

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Theatre Department

Course Number and Title

THTR 1653, Acting I

Catalogue Description

This course examines the principles of acting, including stage directions, use of stage area, coordination of voice and body, and practice scenes from plays. Variable credit of 1-3 hours. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credit hours.

Prerequisites

None

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours

Three

Target Audience/Transferability

This course is designed for both theatre and non theatre majors. THTR 1653 may transfer to other institutions as a performance requirement for theatre majors and/or as an elective for nonmajors.

General Education Outcomes

Students develop higher order thinking skills.

Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.

Students develop effective oral communication skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

- To increase understanding of acting as an art form.
- To develop skills in creating a character through observation, vocal, and physical exercises.
- To identify elements of dramatic structure.
- Utilize perceptual skills in order to effectively analyze play scripts.
- Demonstrate ability to conduct research.

Topics

Use of voice and body, dramatic criticism, acting methodologies, observation, listening, character analysis.

Assessment

- A minimum of 2 monologues delivered from memory
- A minimum of 2 duet scenes delivered from memory
- Performance in showcase production.

Required Materials

None