## TA 143: ACTING III

#### **Transcript title**

Acting III

#### **Credits**

3

### **Grading mode**

Standard letter grades

#### **Total contact hours**

30

#### **Lecture hours**

30

## **Recommended preparation**

TA 141 and TA 142.

#### **Course Description**

Course is the third in a series. In-depth character study and scene work from plays, including Shakespeare and other classical works. Grading based primarily on in-class participation. Repeatable for credit.

## **Course learning outcomes**

- 1. Clearly articulate one's strengths and weaknesses as an actor.
- 2. Create and pursue a collaborative plan of action to address acting weaknesses and further refine acting strengths.
- 3. Thoroughly analyze scripted scenes, in writing, from an acting perspective.
- 4. Effectively apply written analyses to the performance (enactment) of scenes, convincingly portraying dimensional and nuanced characters.
- 5. Demonstrate effective vocal technique, physical technique, and staging skills in the performance of scenes.
- 6. Engage in supportive and constructive peer and instructor feedback as both recipient and provider.

#### **Content outline**

- 1. Physical Performance Skills
  - a. Vocal- Stamina, flexibility, control, quality. Maintaining vocal health.
  - b. Physical Flexibility, stamina, control, characterization
  - c. Stage intimacy practices
  - d. Stage combat
  - e. Blocking
- 2. Stanislavky System
  - a. Original tenets
  - b. <u>Changes over time Viola Spolin, Michael Chekov, Michael Cohen</u> and others
  - c. Incorporating theory into live performance
- 3. Individual actor's strengths and weaknesses

- a. Types and casting know where you stand
- b. Improving weaknesses through practice and critique
- c. Leveraging what you do well
- 4. Monologues, duo and trio scenes
  - a. Multiple performances of each project
  - b. Written analysis of each script
  - c. Supportive and constructive feedback
- 5. Final Audition Packet
  - a. Contrasting monologues and a song

#### **Required materials**

No textbook. Readings and scripts are fair use, public domain, or OER.

Students may be required to attend one live theatrical performance offcampus for a ticket cost of not more than \$40.

# General education/Related instruction lists

· Arts and Letters