# THFM-2502-001 (6 credit hours)

### **VOICE & SPEECH SKILLS**

Fall/Winter, 2019/2020 M/W 4:00-5:15 Room 2T05 **Professor Shannon Vickers** 

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# **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will work on voice and speech basics for the performer and the professional voice user. The aim of this course is to lay the groundwork for the development of a free, flexible and expressive voice, and clear, understandable speech.

# This course aims to:

- 1) help the *actor/artist* to gain experience and develop awareness that encourages freedom and responsiveness to thoughts, to text, and to the connection between body, breath and voice *in context*.
- 2) help the *public speaker* gain valuable practical experience in a variety of formats.

# **EVALUATION**

This grading breakdown is a guide, and you will be informed of any changes. Individual projects will be assigned a letter grade.

### Fall Term:

includes improvisational exercises, attitude, attendance (punctuality and lateness), engagement with the work at hand, growth/regression, comprehension and application of theories and techniques, class discussion, insight into one's progress and process and a commitment to challenge oneself, try new things, and take risks. Also included are a disciplined attitude to the work, participation in class discussion and exercises, and the ability to critically watch others and understand which habits or choices may be at work.	
Interpretive Reading (October 7 & 9)	20%
Storytelling (November 18 & 20)	20%
Fall Total  Winter Term:	
Class Participation	10%
Rewriting Shakespeare Sonnet (January 6) Pass/Fail	
Off-Book for Shakespeare Sonnet (January 22)Pass/Fail	
Sonnet Presentations (February 10, 12)	20%
Three-Point Speech (March 16, 18, 23, 25)	
Till CC 1 On it Special (March 10, 10, 23, 23)	2070
Winter Total	50%
COURSE TOTAL	100%

Regarding **Pass/Fail (P/F)**: A number of the performance assignments include a pass/fail component. This component is a necessary part of the process. If the student fails this component it will result in a 10% reduction in the final grade for the assignment.

Note that Reading Week is Oct 14 - 18, 2019 for the Fall Term, and Feb 17 - 21, 2020 for the Winter Term. No classes are scheduled during these periods.

All work submitted for evaluation must be typed (font size 12 with 1.5 spaces between lines). E-mail submissions will **NOT** be accepted.

## **LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

Deadlines for practical assignments are non-negotiable, except in emergency situations.

Papers will **NOT** be accepted after the due date. Extensions may be granted but only BEFORE the due date and with a valid reason, at the professor's discretion. **N.B. It is the student's responsibility to retain a photocopy or virtual copy of ALL assignments submitted for grading; in the event of loss or theft, a duplicate copy is required.** 

Should a student be absent (unexcused) on the day of an assigned performance, the student will receive **0**% for that assignment.

### **CONVERSION SCALE**

For the calculation of the final grade the following conversion table will be used:

A+	90 – 100%	GPA	4.5	C+	65 – 69.9%	GPA	2.5
Α	85 – 89.9%	GPA	4.25	С	60 - 64.9%	GPA	2.0
A-	80 – 84.9%	GPA	4.0	D	50 – 59.9%	GPA	1.0
B+	75 – 79.9%	GPA	3.5	F	below 50%	GPA	0
В	70 – 74.9%	GPA	3.0				

Work not submitted will be graded as 0%.

## **DEFINITIONS OF GRADING DESCRIPTIONS**

**A+ Exceptional.** Thorough knowledge of concepts and/or techniques and exceptional skill **AND** great originality in the use of those concepts/techniques in satisfying the requirements of an assignment or course.

**A Superior.** Thorough knowledge of concepts and/or techniques and exceptional skill **OR** great originality in the use of those concepts/techniques in satisfying the requirements of an assignment or course.

**A- Excellent.** Thorough knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with a high degree of skill and/or some elements of originality in satisfying the requirements of an assignment or course.

**B+ Very Good.** Thorough knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with a fairly high degree of skill in the use of those concepts/techniques in satisfying the requirements of an assignment or course.

