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# Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a s	separate cover sheet for each course proposal ar	nd/or program proposal.				
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Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)						
Global Citizenship Information Literacy Oral Communication						
Quantitative Reasoning Scientific Literacy Technological Literacy						
3. Other Designations, as appropriate						
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# Syllabus of Record

# I. Catalog Description

THTR 373 Musical Theater Scene Study

3 class hours
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Prerequisites: THTR 240 or permission of instructor.

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3 credits

An intensive text and score analysis in relation to the process of characterization for the actor, singer, dancer in musical theater focused through musical scene work into song performance. In addition, basic insights and strategies for a professional career in theater will be presented.

#### II. Course Outcomes:

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

- 1. Examine the premise that the actor is one who has the necessary skills and sensory awareness to live truthfully in imaginary circumstances.
- 2. Explore a process and develop a method of working which will provide a foundation for approaching any theatrical material.
- 3. Develop the individual's creative impulses and uniqueness allowing natural expression through text, music, and lyrics.
- 4. Create a reality for one's self on stage through relaxation, concentration, imagination, and to realize an environment by using personal life experiences within the framework of the role.
- 5. Demonstrate the ability to perform in a relaxed manner in front of others on a consistent basis.
- 6. Develop a strong theatrical work ethic that will serve in a professional career.

#### III. Course Outline:

Each week of instruction typically includes guided scene study format, evaluation, direction, and encouragement of student's performance of chosen material, and professor/student discussion. Given the inter-related nature of the course content, many activities will incorporate several features of the course objectives simultaneously. The instructor will identify specific areas of focus in each session, and encourage reflective awareness in addition to the vocal and physical experience of performing.

- A. Instruction in the proper skills and methods needed to accurately choose appropriate material and roles in the musical theatre canon. (10 hours)
- B. Individual exploration of character choices within the music and lyrics (6 hours)

- C. Development of collaborative skills and generous working methods. (6 hours)
- D. Instruction towards full awareness and recognition of individual vocal issues and idiosyncrasies with an eye towards maximizing vocal potential. (6 hours)
- E. Exploration of the range of styles in musical theatre. (6 hours)
- F. Exercises to increase characterization, ease of physicality, naturalism, and expressiveness. (8 hours)
- G. Final Exam/Showing During Final Exam Week (2 hours)

#### IV. Evaluation Methods

Evaluation will be made using assessment tools, developed by the instructor, with commonly understood acting principles. The final grade will be determined as follows:

35% Attendance, Preparation, Attitude, Participation: As this is a studio course, regular attendance is essential. The bulk of the work and development in the course occurs during the class time in addition to the outside work. Therefore, the class participation grade comprises the highest percentage of the semester average.

20% Collaboration process and Partner work, Written work including character, scene, play, lyric, and music analyses, and weekly reflective emails, Observation of participation in classroom exercises and presentations. The components evaluated will be: maintaining concentration and actively engaging in character work, blocking, musical instruction, and discussions; collaborative effort and process; sustaining a professional demeanor; being responsive to instruction and feedback.

25% Assigned Scene work presented in class with Character analysis/song worksheets (2 scenes/songs)

20% Final exam/showing demonstrating application of physical and written skills and techniques to scenes from the musical theatre canon in several styles

# V. Grading Scale

Grading Scale: A: 100-90% B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: <60%

#### VI. Course Attendance Policy:

Given the experiential, physical nature of the material, student learning is enhanced by regular attendance and participation in class discussions. Definition of allowable absence is three class hours.

#### VII. Required Textbooks

Deer, Joe and Rocco Dal Vera. <u>Acting in Musical Theatre: A Comprehensive Course.</u> New York: Routledge, 2008.

## **VIII. Special Resource Requirements**

Designated accompanist

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# Course Analysis Questionnaire THTR 373 Musical Theater Scene Study

### Section A: Details of the Course

- A1 This course is designed for majors in the BA in Musical Theater program. This course offering is being created as part of a strategic review of the Department's Curriculum. There are currently no other courses in the department curriculum designed for majors to gain a comprehensive knowledge of musical theater.
- A2 This course does not require changes in existing courses.
- A3 This course has been offered as a special topics course two times: Spring 2009: 15 students, Fall 2014: 10 students
- A4 This course is not intended to be dual level.
- A5 This course is not to be taken for variable credit.
- A6 Similar courses are offered at the following institutions, among others:
  Syracuse University, Musical Theater Scene Study
  Temple University, Musical Theater Scene Study
  Michigan University, Performance IV, VI
  CAP21, Musical Scene Study
- A7 This course is designed to meet the competencies described in the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST) Handbook 2014 for students in a BA Musical Theater Degree.

# Section B: Interdisciplinary Implications

- B1 This course will be taught by one instructor.
- B2 The content of this course does not overlap with any other at the University.
- B3 This course will not be cross-listed with other courses.

#### Section C: Implementation

- C1 No new faculty member is required to teach this course. The course offering is being created as part of a strategic review of the Department's curriculum. This review has taken account of current Department complement and been structured accordingly. This course will be counted as one preparation and three hours of equated workload.
- C2 Other resources:
  - a. Current space allocations are adequate to offer this course
  - b. Current availability of a tuned piano is sufficient
  - c. A dedicated staff pianist is needed
  - d. Library holdings are adequate.
  - e. No travel is anticipated.
- C3 No grant funds were necessary to provide the resources for this course.

- C4 This course will be offered every fourth semester.
- C5 One section will be offered at a time.
- Up to 16 students can be accommodated in this class in which students do partnered scene work, as well as play, scene, character, music, and lyric analyses
- C7 NAST does recommend enrollment limits on "studio" courses. The standard is that, "When individual faculty attention to individual student work is required during class, class size shall be such that students can receive regular critiques of meaningful duration during the regular class period." NAST Guidelines recommend, "Classes in creative work generally should not exceed 16 students."
- C8 This course is not a distance education course.

# Section D: Miscellaneous

No additional information is necessary.