

PROGRAM SPECIFIC COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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All courses are identified by prefixes and numbers that were assigned by Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS). For more information on SCNS and the transferability of courses see the SJR State Catalogue. Unless indicated otherwise, registration in the courses listed below is limited to those students who have been admitted to the Florida School of the Arts. For a complete listing of Florida School of the Arts courses see pages 253-262 in the SJR State College Catalog.

- + Open to any SJR State student
- ◆ Meets A.A. degree requirements

ACTING (0155)

A.S. Degree

TPP 2110

Acting I ◆

(3 Credits - 6 Hours)

An introduction to the concepts, principles, and skills needed to create and effectively communicate a believable character to an audience. The class places heavy emphasis on using the given circumstances as the source for character choices, using simple objectives to play identifiable actions, and using appropriate and effective rehearsal techniques to achieve performance goals. Students will apply the above concepts to specific acting challenges in a variety of monologue and scene performances. The class culminates in combining a written character analysis with a performance of a scene from the selected text.

TPP 2111

Acting II ◆

(3 Credits - 6 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 2110 with a grade of "C" or higher. This course augments the creative process of character development by applying the principles of Stanislavsky through the use of in-class discussion, studio exercises, monologue and scene application.

TPP 2118

Acting III ◆

(3 Credits - 6 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 2111 with a grade of "C" or higher. A.A. students must have permission of the instructor. Scene study. Utilizing selections from contemporary plays, the focus of the course is placed upon character-to-character relationships within the context of a scene.

TPP 2119

Acting IV ◆

(3 Credits - 6 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 2111 with a grade of "C" or higher. Beginning with an examination of the nature of "style" itself, this class presents actors with an approach to tackling the challenges of the period text. Techniques for unlocking the particular style of a text are explored and then applied to the performance of selected scenes from several different periods: Greek, Elizabethan and Comedy of Manners. The course identifies and provides solutions for the acting challenges specific to each of these styles. Additionally, the class explores how the techniques learned in approaching these styles can be more widely applied to other non-realistic styles of theatre.

TPP 2141

Acting in Shakespeare ◆

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 2111 with a grade of "C" or higher. An introduction to the concepts, principles, and skills needed to bring the characters of Shakespeare to life on the stage. Following the precepts of John Barton in *Playing Shakespeare*, this course focuses on how to use the hidden directions given by Shakespeare in the text to unlock character choices. Specific analysis techniques and poetic terminology are introduced and examined as they relate to characterization. Application of these techniques will be presented in several performances of Shakespearean scenes and monologues.

TPP 2260

Acting for the Camera ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 2111 with a grade of "C" or higher. An approach designed for the actor to meet the demands of working in television or film.

TPP 1120

Improvisation for the Theater ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

This class explores the use of creativity and imagination, engaging the actor in a wide variety of theatre games and improvisations in a laboratory setting.

TPP 1514

Stage Movement for the Actor ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Development of the kinesthetic awareness and skills necessary for actors to function successfully in rehearsal and performance. The class uses a variety of physical skills and exercises to develop the actor's sense of balance, relaxation, coordination and control.

TPP 2220

Audition Techniques ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 2111 with a grade of "C" or higher or permission of the instructor. This class is built on the following premise: successful auditions begin with a clear understanding of the casting process and the development of a healthy relationship to that process. Starting with selecting successful material, the class moves chronologically through each phase of the audition experience with a focus on practical preparation. All of the "business" aspects of auditioning will be covered including resumes, headshots, interviews, unions and self-management. To demonstrate mastery of the material each student will prepare and perform a well-rounded audition package selected to highlight his or her unique strengths.

TPP 2100

Introduction to Acting +♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

A survey course for non-acting majors in methods and acting techniques used to develop and perform a role from the text.

TPP 1810

Stage Speech I ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

This class provides actors the foundation skills necessary to care for and develop the full potential of their speaking voice. The physical mechanisms of speech and the corresponding vocabulary are identified. Core breathing techniques are introduced and explored. Proper articulation of speech sounds is emphasized through ongoing drills and exercises. Habits, techniques and concepts introduced in this class will be developed further in subsequent speech courses.

