

TAPS 10200 4 - Acting Fundamentals - Instructor(s): Heidi Coleman

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Winter 2024

Number Enrolled: 17 Number of Responses: 8

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

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What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments

Basics of acting, some history of theater in Chicago and the US, how to work through a scene, staging, improv, and how to learn to be creative and on the spot

How to think like an actor. It was a very introspective class and made me think a lot about how people express themselves and their emotions.

super fun class and funny instructor

Acting fundamentals

Learned how to put on a performance of myself/my body + actions, which you don't realize is a completely unique thing until you try it out. Memorizing lines, having fun as different characters, etc.

Monologues, improv, staging, how to be present on stage.

Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

Comments

Most of the class involved scene work, practicing lines, improv, and observing other students act. But all parts were helpful, both when you were in a scene and when you were watching

learned how to be more in control during conversations

Engaging, fun, approachable

The actual class times and the professor's various attempts to engage us during them were the cornerstone of this class.

She lectured a few times on relevant topics which I felt provided nice context for what we were doing. Going to see Antigone was interesting but it is unfortunate that we were required/had to pay for our own tickets. Journal entry responses were easy but interesting.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	3.71	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	14.29%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments

Fantastic and super fun class. If you've never acted before or even if you have, this is a great intro course. This class pushed students out of their comfort zones in the best and super fun ways. Improv and changing scenes on the fly made for great moments. Assignments are easy and entertaining. Just make sure you can attend all classes, that's really the only thing that would knock your grade lower.

Awesome

So much fun! Other than the class times themselves, not a lot of work, and the professor themselves is amazing!

GREAT class. Coleman is awesome! Fantastic start to my day, looked forward to this class.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	0.00%	100.00%

Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments

Heidi is amazing. She does a great job of making everyone in the class feel comfortable to speak and try new things when performing, but also constantly looks for ways to stretch our imagination and understanding of a scene.

how Professor Coleman did constant recaps on my and my classmates acting, to highlight positive and negatives! good teaching technique

Heidi was amazing. Energetic, fun, knowledgeable

Enthusiasm, attempts to get everyone involved in different activities.

Asked engaging questions and was very energetic, got students excited about what they were doing, and broke them out of their shells. Facilitated a positive and inclusive environment. Also very relaxed/flexible with grading and such which made it more easy to just enjoy what we were doing.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments

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Nothing

Making the standards for written assignments clearer.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	14.29%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

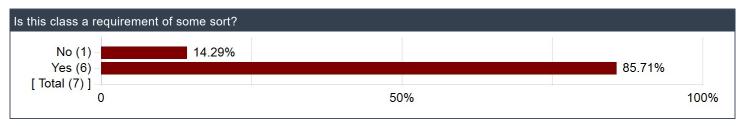
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Field Trips	3.67	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

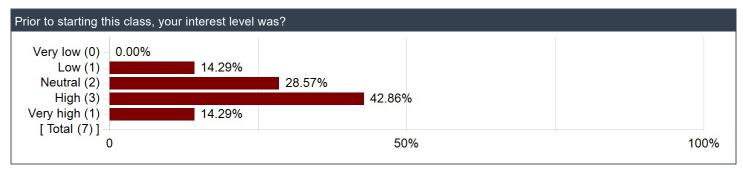
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Needed to watch Antigone at the Court Theater at some point in the quarter

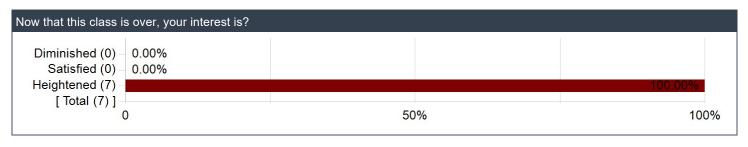
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



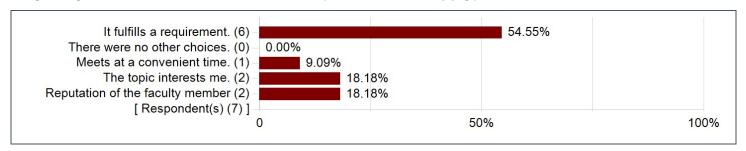
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



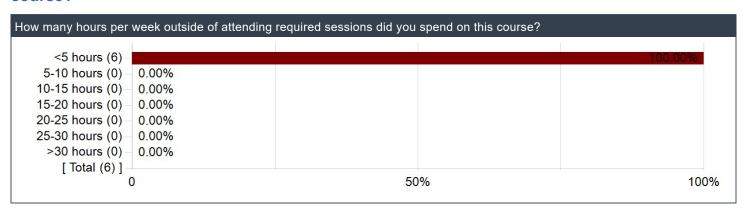
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



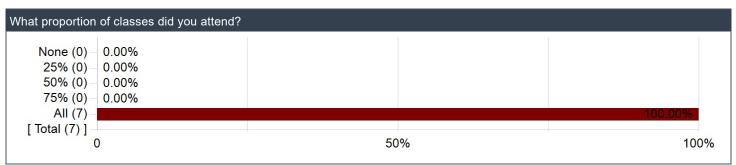
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?



What proportion of classes did you attend?



Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
Most people don't have prior acting or theater experience which makes it really fun
Fun and approachable
Not difficult at all, as someone who had never done any type of theatre performance whatsoever.