Los Angeles Mission College, Fall 2013: Theater 185 Introduction to Acting (Section #3902)

Day and time: Varies
Class Location: Varies
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ADDING POLICY

Students wishing to add the course on the first day of class should sign in on the wait list sheet as they enter the room. At the end of class, I will check the roll sheet, count empty seats and give away all seats with no-shows. All Students must have a signed contract sheet in order to add this class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an individualized introduction to a mutually agreed upon area of theatre.

COURSE CONTENT

This course may include and is not limited to the following:
• Differentiate one theater configuration from another and describe the purpose of each.
• Define and describe the parts of a dramatic structure within a scene or play. Analyze a scene for dramatic value. Employ the various parts of dramatic structure into a scene.
• Differentiate between different types of monologues. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of a staged monologue explore ways to present a well-structured monologue.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will have various SLO depending on area of focus.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

1. An active LACCD issued e-mail.
2. Three Blue Books 8 ½ X 11, a black or blue ink pen and college rule paper

ATTENDANCE

1. Attendance is mandatory and class will begin punctually. Please be on time. Being tardy more than two times equals an absence. An early departure is treated as a tardy, returning late from a break is also counted as a tardy.
2. Absences will adversely affect your grade. Participation points, exercises, scenes and quizzes cannot be made up. **Whenever absences "in hours" exceeds the number of hours the class meets per week, the instructor will exclude the students from the class**. Again being tardy more than two times will be treated as an absence.
3. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed in class and whether there are any assignments or schedule changes. If written work is due, arrange to deliver the work to me on the day of class; your grade for that assignment will go down a full grade (from the grade you get on your assignment) for each day it is late (A to B to C etc).
4. I recommend that you enroll your cell phone number in LA Mission's AlertU system. This is an emergency notification system whereby you will be contacted via cell phone should there be a campus emergency or closure. Go to http://www.lamission.edu/students/ on the top left to enter your cell phone number. You will need to text the system with a "Y", after you get a confirmation text from the system to complete registration.

A NOTE ON MATERIAL WE READ, WATCH, AND CREATE

Some of the material we are reading or viewing in this course deals frankly, but not gratuitously, with issues of violence and sexuality. If you have concerns about this, please see me in advance. In the original material that you may create, you may want to explore certain mature issues. I encourage this. However, in your exploration, please be as respectful of your audience as possible, and do not look to purposefully shock or offend your spectators. Almost always, this will not be the best way to tell the story that you want to tell.

PHYSICAL OR LEARNING DISABILITIES

If you feel you may need an accommodation for any type of disability, please inform me before the end of the second week of class. If you have any injuries or physical problems (permanent or temporary) that might affect your participation in some exercises please tell me as soon as possible. You are the best judge of your physical limits and are encouraged to take care of yourself. If you require an accommodation for a disability in order to complete the goals of the course, please go to the campus DSP&S office (located on the first floor of the Instructional Building: INST 1018) to obtain official accommodation clearance prior to the second class meeting. Please present accommodation paperwork provided by the DSP&S office to the instructor before the beginning of the third session. No accommodations are provided to any student without proper documentation from DSP&S. Please see me if you have any questions. **As part of this course all students will be referred to tutoring services in the second week of class.**

A NOTE ON THE SYLLABUS

This syllabus is a contract between the Individual Student and the Instructor. It is subject to revision with prior notification to the student by the instructor. If you stay in the class, you are agreeing to follow the requirements of the syllabus. As your instructor, I agree to do my best to help you to succeed in the course. To that end, I expect you to meet with me at the first sign that I am not teaching you to your satisfaction. Indeed, if you need to see me for whatever reason, please do. You will be held accountable for the policies, procedures and standards listed within this syllabus. Therefore it is your responsibility to read it before you sign the contract sheet. **Please print this full document and bring it on the first day of class.**

COLLEGE RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

1. Admissions and Records: Students can register for classes, update contact information, request transcripts, file petitions for graduation, and drop classes at this office. For more information call 818-833-3322 or visit: http://www.lamission.edu/admissions/

2. Assessment Center: Offers student assessments in English, English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) and Mathematics, please contact the Assessment Center at (818) 364-7613 for more information or visit http://www.lamission.edu/assessment/ Bookstore: For hours of operation, book availability, buybacks, and other information call 818-364-7767 or 7768 or visit http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu/default.asp

4. Counseling Department Office: For appointments and information call 818-364-7655 or visit http://www.lamission.edu/counseling/ Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S): For appointments, eligibility and information call 818-364-7732 or visit http://www.lamission.edu/dsps/

5. Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS): For appointments, eligibility, and information call 818-364-7645 or visit http://www.lamission.edu/eops/16

SYLLABUS CONTRACT SHEET

I have fully read and understand the syllabus and agree to abide by all rules and regulations therein.

Name *(Please Print)* _____

Signature _____ Date_____