

THEA 3140

Acting Styles: Spring 2023

Tuesday/Thursday 1:30pm –3:50pm

RTFP 130

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Reading List: Various Scenes - Abbott and Costello

The Importance of Being Earnest – Oscar Wilde

The Servant of Two Masters – Carlo Goldoni

The Burial at Thebes –a version of Sophocles' Antigone – Seamus Heaney

**Description/ Objective:**

Acting Styles will focus on the Period Styles from Greek to Vaudeville. Students will research and study the trends of the periods as well as the art, clothing and other societal impacts on each individual form.

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- \*Identify the primary Key Signatures of each style
- \*Apply the processes of voice and body work dictated by each style
- \*Work with an ensemble to present a specific style period

**Attendance:**

Students are allowed THREE absences only in this Course. If you accrue a FOURTH absence, the highest grade you will be able to receive in this course is a D.

Three tardies will equal ONE ABSENCE.

Please be present, on time and ready to work. This is the professional standard that we will be striving to attain this semester.

### **Dress Code:**

Students are required to wear clothing that allows for unrestricted movement to each class. The main focus of our work takes place on our feet, on the ground and in motion. Therefore students must feel comfortable and able to move without restrictions. However, there may be specific styles that require the use of long skirts, character shoes (no-spike heel of 1.5 inches), and men's suit jackets. I will inform you of these needs ahead of time.

### **Disability Accommodations:**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodation anytime, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323

### **Assignments:**

*Scene Work:* One can only learn acting by DOING. Therefore, it is imperative to your success in the class that you are present, on time, and ready to work. Each style will require scene work, memorization, and outside class rehearsals with your partner/s.

*Scene Grading Breakdown-*

Each Unit is worth 200pts.

50pts - Well prepared In Class rehearsal

*Scene Performance-*

Well rehearsed- 10pts

Props/Costumes- 10pts

Specific Style Key Signatures- 80pts

Performance Quality- 50pts

*Final Group Project:* The class will be broken into five groups each representing one of the main styles we studied over the course of the semester. (Vaudeville, Comedy of Manners, Commedia, Restoration and Greek) Each group will be required to produce a 10 minute presentation on the style including The history, influences and “sign posts” of the style.

*\*Please include visual aids\** Each group will also be required to present a 10 minute scene example of the period, using an alternative playwright to the one used in class. Each member of the group is required to participate in at least one aspect. (Presentation or Scene) An Assignment Guideline will be handed out when the groups are assigned.

**Grading\*:**

Vaudeville Unit:	200pts
Comedy of Manners:	200pts
Commedia del Arte Unit:	200pts
Greek Unit:	200pts
Final Group Project and Presentation:	200pts
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>1000pts</b>

\*Grade Inquiries can be made during Office Hours - to maintain Student Privacy Standards.

**Weekly Schedule\*:**

Wk 1: Syllabus/Vaudeville

Wk 2: Vaudeville

Wk 3: Vaudeville

Wk 4: Vaudeville/ Comedy of Manners & Restoration

Wk 5: Comedy of Manners & Restoration

Wk 6: Comedy of Manners & Restoration

Wk 7: Comedy of manners & Restoration/Commedia

Wk 8: Commedia

Wk 9: Commedia

Wk 10: Commedia/Greek

Wk 11: Greek- Chorus Work

Wk 12: Greek

Wk 13: Greek

Wk 14: Greek/Final Assigned

Wk 15: Final Prep

Wk 16: Finals Week

\*Schedule subject to change and all changes will be communicated in a timely manner.