

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Theatre Department

Course Number and Title

THTR 2753, Directing I

Catalog Description

An introductory course in the fundamentals of directing a play for the stage. Students will examine various directing theories, script analysis, working with the creative team, and conducting rehearsals.

Prerequisites

None

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

Three

Target Audience/Transferability

This course is an elective for the associate of fine arts degree in theatre and may transfer to other institutions to fulfill a humanities or theatre major requirement.

General Education Outcome(s)

Students develop higher order thinking skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- Develop and apply skills in script analysis.
- Demonstrate the ability to organize a play production.
- Apply the basics of blocking and actor coaching.
- Explain critical evaluation of plays and performers in rehearsal.

Topics

Dramatic criticism, genres, acting styles, directing theories, working with performers scenery, lighting, properties, costumes, publicity, social implications, cultural differences.

Assessment

- A minimum of 3 critical papers in script analysis.
- A minimum of blocking 3 assigned scenes, one of which may be a monologue.
- One in-depth semester research project, addressing one element of directing.

Required Materials

None