

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Introduction to Acting and Introduction to Acting Lab

Course Number: THR* 111 and THR* 111L

Course Description/Goal: Our goal in this class is to awaken the imagination, emotion, and intellect of the student actor. It is the actor who explores and uncovers the meaning and vision of any play they are embarking. Exploring and approaching the voice, speech, movement, as well as an intellectual view of the text, subtext and style. This course will stress both the actor's ability to use "self" (body, mind and experience) in a believable, honest way, as well as his/her willingness to take risks beyond pre-established boundaries.

In lab, students will participate in a variety of exercises and techniques that actors use as tools that help take the text to performance. General rhetorical elements will be examined to help the actor with the exploration of the text. They will develop a personal connection and utilize that connection in developing an understanding of the text. Voice and body training will enable the student to develop the richness of expression that reveals the character's emotional state.

Prerequisite: None

Course Outcomes: Upon the successful completion of the course students should be able to:

1. Examine a text to understand its dramatic possibilities.
2. Recognize form of rhetoric and use the information to make acting choices.
3. Utilize techniques of movement and voice to perform two scenes demonstrating voice work that enhances communication.

College Policies:

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your "Student Handbook" under "Policy on Student Rights," the Section entitled "Student Discipline," or the College catalog for additional information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green

Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is cwoodcock@nwcc.edu.

School Cancellations: If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College's website at www.nwcc.edu. Students may also call the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

Use of Electronic Devices: Some course content as presented in Blackboard Learn is not fully supported on mobile devices at this time. While mobile devices provide convenient access to check in and read information about your courses, they should not be used to perform work such as taking tests, quizzes, completing assignments, or submitting substantive discussion posts.

Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team: NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim's needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

Ruth Gonzalez, Ph.D.	860-738-6315	Green Woods Hall Room 207
Susan Berg	860-738-6342	Green Woods Hall Room 223
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Patricia Bouffard, Ex-Officio	860-738-6319	Founders Hall Room 103
Savannah Schmitt		Student Representative
Jacob Wujcik		Student Representative

At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.