**B Good.** Good level of knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with considerable skill in using them to satisfy the requirements of an assignment or course.

**C+ Competent.** Acceptable level of knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with considerable skill in using them to satisfy the requirements of an assignment or course.

**C Fairly Competent.** Acceptable level of knowledge of concepts and/or techniques together with some skill in using them to satisfy the requirements of an assignment or course.

**D Barely Passing.** Minimum knowledge of concepts and/or techniques needed to satisfy the requirements of an assignment or course.

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## PROTOCOL

Teacher and students are responsible for a creative, supportive and protective atmosphere in order to best serve the work. Students must accept artistic individualities and help their colleagues with constructive criticism. The unity, creativity, and health of the class are more important than any antagonism, personal or artistic differences, temperaments, and idiosyncrasies.

Any student, who repeatedly misses rehearsals, comes late, or fails to rehearse adequately may be asked to withdraw from the course. This includes all classes and out of class rehearsals. This provision has been established to protect the educational interests of scene partners and other classmates. Professional conduct is expected. Frequent absenteeism, lateness, or failure to meet reasonable standards of responsible behaviour in relation to classmates and instructors will not be tolerated. Attendance will be taken. This is part of the final grade. If you are to be absent, you must notify the instructor. Grades for practical work will be affected for anyone missing more than three classes per term.

<u>Class and Studio Space:</u> Students must clear all personal property (props, costumes, makeup, etc.) by the end of each class. This also applies to any term projects that take place in the Theatre Building (public exercise, painting projects); personal property must be removed each day once class or your studio booking is finished. This is in order to accommodate others who use these shared spaces. Anything left will be sent to the lost-and-found (Main Campus Security Office). The University assumes no responsibility for such items.

<u>There is no food allowed in the classroom.</u> Beverages are allowed (water, coffee, tea, juice). Students are required to keep the room clean and put away all props/rehearsal items used at the end of class. Marks will be adversely affected by destructive behaviour of university property.

<u>Communication:</u> Along with regular in-class communication regarding course work, students will receive additional course resources, information, grades/feedback and, if required, correspondence regarding missed work or classes using students' University of Winnipeg email accounts; students should check their University of Winnipeg email account regularly and should respond (if required) in a timely fashion. It is the students' responsibility to save and file any relevant course information.

# **DRESS REQUIREMENT**

The class work will be physical in nature, and students are asked to wear comfortable clothing that <u>fits</u> <u>well and allows for ease of movement</u>. Your clothing should keep you warm when you need it to, cool when you need it to, and should not limit you, either by being restrictive, or by causing you to hold back due to concerns for your modesty. Please observe the following guidelines:

Pants must allow freedom of movement (i.e. sweats, shorts, tights, yoga/martial arts pants)

T-shirts or leotards

Hair tied back

No jewelry

No jeans/low-rise pants or street shoes or hats

No short skirts

No chewing gum

## **CLASS SCHEDULE**

(To accommodate class needs, there may be some variation in the class teaching schedule, but all graded assignments will be held on the dates below).

## Fall Term V&SS

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		Classes begin September 3	
Week 1		C/O	
Sep 4	1	Intro to Interpretive Reading Assignment	
		Partner Introductions	
Week 2	2	Community Building	
Sep 9, 11	3	Anatomy & Physiology, Vocal Hygiene, SOVT	
Sep 3, 11	3	exercises, larynx model for reference	
		Interpretive Reading Choice Due Sept 16	
Week 3	4	What is Vocal Variety?	
Sep 16, 18		Voice Work warm up exploration	
	5	Habitual vs Optimum Pitch	
		Breath, Body & Voice	
	6	Prep Interpretive Reading 1/4	
	0	Group work	
Week 4		Students bring choice of text to class	
Sep 23, 25		Breath, Body & Voice	
	7	Prep Interpretive Reading 2/4	
	1	Group work	
		Students bring choice of text to class	
		Breath, Body & Voice	
	8	Prep Interpretive Reading 3/4	
	8	Micro-workshops with feedback	
Week 5		Students bring choice of text to class	
Sep 30, Oct 2		Breath, Body, Voice	
		Prep Interpretive Reading 4/4	
	9	Micro-workshops with feedback	
		Students bring choice of text to class	
Week 6	10	Interpretive Reading Assignment 1/2	
Oct 7, 9	11	Interpretive Reading Assignment 2/2	
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Reading Week October 14-18			
October 14-18			
	10	Debrief of Interpretive Reading Assignment	
Week 7	12	Introduction to Storytelling	
Oct 21, 23	13	Breath, Body & Voice	
		Storytelling generative exploration in class	
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<sup>\*\*</sup>please bring a personal mat for floor work if you would prefer this to lying directly on the floor. Floor mats will not be provided

