

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**  
(Communication and Arts Division)

**Discipline Code**

THTR

**Course Number**

1703

**Course Title**

History of Theatre I

**Catalog Description**

A study of the development of theatre from classical Greek and Roman times through the 17th century. Focus on playwrights, players, and play-houses and production practices in each era. The impacts of theatre on society and society on theatre will be examined.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Credit Hours**

3 credit hours

**Contact Hours**

45 contact hours

**Load Hours**

3 load hours

**Semester Offered**

Spring and Summer

**ACTS Equivalent**

N/A

**Grade Mode**

A - F

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- Recognize, analyze, and discuss significant moments in theatre and drama.
- Articulate the relationship between theatre and culture.

- Identify the general time line of theatre development and processes across the centuries.
- Demonstrate skills in determining which plays emulate great theatre.
- Recognize and differentiate between the acting styles, production elements, and theatre architecture of each period.

## **General Education Outcomes Supported**

N/A

## **Standard Practices**

### **Topics List**

Audience analysis, theatre history, dramatic criticism, genres, acting styles, directing, scenery, lighting, properties, costumes, publicity, social implications, and cultural differences.

### **Learning Activities**

N/A

### **Assessments**

- A minimum of 4 critical papers
- A minimum of two classroom projects
- One in-depth semester research project, addressing one element of theatre.

### **Grading guidelines**

N/A

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