TPP 1811

Stage Speech II ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 1810 with a grade of "C" or higher. Building on the foundation skills and vocabulary introduced in TPP 1810, TPP 1811 is a continuation of the development of the actor's voice to its full potential. Proper breath support and articulation continue to be particular points of focus. The International Phonetic Alphabet is introduced and used to correct speech problems as well as lay a foundation for dialect work. Cold reading and impromptu speaking skills are developed through exercises and assignments which allow the students to gain practical experience in front of an audience with minimal preparation time. Finally, the elements of a vocal warm-up are introduced and explored. Students learn to prepare warm-ups tailored to the needs of their own voices.

TPP 2812

Stage Speech III ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 1811 with a grade of "C" or higher. Special and advanced work in the interpretation and presentation of various forms of literature, particularly classical selections.

TPP 2803

Stage Speech IV ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisite: TPP 2812 with a grade of "C" or higher. Study of regional and foreign dialects for character impersonation.

MVV 1111

Class Voice I + ♦

(2 Credits - 2 Hours)

Voice production fundamentals: correct posture, use and control of breath, placement and development of tone, diction (vowels and consonants), and vocal expression. May be repeated once for credit. An exit grade of "C" or higher is required for musical theater majors.

TPP 2280

Special Problems in Acting ♦

(1 - 3 Credits)

This course is designed to provide individual investigation into an area of acting of particular interest or need to the student. Application to do work in special problems must be made to the instructor who is to direct the study. A design of the study must be presented to the instructor and approved by the Dean of Florida School of the Arts prior to the new semester. This course may be repeated 3 times for credit.

TPP 1710

Stage Voice I + ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Analysis, interpretation, and presentation of selections from various types of literature, including narrative prose, poetry, and drama.

TPA 1248

Stage Make-Up ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Development of the skills needed to analyze and reproduce various physical characteristics in theatrical makeup. Stage makeup kit required.

TPP 2300

Play Directing ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisites: TPP 2111 Acting II and permission of instructor or THE 2304 Script Analysis with a grade of "C" or higher. An introductory course examining the fundamental elements of the director's craft. Interpretation and communication skills are explored at length, along with developing the directorial concept into practical aspects of stage composition, movement, rhythm, and overall story and dramatic action.

THE 1925

Play Production ♦

(1 Credit - 2 Hours)

Practical work in many of the aspects of play production, including performance, technical and costuming work, performance assignments, running crews, stage management, and directing. May be repeated three times for credit.

TPA 1200

Introduction to Production/Design + ♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

An introduction to the theories and methods used in script analysis, research design, construction and operation of production elements. Twenty hours of production work required. For non-production/design majors.

TPA 2290L

Theatre Production Laboratory ♦

(1 Credit - 6 Hours)

The development of practical work in the various areas of theatrical production including pre-production and running crew assignments. May be repeated 4 times for credit. (Acting students take this twice—once in the Scene Shop—once in the Costume Shop)

THE 1020

Introduction to Theater History +♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

A survey of theater history in the western hemisphere from its origins in ancient Egypt and Greece to the present. Topics include major plays and playwrights, other influential theatrical personalities, theater architecture and types of stages, developments in technical theater, costuming and makeup, significant actors and acting techniques, theatrical styles. The relationship between theater and significant political and social events of the culture it represents is also examined. THE 1020 is a Gordon Rule writing course as designed by SBE Rule 6A-10.030.

THE 2304

Script Analysis ♦

(3 credits – 3 Hours)

This course will provide students with a formalist analysis of a script. Students will develop the skills to analyze a script in a way that will help them better communicate and collaborate their ideas working as designers and technicians.

THE 2300

Dramatic Literature +♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisite: ENC 1101 with a grade of "C" or higher OR permission of Instructor. Using Aristotle's Poetics as a foundation for script analysis, the class analyzes selected masterpieces of dramatic literature from a wide variety of genres. For selected texts the class examines not only the dramatic structure of the specific text, but also the relationship between the theatre and the society which shapes it. This relationship is examined by exploring the historical and social contexts in which the playwrights were working.

HUM 2020

Introduction to Humanities +♦

(3 Credits - 3 Hours)

Prerequisite: ENC 1101 with a grade of "C" or higher. A basic introduction to Humanities, the course focuses upon central concepts, historical development, and the fundamental nature of the visual arts, literature, music, dance, theatre, philosophy, and religion. Major emphasis is upon understanding and appreciation of cultural heritage. HUM 2020 is a Gordon Rule writing course as defined by SBE Rule 6A-10.030.