

DRAM 1310  
Sections - all  
Introduction to the Theatre  
Department: Fine Arts  
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This course satisfies the Foundational Component in Creative Arts.

### Catalog Description

Survey of all phases of theater including its history, dramatic works, stage techniques, production procedures, and relation to the fine arts. Participation in major productions may be required.

### Objectives

Demonstrate critical thinking about theatre through written responses to play texts and/or live performance.

Demonstrate a general knowledge of theatre history and dramatic works.

Demonstrate an understanding of the collaborative nature of theatre art and the many jobs required to develop a theatre production.

Demonstrate the relationship of theatre to society and the human condition as it relates to the student's perspective.

### Course Structure

The class will consist of lectures and discussion and project work.

### Attendance

We have many topics to cover and a short amount of time, your attendance is strongly suggested. There is a great deal of material covered in the lectures that are not in the textbook. Due dates are important. When a paper is due it is due at the beginning of class, after that your grade will be lowered a letter grade per day late. If you know you will miss a due date turn it in early!

**WARNING:** After six absences you will be dropped from the class! If you are absent it is your responsibility to contact me either before class or within 24 hours of missing the class, excused absences are at the discretion of the instructor. Typically illness, car trouble, sleepiness are not excused. Campus activities are excused with prior notice and formal note from instructor. You have six absences, use them wisely.

Section 001 meets TR @ 9:30-10:45

Textbook: Theatre: Brief, 11 by Robert Cohen, Donovan Sherman 11<sup>th</sup> Ed

ISBN: 978-1-259-44001-4. you will need the connect online course code  
<http://connect.mheducation.com/class/d-nazworth-sample-course>

## Evaluation

Grades for this class will be assigned based on the following point scale:

895 -1000	=	A
795 - 894	=	B
695 - 794	=	C
595 - 694	=	D
594 and below	=	F

Points will accrue in the following categories:

Test – There will be three chapter tests, each covering about One third of the book. You will receive a study guide one week before the test and the test will be taken from the guide. There are a possible 300 points to be earned from the chapter tests. Make-up exams will be given at the instructor’s discretion and may include essay and/or short answer.

Final exam – this will be a comprehensive 200-point exam administered during the final exam period. The final is only given during the final exam period – **YOU MAY NOT TAKE IT EARLY!** Plan on being here during finals week.

Critique – there will be one critique due this semester of the spring production, It is due by the end of the week after the last performance. The current show dates are March 28-31. Performances are in the evening at 7:30, Thursday through Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2:00. Make your plans now to attend. This critique is worth 100 points.

Discussion question – There will be a One group project. Total possible points 100

There are Homework assignments connected with the book on the McGraw Hill Connect site, you can access this through blackboard but you **MUST** buy the book to get the access code. These assignments are worth 300 points.

Bonus Group Production Hours – Theatre is an activity, therefore if you contribute to this semester’s productions you can gain bonus points. Each hour is worth 5 bonus points up to a maximum of 150.

There are 2 ways to earn group production hours:

During the week from 2:30 to 4:00 on Monday through Thursday the shop will be open to work, you can get hours during that time.

Hours can also be gained through working as an usher, or crew on our production. Ushering gains you 2.5 hours per day, working the crew gains you 20 hours. The production is October 17-20.

You can also earn 30 hours by auditioning and being cast in a show, of course there are no assurances you will be cast.

WARNING – Cheating or plagiarism will result in the student receiving a 0 on the assignment for the first offense, second offence you will be dropped from the class.

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