
THEATER ARTS in Fall 2019 (DR2000)

Course Code	DR2000	Professor(s)	Seiichi Shiomi
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	
Class Schedule	W: 16:55-19:50 in G-009	Office Hours	By request
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Semester	Fall 2019	Office Tel. Ext.	

Course Description

"Acting is living truthfully under imaginary circumstances." — Sanford Meisner

This course is a practical workshop designed to introduce students to the basic tools of acting through individual/group exercises, improvisation and scene/monologue work.

Throughout the semester, students will explore *Method Acting* inspired by Constantin Stanislavski and further developed by the American pioneers: Lee Strasberg, Stella Adler, Uta Hagen and Sanford Meisner. Since its first application at the beginning of the last century, Method Acting remains a major influence on acting training all over the world; and it continues to help actors to achieve truthful and memorable performances both on stage and on screen.

Method Acting training will feature exercises in Sense Memory/Physical Awareness, Imagination/Visualization, Relaxation/Warm-up, Emotional/Physical Preparation and Communication/Listening, as well as Actions and Given Circumstances through Script-analysis and Character work.

This course will help students to understand acting as an organic process of creativity; it will also shed light on the commitment, discipline and passion that are required of the actor in order to become a true, authentic artist.

Students will be assigned a monologue for the first half of the semester (mid-term exam), and a scene to be performed at the end of the semester (final exam).

Course Learning Outcomes

Analyzing scenes in a clear and organic way
Using imagination to enhance their performance

Accessing their emotional resources
Building believable characters
Creating truthful moments both on stage and screen
Relaxing/preparing before performing
Giving actors helpful and productive comments as a director

General Education

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The general education program at AUP consists of four requirements: Speaking the World, Modeling the World, Mapping the World, and Comparing Worlds Past and Present.

This course can be used to fulfill the [INDICATE THE REQUIREMENT(S) FULFILLED BY THE COURSE] requirement and as such has the following learning outcomes:

[INDICATE THE GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES]

Course Outline

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Week I - VII: Discovering the basic tools: monologue work

September:

Week I - 2nd - 6th:

Wednesday 4th - Session I

Introductions, group exercises, sensory exploration

September 8th – last day to drop/add courses online

Week II - 9th - 13th:

Wednesday 11th - Session II

Introduction to monologue work

Week III - 16th - 20th:

Wednesday 18th - Session III

Action & Circumstances

Week IV - 23rd - 27th:

Wednesday 25th - Session IV

Emotional preparation

October:

Week V - September 30th - October 4th:

Wednesday 2nd - Session V

Performing monologues

Week VI - 7th - 11th:

Wednesday 9th - Session VI

Mid-term exam & Choosing scenes

Week VII - XIV: Scene work

Week VII - 14th - 18th:

Wednesday 16th - Session VII

Place & Activities

October 16th Mid-semester

October 18th Mid-semester grades due

Week VIII - 21st - 25th:

Wednesday 23rd - Session VIII

Relationship & Character

October 30th – November 3rd, Fall break (no classes)

November:

November 4th Last day to withdraw or choose credit / no credit option

Week X - 4th - 8th:

Wednesday 6th - Session IX

Situation/Action

Week XI - 11th - 15th:

Wednesday 13th - Session X

Performance: putting it all together

Week XII - 18th - 22nd:

Wednesday 20th - Session XI

Rehearsal I

Week XIV - 25th – 29th:

Wednesday 27th - Session XII

Rehearsal II

December:

Week XV - 2nd - 6th:

Wednesday 4th - Session XIII

Dress rehearsal

December 6th last day of classes,

December 7th - 11th reading days

Final exam (date/time to be confirmed)

Textbooks

This course doesn't have any textbook.

Attendance Policy

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

Attendance at all exams is mandatory.

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an "F" for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw, if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.

Grading Policy

Attendance/active participation in class: 40 %**

Students are expected to participate in all the exercises and discussions in class with commitment and enthusiasm.

Mid-term exam: 25 %

Monologues need to be fully memorized and rehearsed before the presentation in class; their performance will be evaluated in terms of how much students have learned about acting in general through the process of working on their monologues.

Final exam: 35 %

Scenes need to be thoroughly rehearsed with their scene partners before the final performance; the commitment to the work that students demonstrate prior to and during the performance is the main criterion for good grades.

***Any student who misses 3 classes or more during the semester will be considered not fully committed to the work in class and will risk receiving a poorer grade.

Other
