

Virginia Western Community College

CST 130

Introduction to the Theatre

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Surveys the principles of drama, the development of theatre production, and selected plays to acquaint the student with various types of theatrical presentations.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Required Materials

1. Internet access
2. Canvas

Textbook:

Open Educational Resources

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

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

- Gain a basic understanding of the history of the theatre.
- Develop the skills needed to be a well-informed audience.
- Make connections between theatre and modern modes of media.
- Understand the importance of collaborative effort in the theatre.

Topical Description

1	Introduction
2	Theatre and Spaces
3	Aristotle
4	Greek Theatre
5	Roman Theatre
6	Medieval Practices
7	Commedia del' Arte
8	Shakespearean Era
9	French Neoclassic and the –isms
10	Modern Theatre
11	Contemporary Musical Theatre
12	Playwrights and Directors
13	Acting
14	Production Organization
15	Personnel
16	Scene Design
17	Costume Design
18	Lighting Design

Notes to Instructors

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