

## **Course Description**

### **THE2000 | Theatre Appreciation | 3.00 credits**

In this course, students will explore dramatic structure, techniques, and various organizational elements. The course provides an introduction to theatre as a collaborative art form through the critical analysis of its historical context, production, theory, and connections to theatrical literature, including the Western canon. Student learning outcomes: students will identify the basic principles of theatrical performance, design, technology, organization, and management; students will assess the significance of the human condition as expressed through the performing arts; students will explore and interpret works of art utilizing creative and critical thinking skills; students will demonstrate college-level writing; and students will define, compare and contrast theater as both an expressive art form and a commercial industry. This is a writing intensive course.

### **Course Competencies:**

**Competency 1:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of the essential elements by:

1. Identifying the terminology
2. Defining the terminology
3. Applying his or her knowledge of terms to examining a script or performance

**Competency 2:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of basic theatrical terminology by:

1. Identifying the terminology correctly
2. Defining the terminology
3. Applying his or her knowledge of terms in examining a performance

**Competency 3:** The student will demonstrate an understanding of the concept of theatrical conventions by:

1. Identifying or describing conventions from different historical periods
2. Identifying or describing conventions from different cultures
3. Identifying or describing conventions from different styles of drama

**Competency 4:** The student will demonstrate a comprehension of the techniques and methods used by collaborative artists in the theatre by:

1. Identifying and describing techniques used by the playwright, director, designers, and actors
2. Relating this knowledge to a performance experience

### **General Education Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities