

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Theatre Department

Course Number and Title

THTR 1003, Introduction to the Theatre

Catalog 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 hours/Contact hours/Load hours

Three

Target Audience/Transferability

This course is designed to introduce the theatre as an art to students. THTR 1003 may transfer to other institutions to fulfill a humanities requirement.

General Education Outcome(s)

Students can employ a variety of sources to locate, evaluate, and use information.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- Identify elements of theatre as an art form.
- Identify the following components and explain how these components comprise the total theatre experience: audience, genres, dramatic structure, performers, and technical theatre.
- 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.

Assessments

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

Required Materials
None