

Montgomery County Community College
 ENG 237
 Drama
 3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will aim to introduce the student to the significant playwrights of Western Literature, concentrating particularly on those playwrights who have had a major influence on the theatre. A particular play will be approached in terms of the culture of its origin and as a representation of universal human values and conflicts. Specifically, the course will deal with a discussion of plot, character, theme, setting and diction.

REQUISITES:*Previous Course Requirements*

- ENG 101 English Composition I with a minimum grade of “C”

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Discuss characteristics of literature that impact enjoyment of reading.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers Assigned Readings In-Class Exercises and Presentations Textual Analysis in Both Oral and Essay Form	Written Assignments
2. Verbalize an increase in his/her self-awareness, through a development of their critical abilities.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers Assigned Readings In-Class Exercises and Presentations Textual Analysis in Both Oral and Essay Form	Written Assignments

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3. Discuss the relationship between the past and contemporary societal views in literature.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers Assigned Readings In-Class Exercises and Presentations Textual Analysis in Both Oral and Essay Form	Written Assignments
4. Analyze examples of literature for excellence.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers Assigned Readings In-Class Exercises and Presentations Textual Analysis in Both Oral and Essay Form	Written Assignments
5. Discuss the techniques and styles of drama.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers Assigned Readings In-Class Exercises and Presentations Textual Analysis in Both Oral and Essay Form	Written Assignments
6. Analyze-playwrights who have had a major influence on the theatre.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers Assigned Readings In-Class Exercises and Presentations Textual Analysis in Both Oral and Essay Form	Written Assignments

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
7. Discuss the major elements of drama; namely, plot, character, theme, setting, and diction.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers Assigned Readings In-Class Exercises and Presentations Textual Analysis in Both Oral and Essay Form	Written Assignments

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria*.

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Introduction to Course
2. Review of Dramatic Terms
3. *Oedipus Rex*
4. *King Lear*
5. *Death of a Salesman*
6. *Lysistrata*
7. *The Misanthrope*
8. *The Cherry Orchard*
9. *Six Characters in Search of an Author*
10. *Waiting for Godot*

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Barnet, Sylvan and William Burto. (2001). *Types of Drama: Plays and Contexts*. 8th edition, Longman
Norton Anthology of Drama. W.W. Norton, 2009.
 Texts of individual plays.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

Prepared by: Literature Committee

Date: 1984

Reviewed by: Lynne Clark

Date: 12/1994

Reviewed by: Bonnie B. Finkelstein, Ph.D.

Date: 6/1998

Revised by: Timothy Connelly

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VPAA/Provost or designee Compliance Verification:

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.