

Acting 1

Course Syllabus: Fall 2016

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Course Description: A course designed to develop students' confidence and comfort as a performer, an ability to develop a character, and basic knowledge, skills, and technique of the acting craft through participation in acting exercises, stage movement, improvisation, and character and script analysis. This course is primarily performance based, and daily participation in activities and exercises is required to receive a passing grade. Students are also required to attend and review a theatre performance during the semester.

Performances: Students will perform for their classmates several times during the semester. Types of performances to expect: monologues, duets, group scenes, improvisations, concept showcase. Performances will be graded according to a rubric emphasizing five performance areas: WHO (Character/Relationship), WHAT (Blocking/Activity), WHERE (Setting/Space), Voice, and Lines & Memorization.

Written work: Character analysis sheets, ground plans, blocking; usually associated with a performance.

Participation: Students will receive five participation points each day. Participation points are earned by:

1. Showing up
2. Participating in games/exercises/activities
3. Following policies/procedures
4. Audience etiquette

Point Breakdown:

1. Performances: 400-600 points
2. Written work: 200-400 points
3. Daily Participation: Approximately 400 points

Late Work: Written work not submitted by due date will be accepted until the final performance date of the semester. Performances may be made up, at the request of the student(s), by speaking with instructor and scheduling a class day to make up the performance. There will be a 10% deduction from all late work. Participation points cannot be made up.

Grading Scale:

DNP - 0% F - 50-59% D - 60-69% C - 70-79% B - 80-89% A - 90-100%

Technology: Use of phones, Chromebooks, or other devices is allowed only at times designated by the instructor. Use at any other time will be dealt with according to school policy.

Food/Drink:

1. No eating or drinking during exercises or performances.
2. No hot food.
3. Pick up all trash.