C-ID Descriptor Acting I

Descriptor Details

• Descriptor Title: Acting I

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General Description

This course prepares a student to apply basic acting theory to performance and develops the skills of interpretation of drama through acting. Special attention is paid to skills for performance: memorization, stage movement, vocal production, and interpretation of text.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

No information provided

Advisories

No information provided

Content

- 1. Application of acting methods; theoretical approaches to acting.
- 2. Concentration and focus
- 3. Basic vocal and physical technique
- 4. Principals of stage movement and blocking
- 5. Opportunities to apply basic craft approaches for acting.

- 6. Introduction to script analysis
- 7. Improvisation
- 8. Basic acting and theatre terminology and vocabulary
- 9. Performance, evaluation processes and techniques

Lab Activities

Attendance of a live performance for the purpose of evaluation.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate basic skills of acting, including physical, vocal, imaginative, analytical, and emotional elements.
- 2. Compose a character analysis.
- 3. Analyze dramatic textual components as they pertain to performance.
- 4. Critique a scene from an observer's point of view, identifying the strengths and weaknesses of that presentation.
- 5. Utilize appropriate theatrical terminology and jargon.
- 6. Use and apply a basic craft of acting in performance.

Evaluation Methods

- 1. Observation and analysis of student performance and in-class exercises.
- 2. Journal, written assignments, and play evaluations.
- Quizzes and exams.

Textbooks

Acting One by Robert Cohen

The Actor at Work by Robert Benedetti

Acting is Believing by Charles McGraw

The 113 Keys to Acting by Hugh Gorman