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	14	Breath, Body & Voice	
		Storytelling exercises in groups	
Week 8		Prep Storytelling 1/4	
Oct 28, Nov 1	15	Breath, Body & Voice	
		Storytelling exercises in groups	
		Prep Storytelling 2/4	
	1.0	Breath, Body & Voice	
Week 9	16	Prep Storytelling 3/4	
Nov 4, 6	17	Breath, Body & Voice	
	17	Prep Storytelling 4/4	
Week 10		Remembrance Day	
Nov 13	18	Breath, Body & Voice	
Week 11	19	Storytelling Assignment Presentations	
Nov 18, 20	20	Storytelling Assignment Presentations	
Week 12	21	Introduction to Shakespeare	
Nov 25, 27	22	Interpreting Shakespeare Overview: Translating into	
		Modern Language using OED	
Week 13	23	Interpreting Shakespeare (cont'd)	
Dec 2, 3	24	"Favourite Things" presentations	
Dec 2, 3		End of term wrap up	

# Winter Term V&SS

Term V&SS			
Week 1	1	Shakespeare Sonnet Translations Due January 6	
Jan 6. 8		Breath, Body & Voice Work	_
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	3	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
Week 2	3	Prep Sonnet	
Jan 13, 15	4	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
	4	Prep Sonnet	
	5	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
Week 3	]	Prep Sonnet	
Jan 20, 22		Shakespeare Text Memorization Due January 22	
Jan 20, 22	6	Sharing Sonnets (first pass)	
		Prep Sonnet	
	7	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
Week 4	/	Prep Sonnet	
Jan 27, 29	0	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
·	8	Prep Sonnet	
		Breath, Body & Voice Work	
Week 5	9	Prep Sonnet	
Feb 3, 5	1.0	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
,	10	Prep Sonnet	
Week 6	11	Sonnet Assignment Presentations 1/2	
Feb 10, 12	12	Sonnet Assignment Presentations 2/2	7
Reading Week			
Feb 16-22			
		Breath, Body & Voice Work	
Week 7	13	<b>Introduction to Three Point Speech Assignment</b>	
Feb 24, 26	14	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
,		Prep Three Point Speech 1/5	
	8 15	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
Week 8		Prep Three Point Speech 2/5	
March 2, 4		Breath, Body & Voice Work	
	16	Prep Three Point Speech 3/5	
Week 9 March 9, 11	17	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
		Prep Three Point Speech 4/5	
	1.0	Breath, Body & Voice Work	
	18	Prep Three Point Speech 5/5	
Week 10	19	Three Point Speech Presentations 1/4	
March 16, 18	20	Three Point Speech Presentations 2/4	
Week 11	21	Three Point Speech Presentations 3/4	
March 23, 25	22	Three Point Speech Presentations 4/4	
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Week 12 March 30, April 1	23	Overflow presentation day if needed Debrief of Speech Assignment	
	24	End of term wrap up	

## **HEALTH AND ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES**

Life happens to everyone. If you are experiencing a crisis in your life, or if you have a physical or mental health issue, communicate with your Professor or Accessibility Services – let us know so we can provide support or direct you to those who can. The earlier we know, the earlier we can discuss what resources might be available. Students with documented disabilities, or temporary or chronic medical conditions requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams/presentations (e.g., private space or more time) or during lectures/labs (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204-786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential. If you are registered with Accessibility Services, do not assume that Accessibility Services (AS) has informed your instructor that you have registered with them. Please see <a href="http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility">http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility</a>. If you do not register with AS, you cannot be granted special consideration (e.g. extra time to write exams/tests, attendance issues because of physical or mental health conditions, etc.).

