

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College**  
**Division of Communication and Arts**

**Course Number and Title**

**DRAM 1003 INTRODUCTION TO THE THEATRE**

**Catalogue Description:** Introduction to the theatre is a general survey for the field of theatre, emphasizing the study of various play genre, acting styles, directing techniques, scenery, lighting, and costume design as well as the history of the theatre.

**Prerequisites:** NONE

**Credit Hour/Contact Hours/Load Hours:** 3

**Target Audience/Transferability:**

This course is designed to introduce the theatre arts to students. DRAM 1003 may transfer to other institutions to fulfill a humanities requirement.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify elements of theatre as an art form.
2. Identify the following components and explain who these components comprise the total theatre experience: audience, genres, dramatic structure, performers, and technical theatre.
3. Demonstrate understanding of theatre elements through classroom performances and presentations.

**Topics**

Audience analysis, theatre history, dramatic criticism, genres, acting styles, directing, scenery, lighting, properties, costumes, publicity, social implications, cultural differences, educational, community, and professional theatre.

**Forms of Assessment**

1. A minimum of 4 critical papers in the areas of theatre criticism, character analysis, and script analysis.
2. A minimum of one history research project.
3. A minimum of one technical design project.
4. One in-depth semester research project, addressing one element of theatre.