**Note**: the instructor will take time during the semester to work with students on their writing.)

#### **Guidelines for Formatting Assignments**

Assignments submitted in the Drama program must follow the MLA style guide. Copies of the most recent guidelines are available in the library, the bookstore, and online.

#### Late Assignments

Late assignments will be accepted, but will lose one letter grade per day late. Days late will be calculated using workdays and not holidays or weekends. Assignments not handed in during class time are considered one day late.

#### **Expectations for Attendance and Participation:**

This class uses a seminar format so attendance and participation is of utmost importance. Seminar work cannot be made up because the group is required for the work, so if you are worried about making it to class this may not be a good choice for you. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details.

#### Grading scale

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.2 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2016-2017:

Grade	GPA	Description	
A+	4.00	Outstanding.	
Α	4.00	Excellent – superior performance, showing comprehensive	
		understanding of subject matter.	
A-	3.70		
B+	3.30		
В	3.00	Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge	
		of subject matter generally complete.	
B-	2.70		
C+	2.30		
С	2.00	Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject matter.	

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		C- 1.70		grade point average of 1.70 may not be	
				promotion or graduation. (See individual	
			undergradua	te faculty regulations.)	
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		1.00		or subsequent courses in the same subject.	
	F	- 0	Fail - unsatisf	actory performance or failure to meet course	
			requirements	5.	
	For Your	Reference: N	umerical Scale	for the Calculation of Grades in this Class	
	A+	96 -	100		
	A	93 -			
	A-	86 -			
	B+	80 -			
	В	75 -			
	В	70 -	74		
	C+	65 -	69		
	С	60 -	64		
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				pilities, visit <u>ucalgary.ca/access/</u> . Students who req	
	an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than				
	disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.				
	The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf .				
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Academic integrity,	The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and				
plagiarism	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 ( <u>ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html</u> )				
	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				
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	ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy				
Emergency evacuation	Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. THE PRIMARY  ASSEMBLY POINT FOR CRAIGIE HALL IS THE PROFESSIONAL FACULTIES FOOD COURT. For				
	more information, see the University of Calgary's Emergency Management website:				
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communication device	elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/				
communication device	<u>ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app</u> The in-class use of computers may be approved by your Instructor. Cell phones and other				
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	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.		
Safewalk			
Students' union and	220-5333 anytime. <u>ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk</u>		
	Student Union: su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/		
ombudsperson contacts	Faculty of Arts reps: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca; arts2@su.ucalgary.ca; arts3@su.ucalgary.ca;		
	arts4@su.ucalgary.ca		
	Graduate Student's Association: <u>ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/graduate-students-</u>		
	association-gsa-grad.html Student Ombudsman: ucalgary.ca/ombuds/contact		
Midterm and final	Final examinations may be scheduled at any time during the examination period (12-22		
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examination scheduling	December for Fall 2016 term; 15-26 April for Winter 2017 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:		
Deferrals of	ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred final		
	It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of illness,		
exams/term work	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		
CCDA Claire Varra Cast	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html		
SCPA Claim Your Seat	1. The Claim Your Seat (CYS) program, funded by the Students' Union Quality Money, allows		
Program: Student	all University of Calgary students to attend on-campus School of Creative and Performing		
Guidelines	Arts (Dance, Drama and Music) events free of charge.		
	2. Depending on the performance, there is a limited number of seats available for CYS. There		
	is not a guarantee that tickets will be available for all CYS patrons for every performance,		
	based on audience size, demand, etc.		
	3. CYS tickets are a privilege. If a student receives a ticket to attend a performance, it is		
	expected that they will respect the value of the admission and attend the performance.		
	4. Process for students: On the date of the performance, from 45 minutes prior to 15		
	minutes prior to the performance start time, they arrive to the CYS table next to the Box		
	Office and show their Unicard. If students arrive after 15 minutes prior to the performance		
	start time, they can go to the Box Office and purchase a ticket at the student rate. Students		
	should not go to the Box Office unless they are purchasing a ticket.		
	5. If students have a course requirement to attend a performance for a specific date, access		
	to the tickets will be communicated by the instructor to University Theatre Services prior to		
	the event. The best guarantee for a free ticket is to arrive early, up to 45 minutes prior to		
	the performance start time.		
	6. Respect for the Front of House and theatre staff, performers and fellow patrons is an		
	absolute requirement. Failure to comply with this will lead to being asked to leave the		
A di	venue and could result in the revoking of CYS privileges.		
Academic standing	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.		
Copyright	It is the responsibility of students and professors to ensure that materials they post or		
	distribute to others comply with the Copyright Act and the University's Fair Dealing Guidance		
	for Students. Further copyright information for students is available on the Copyright Office		
	web page (library.ucalgary.ca/copyright).		
Faculty of Arts program	For academic advising, visit the Arts Students' Centre (ASC) for answers about course		
advising and student	registration, graduation checks, and the 'big picture' on programs and majors. Drop in at SS102,		
information resources	email at <u>ascarts@ucalgary.ca</u> or call 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 <a href="mailto:success@ucalgary.ca">success@ucalgary.ca</a> or visit their website at <a href="mailto:ucalgary.ca/ssc/">ucalgary.ca/ssc/</a> 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	It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other		
transfer credit	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.		
Undergraduate	DUS: Drama Undergraduate Society, CHC 005 uofcdus@gmail.com		
associations	MUS: Music Undergraduate Society, CHF 219 undmusic@ucalgary.ca		