The University of Winnipeg promotes a scent-free environment. Please be respectful of the needs of your fellow classmates and your instructor by avoiding the use of scented products while attending lectures. Exposure to perfumes and other **scented products (such as lotion)** can trigger serious health reactions in persons with asthma, allergies, migraines or chemical sensitivities. We are asking for your cooperation to create a scent-free environment **on campus** by students, faculty and staff.

## **ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS (for 2nd- through 4th-year Performance classes)**

Given that this is a practical studio course, extensive participation and professionalism are required. As a result, punctuality and attendance at class and at out-of-class rehearsals are of the utmost importance.

- Unexcused absences from lectures, labs, or rehearsals will be penalized at a rate of 2% per instance.
- Unexcused lateness for lectures, labs, or rehearsals will be penalized at a rate of 1% per instance.
- Attendance and punctuality will be recorded at the beginning of every class.
- After a <u>THIRD</u> late or absence, the instructor will schedule a meeting with the student to discuss withdrawal from the course.
- After a <u>FIFTH</u> unexcused absence the student will be required to meet with the Chair of the department to discuss withdrawal from the course.
- In performance courses in which casts rehearse a show, unexcused lateness and absence will not be tolerated and may result in the recasting of your role after **ONE** incident.
- Excused absences or lates require a medical note or prior arrangement with the instructor. It is at the instructor's discretion whether or not to excuse a non-medical absence.
- After <u>FIVE</u> excused absences the student will be required to meet with the Instructor to discuss whether it is realistic for him/her to continue in the course.

Given the rigorous, practical nature of studio courses, and the demands these courses make in terms of attendance and punctuality, students with chronic medical conditions that require extensive absence should meet with the instructor at the beginning of the term to discuss whether the course is appropriate for them.

# "THE REAL THING" LECTURE SERIES

The Department of Theatre and Film presents a series of six lectures which will be held on **Wednesdays** during the free period (12:30-13:20) in Theatre 1T15. Please note the dates in your diary **NOW**:

September 18<sup>th</sup> (Yvette Nolan, playwright/director/author/arts administrator)
October 30<sup>th</sup>
November 13<sup>th</sup>
January 22<sup>nd</sup>
February 12<sup>th</sup>
March 4<sup>th</sup>

This series will feature speakers from a range of areas in the performing arts: technical, performance, design, management, film, directing, playwriting, etc. These speakers will specifically address issues related to "the business of the business."

Attendance at <u>ALL</u> lectures is <u>MANDATORY</u> for <u>ALL</u> Honours students in Theatre (4000-level courses, all areas), <u>as well as</u> students in: THFM-3101 Acting III: General, THFM-3201 Styles in Design, and THFM-3801 Production II. Penalties for absence may be assigned by individual instructors.

Attendance for potential Theatre Honours/Majors and for Film Majors is optional but highly recommended.

## **NOTES FOR PERFORMANCE COURSES**

- Rehearsals for final presentations and public exercises are scheduled well in advance; students
  must arrange their university and work schedules so as not to conflict with them. Students must
  attend ALL scheduled rehearsals.
- Any student who repeatedly misses rehearsals, comes late, or fails to rehearse adequately will be asked to withdraw from the course (see Attendance note, above).
- As many of our classes are physical in nature, students are asked to wear comfortable clothing.
- Outdoor footwear <u>must be removed</u> before entering <u>ANY</u> of the Studios: <u>0T09</u> (Concourse Studio), <u>0T19</u> (Mime Lab), <u>1T15</u> (Theatre), <u>2T05</u> (2nd Floor Studio), <u>2T15</u> (Movement Studio). We suggest you bring suitable dance shoes or slippers to wear in class. Your professors will monitor and enforce this regulation in order to preserve the integrity of the special flooring in these rooms. Please respect this rule.
- Student actors, like professionals, are expected to provide their own basic makeup supplies where
  required for public exercises. Due to the potential for the transmission of skin diseases it is not
  recommended that students share makeup.
- Senior acting students scheduled to perform in a departmental public exercise are asked not to modify their hair colour or style without first checking with the instructor/director.
- Students who bring props, costumes, or furnishings to support scene presentations please note:
  - the University will **NOT** be responsible for the loss of any such materials;

