Course Description

THE2000 | Theatre Appreciation | 3.00 credits

In this course, students will explore dramatic structure, techniques, and various organizational elements. The course provides an introduction to theatre as a collaborative art form through the critical analysis of its historical context, production, theory, and connections to theatrical literature, including the Western canon. Student learning outcomes: students will identify the basic principles of theatrical performance, design, technology, organization, and management; students will assess the significance of the human condition as expressed through the performing arts; students will explore and interpret works of art utilizing creative and critical thinking skills; students will demonstrate college-level writing; and students will define, compare and contrast theater as both an expressive art form and a commercial industry. Writing intensive course.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the essential elements by:
1. Identifying the terminology
2. Defining the terminology
3. Applying his or her knowledge of terms to examining a script or performance

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of basic theatrical terminology by:
1. Identifying the terminology correctly
2. Defining the terminology
3. Applying his or her knowledge of terms in examining a performance

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the concept of theatrical conventions by:
1. Identifying or describing conventions from different historical periods
2. Identifying or describing conventions from different cultures
3. Identifying or describing conventions from different styles of drama

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate a comprehension of the techniques and methods used by collaborative artists in the theatre by:
1. Identifying and describing techniques used by the playwright, director, designers, and actors
2. Relating this knowledge to a performance experience

Learning Outcomes:
• Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
• Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
• Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities