

## **Introduction to Theatre**

### **THE2000**

#### **Course Description:**

Historical development, basic elements for appreciation and evaluation of performances (FSU Undergraduate Bulletin). THE 2000 satisfies the standardized general education requirement for Humanities and Cultural Practice and FSU's Diversity requirement.

#### **Course Learning Objectives (including Liberal Studies learning objectives assigned to the course):**

In this course, you will:

1. Critically assess and analyze theatrical performances by placing them within the larger context of western and non-western theatre.
2. Engage with a variety of theatre beyond Broadway—backstage and onstage—particularly forms that speak to specific groups within American society.
3. Experience and discuss different types of and approaches to theatrical literature and production.
4. Learn how and where to find live theatre wherever you may be and how best to become a part of the world of theatre.
5. Delve deeply into the experience of a single play, engaging in the process of theatrical production. Design a production in phases before ultimately staging a short performance and recording it.
6. Analyze aspects of human experience within a culture, focusing on sources of diversity (e.g., age, disability, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, social class, or other).
7. Explore one's own cultural norms or values in relation to those of a different cultural group.
8. Interpret intellectual or artistic works within a cultural context.
9. Use a cultural or artistic approach to analyze the aspects of human experience.

#### **Grading Assignments: (List assignments typically associated with the course. Include Participation, if appropriate.)**

- Assessments
- Creative Applications
- Performance Project Written Statement
- Performance Project Dress Rehearsal
- Performance Project Final Video

## **LIBERAL STUDIES STATEMENT**

This course has been approved to meet FSU's Liberal Studies Humanities and Cultural Practice requirements and helps you become a thoughtful patron of and participant in cultural practices.

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Interpret intellectual or artistic works within a cultural context.
2. Use a cultural, artistic, or philosophical approach to analyze some aspect of human experience.

This course has been approved to meet FSU's Liberal Studies Diversity requirement and prompts your development as a culturally literate member of society.

In order to fulfill FSU's Diversity requirement, the student must earn a "C–" or higher in the course.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze some aspect of human experience within a culture, focusing on at least one source of diversity (e.g., age, disability, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, social class, or other).
2. Explore one's own cultural norms or values in relation to those of a different cultural group.

## **UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Excused absences include documented illness, deaths in the family and other documented crises, call to active military duty or jury duty, religious holy days, and official University activities. These absences will be accommodated in a way that does not arbitrarily penalize students who have a valid excuse. Consideration will also be given to students whose dependent children experience serious illness.

## **ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY**

The Florida State University Academic Honor Policy outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of students' academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process. Students are responsible for reading the Academic Honor Policy and for living up to their pledge to "...be honest and truthful and... [to] strive for personal and institutional integrity at Florida State University." (Florida State University Academic Honor Policy, found at <http://fda.fsu.edu/Academics/Academic-Honor-Policy>)

## **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Florida State University (FSU) values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. Our goal is to create learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming. FSU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities in a manner that is consistent with academic standards of the course while empowering the student to meet integral requirements of the course.

To receive academic accommodations, a student:

(1) must register with and provide documentation to the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS); (2) must provide a letter from OAS to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type; and, (3) should communicate with the instructor, as needed, to discuss recommended accommodations. A request for a meeting may be initiated by the student or the instructor.

Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from the Office of Accessibility Services has been provided.

This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request.

For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact the

Office of Accessibility Services  
874 Traditions Way  
108 Student Services Building  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167  
(850) 644-9566 (voice) (850) 644-8504 (TDD)  
[oas@fsu.edu](mailto:oas@fsu.edu)  
<https://dsst.fsu.edu/oas>

## **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

Your academic success is a top priority for Florida State University. University resources to help you succeed include tutoring centers, computer labs, counseling and health services, and services for designated groups, such as veterans and students with disabilities. The following information is not exhaustive, so please check with your advisor or the Dean of Students office to learn more.

## **CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES**

Various centers and programs are available to assist students with navigating stressors that might impact academic success. These include the following:

Victim Advocate Program  
University Center A, Room 4100  
(850) 644-7161 Available 24/7/365  
Office Hours: M-F 8-5  
<https://dsst.fsu.edu/vap>

Counseling & Psychological Services  
Askew Student Life Center, 2nd Floor  
942 Learning Way  
(850) 644-8255  
<https://counseling.fsu.edu/>

University Health Services  
Health and Wellness Center  
(850) 644-6230  
<https://uhs.fsu.edu>