- students are responsible for the <u>IMMEDIATE</u> removal of such materials after <u>EACH</u> use the department does not provide storage;
- materials not claimed <u>WILL BE DISPOSED OF</u> at the student's expense. Grades may be withheld until such costs are recovered;
- students <u>MUST NOT</u> move existing furnishings from their current locations.

# **2019 ORIENTATION ASSEMBLY**

Each year in September we hold an *Orientation Assembly* to welcome students to the new term, introduce our new students to faculty and other students; provide information about the department, its various activities and those of its professors; and deliver news about what's coming up. This year our *Orientation Assembly* will be held on **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 12:30-13:20 in Theatre, 1T15**. <u>ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY</u> for all Majors and Honours students. Those considering Honours are strongly recommended to attend. All others are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **TAFSA**

All students enrolled in at least one theatre or film class are automatically members of TAFSA, the Theatre and Film Students' Association, which plans a number of exciting activities each academic year. Activities organized by TAFSA include regular **Performance Jams, Department parties** and **Socials** as well as **DioFest** (a new play festival featuring student written and produced plays), and **24/7** (an event in which students move into our building and several plays are written, rehearsed, produced, and presented – all in a period of 24 hours!).

Please join TAFSA to find out more at its organizational meeting, tentatively scheduled for Mon Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-13:20 pm, Room 0T10. This is a great opportunity for students to connect with other like-minded people and a way to get involved in the department events.

# **BUILDING SECURITY**

The Asper Centre for Theatre and Film (home to the Department of Theatre and Film) is open from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm weekdays only. Students are permitted to be in the building between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm seven days per week (except statutory holidays when the University is closed) **BUT PLEASE NOTE:** outside of regular building hours, it is **MANDATORY** that everyone in the building **EITHER** carry an access card **OR** have a booking confirmation form in their possession (hard copy or electronic). **ALL EVENING STUDENTS** in the building for classes **MUST** have an access card. If a Security Guard checks and you do not have proper accreditation, you may be evicted.

These rules are in place to protect our students and our equipment; please respect them.

All studios and labs are locked outside of building hours. Evening and weekend access can be added to your student card by visiting Melinda in the Department office, 3T03.

# **ELECTRONIC COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDA**

Students must check our website at <a href="http://uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film">http://uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film</a> and read the menu items called Fire Safety Instructions in the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film, Access Card/Building Use Policy AND Room Booking Instructions. The link to the electronic Online Room Booking Form is also found at this location. Please read and note all instructions carefully.

# **GENERAL NOTES**

- This course outline should be considered a guideline only. Time constraints and other unforeseen factors may require that some topics be omitted or covered in less detail than indicated.
- Archival records such as videotapes, sound recordings, and photographs may be made or taken
  during class or lab times. The University uses such materials primarily for archival, promotional,
  and teaching purposes. Promotional use may include display at open houses or conferences, or
  use in advertising, publicity, or brochures. In reading and accepting the terms in this course
  outline, students acknowledge consent for such use by the University. Should a student not wish
  to convey such consent, s/he should withdraw from this course immediately.
- Cellular phones <u>MUST</u> be turned off during classes and examinations; texting is <u>NOT</u> permitted in class.
- Any student attending a test or final examination may be required to present proof of identity;
   photo identification is preferred.
- It is the student's responsibility to retain a photocopy or computer disk copy of <u>ALL</u> assignments submitted for grading; in the event of loss or theft, a duplicate copy is required.
- When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, instructors will make every effort to inform students via uwinnipeg email (and/or using the preferred form of communication, as designated by the instructor), as well as the Departmental Assistant and Chair/Dean so that class cancellation forms can be posted outside classrooms. Students are reminded that they have a responsibility to regularly check their uwinnipeg e-mail addresses to ensure timely receipt of correspondence from the university and/or their course instructors.
- Students are strongly advised to read the sections 8, 9, and 10 of the Academic Calendar for information on Academic Misconduct including plagiarism, and Appeals (found on-line at: http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf).
- Detailed information regarding these policies can be found at the following:
  - Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-policy.pdf">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf</a>
  - Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/student-non-academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf</a>

