

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

THE 171 ACTING 1

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Rudiments of acting for the stage. Course work includes exercises, improvisations, and scene study to develop a basic understanding of the actor's tasks, terminology, and methods in modern theatre.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Develop use of voice and movement for stage roles.
- 1.2 Specify understanding and use of terms, concepts, and standard practices central to the craft of acting.
- 1.3 improve use of relaxation, concentration, observation, imagination, movement, timing and memory in rehearsing and performing roles.
- 1.4 Provide a safe introduction to stage combat techniques.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 learn and demonstrate competence in basic vocal and movement exercises (at least 20 such exercises).
- 2.2 receive and offer extensive feedback on voice and movement exercises.
- 2.3 demonstrate application of key terms and concepts through analysis papers (book reports, critiques, and reviews), and through in-and out-of-class exercises.
- 2.4 learn and demonstrate competence in use of exercises for development of acting techniques (at least 20 such exercises).
- 2.5 demonstrate practical application of all of above objectives by participating in, and critiquing, at the very least: In-class) three monologues, two scenes, one stage-combat simulation, and six improvisations; Out of class) participation in a live performance, written reviews of the two AWC Theatre main stage productions.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 In-class lectures, demonstrations, and audio-visual presentations
- 3.2 In-class exercises and improvisations, with extensive feedback
- 3.3 In-class rehearsals and performances of monologues scenes, and stage combat scenarios with extensive feedback
- 3.4 Out-of-class readings, exercises, scene study, rehearsals, and performance

NOTE: Learning activities, evaluation methods, and methods of instruction may be specially adapted for students with disabilities. Such students may make application to the AWC Counseling Office

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 In-class lectures, demonstrations, and audio-visual presentations
- 4.2 In-class exercises and improvisations, with extensive feedback
- 4.3 In-class rehearsals and performances of monologues, scenes, and stage combat scenarios with extensive feedback
- 4.4 Out-of-class readings, exercises, scene study, rehearsals, and performance

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Grades will be earned by an assortment of learning activities exams, assignments, and participation
- 5.2 Please see the class schedule and assignment sheet for more information

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for "No Show" reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
- Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
- For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
 - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
 - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course