

Theater 101: Introduction to Theater

Fall 2003
Dr. Lemons

Office: Few 104
Hours: 2:30-3:30 M-F

Texts: Stage and School, Medea, Wit, Midsummer Night's Dream; Glass Menagerie

Objectives:

- to introduce students to all aspects of theater, in script or written form and as performance
- to provide opportunities for personal experience in areas of interest
- to encourage thoughtful written and spoken response to theater

Methods:

- reading of texts primary (the plays) and secondary (books about theater)
- discussion of plays and their performance
- attending teacher/guest presentations and workshops
- doing individual and group projects and presentations
- doing written and non-written homework exercises
- writing essay exams
- attending plays on and off campus
- writing 1 play analysis (5 pgs) and 2 brief critiques of plays (2 pgs each)
- taking reading or assignment quizzes (unannounced)
- working on the Theater Department's fall productions as laboratories for theater experience and learning.

Guidelines:

1. You may miss two classes without penalty and for any reason. Each absence from 3 to 5 will count 1 point off your final grade. Each absence above 5 will count 3 points off your final grade. If you miss two classes you miss a week of class--anything above that means you haven't had the necessary experience to avoid a grade cut.
2. No makeup work is possible, including quizzes. Lateness to class will incur a grade penalty.
3. A midterm and a final exam will be in-class essays covering assigned readings, discussions, lectures--any thing that might happen in class or assigned for class. You should aim for creativity within the limits of the essay questions and for good writing. You may not use a text or notes for the exams.
4. No plus or minus will be recorded with your final grade.
5. Keep track of your own grades. I do not average grades until after the Final
6. And remember—the Honor Code is in effect for your academic work.

Grading Policy: Mid term/Final—30%, Papers/Critiques—30%, Class Participation—10%, Homework/Quizzes—10%, Projects—20%