

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

THTR

Course Number

2023

Course Title

Playwriting I

Catalogue Description

A workshop course for students who wish to attempt original work in the dramatic form. Course will cover writing dialogue, plot, characters, dramatic structure, and format.

Prerequisites

None

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact Hours

45 contact hours

Load Hours

3 load hours

Semester Offered

Fall and Spring

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A - F

Learning Outcomes:

- Critically evaluate various theatrical structures of playwriting
- Comprehend and describe pacing and rhythm in plays and scenes
- Create believable characters through dialogue, relationship and super objective
- Demonstrate understanding of playwriting vocabulary
- Produce at least 3 short plays and/or screenplay

- Critique, revise, and edit works in progress
- Identify steps for writing, rewriting, reading, workshopping and producing plays
- Critically evaluate a live play using the skills and tools of the playwright.

General Education Outcomes Supported

N/A

Standard Practices

Topics List

Plot, character, anticipation, dialogue, dramatic action, play format and structure, screenwriting vs. playwriting, writing for musicals, play development, submission process, critical feedback, revising plays, reading play examples.

Learning Activities

N/A

Assessments

- A ten-minute play, written and revised after feedback
- A short play or one-act/short film script, written and revised after feedback
- A short one-character play, written and revised after feedback
- A final script presentation with audience, written and revised after feedback

Grading guidelines

N/A

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