- Misuse of Filesharing Sites. Uploading essays and other assignments to essay vendor or trader sites (filesharing sites that are known providers of essays for use by others who submit them to instructors as their own work) involves "aiding and abetting" plagiarism. Students who do this can be charged with Academic Misconduct.
- Avoiding Copyright Violation. Course materials are owned by the instructor who developed them.
   Examples of such materials are course outlines, assignment descriptions, lecture notes, test
   questions, and presentation slides. Students who upload these materials to filesharing sites, or in
   any other way share these materials with others outside the class without prior permission of the
   instructor/presenter, are in violation of copyright law and University policy. Students must also
   seek prior permission of the instructor /presenter before photographing or recording slides,
   presentations, lectures, and notes on the board.
- Students conducting research interviews, focus groups, surveys, or any other method of collecting
  data from any person, including a family member, must obtain the approval of the appropriate
  ethics committee before commencing data collection. Exceptions are research activities in class
  as a learning exercise. See <a href="http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/human-ethics.html">http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/human-ethics.html</a> for submission
  requirements and deadlines.
- All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that
  is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment
  Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect.
- Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make up work examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at <a href="http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf">http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf</a>

## **VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DATES (all courses)**

The voluntary withdrawal dates for each term, without academic penalty, are:

- **FALL TERM COURSES:** November 12, 2019 for Fall courses which begin September 2019 and end December 2019
- FALL/WINTER TERM COURSES: February 14, 2020, for Fall/Winter courses which begin September 2019 and end April 2020
- **WINTER TERM COURSES:** March 13, 2020, for Winter courses which begin January 2020 and end April 2020

Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund.

## STUDENT PARTICIPATION POLICY & COURSE CONTENT NOTE

Theatre is a communal art form in which a number of interdependent artists and crafts people co-operate to create a work of art. This fact is necessarily transferred to the learning situation, and is reflected in many of the Department's courses. Consequently, it is the Department's policy that students are required to: complete homework such as reading, line-learning, script analysis, prop lists, design drawings, etc.; attend classes; attend rehearsals both within and outside of class times; and, in short, to exhibit commitment towards the inevitably shared endeavours of our field of study.

Any student failing to fulfil these requirements is harmful to the progress of dedicated students and may, after due warning, be asked to withdraw from any individual Departmental course.

# **COURSE CONTENT NOTE**

Dramatic literature depicts a wide range of human actions, both elevated and base, public and private, physical and psychological, sexual and non-sexual, etc. Acting students must learn to simulate life truthfully in interaction with other students in the safety of the acting class and the rehearsal hall through exercises, discussions, and directions which address rather than avoid truthful, particularized, personalized action.

Much of an actor's work is based upon actual experiences of life which become translated into fictional circumstances. Because of this, the teaching of acting may involve encouraging the student to examine personal and even intimate areas of life to help him or her access life experiences appropriate to the demands of the work.

Performance classes often require strenuous physical activity. Classes may also involve physical interaction between students as part of class exercises or character development and occasional physical contact by instructors for purposes such as the demonstration of a technique or to make a posture correction. Students are responsible for wearing clothing appropriate to these activities.

Students who have concerns about dealing with the full range of actions and subject matter involved in drama are urged to discuss these concerns with their course instructor.