This course introduces the student to the directing process for the stage. Included are units of study in the use of the stage, play selection and analysis, casting the play, blocking the action, picturization, character development, rhythm, and the organization of the rehearsal process.
COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Demonstrate basic directing skills.
2. Demonstrate the directing process including artistic, organizational and administrative responsibilities through script selection to final performance.
3. Evaluate and assess the director's collaborative relationship to fellow theater artists including producer, playwright, actors, designers, and technicians.
4. Analyze and interpret a script for production, including structure, content, genre, and style.
5. Demonstrate directing skills by directing a selection for public performance at the conclusion of the course.

COURSE CONTENT:

LECTURE CONTENT:

A. Choosing the play
   1. Casting requirements
   2. Technical requirements
   3. Budget considerations
   4. Adaptability to the available theater and audience considerations
   5. Historical and stylistic considerations.
B. Play Analysis and Concept Development
   1. Theme and playwright's intent
   2. Historical and stylistic options
   3. Dramatic structure
   4. Character development
C. Casting the play
   1. Methods to find the best actors for the play.
   2. Different audition techniques
D. Preparing the rehearsal schedule
   1. Organization of rehearsal time for cast and crew.
E. Staging approaches, advantages and limitations
   1. Proscenium arch stage
   2. Thrust stage
   3. Arena or theater-in-the-round
   4. Flexible staging options
F. Blocking the play
   1. Movement for actors in the play as defined by the shape of the stage.
G. Picturization
   1. Use of composition, gestures, and improvisation
H. Rhythm
   1. Moving the play in time.
I. Working with actors
   1. Discipline
   2. The business of show business
   3. Character development
J. Design and technical approaches to Directing
   1. Costume and make-up
   2. Scenery
   3. Lighting and sound
   4. Stage and house management.
LABORATORY CONTENT:

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METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

A. Lecture:

B. Lab:

C. Independent Study:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Reading Assignments

Text
Website
Playscripts, reviews

Out-of-class Assignments

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Writing Assignments

Required exercises may include:
1. Writing reviews for live performances
2. Writing synopsis and publicity materials for production
3. Developing production materials including rehearsal schedules, plot breakdowns, and character breakdown, technical requirements for production
4. Demonstrating directing skills through public performance of a dramatic selection

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:

Midterm Exam
Final Exam
Short Quizzes
Written Assignments
Essay Examinations
Objective Examinations
Report
Projects (ind/group)
Problem Solving Exercises
Oral Presentations
Skills Demonstration

Demonstration of Critical Thinking:

Critical thinking skills will include:
1. Comparing and contrasting scenes for presentation
2. Anticipating and analyzing problems during the rehearsal process and finding acceptable solutions
3. Analyzing the dramatic structure and content of a theatrical selection
4. Explaining, justifying, and implementing a directorial production concept for production

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TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:

TextBooks:

LIBRARY:

Adequate library resources include:

Comments:

Attachments:

Attached Files