

COURSE OUTLINE

Theatre History II (THAR 3382)

Fall 2020, CRN 50021

Tu, Th 1:30-2:45, HIT 202

Tuesdays: In-person or Online (Zoom)

Thursdays: All Online (Zoom)

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Resources

- Zoom (link good until October 10): <https://uiw.zoom.us/j/99074085471>
- Textbook (optional; pick one)
 - Oscar Brockett: *History of the Theatre*
 - Brockett and Hildy, *History of the Theatre, Foundation Edition*
 - Brockett and Ball, *The Essential Theatre*
- Discussion Board: Packback (\$25)
- Pinterest Board (free)
- Class Website (free, under construction): <https://dmctier.wixsite.com/theatrehistory2>

Course Description

For our Tuesday lectures, you have the choice of meeting in-person or online. For our Thursday discussions, we all will meet online (Zoom). During our first week, we will cover introductions, syllabus, course basics, logistics, online resources, and health protocols and then explore the historical context needed to jump into theatre history around 1800.

The next week, we will begin our 12 weekly modules. Each module is worth 75 points on a 1000-point scale. You are required to complete and will be graded on 10 of the 12 modules. This allows you to forfeit two modules, should you have special personal or family needs and/or need to be quarantined. If you successfully complete all 12 modules, however, you may have enough points to bypass the final.

Please remember that everything will happen online after Thanksgiving and that your final/deadline will be as scheduled, Tuesday, December 8, 10:30-12:30.

I have tried to design this hybrid course so that each weekly module takes appr. 6 hours to complete, which includes our two T-day classes.

Attendance

Attendance and participation are part of your final course grade. You are expected to attend all classes, be they in-person and/or online. All classes will be video recorded. If you cannot attend or miss more than 15 minutes of class, then you are expected to watch the class video and schedule and complete a discussion with the instructor.

If you attend in-person, you must follow university safety protocols: wearing masks, social distancing, sanitizing your classroom "station," etc. If you attend via Zoom, you are expected to be focused completely on our class and present with live video rather than with a static photo.

If you fail to attend or makeup a regular T-day class, then you will lose fifty (-50) points per class session from your final point tally. If you have to forfeit a given module, then those absences will not count against you.

GRADING

Grading is based on a 1000-point scale. Your final course grade will be based on the following :

	B+ = 870-899	C+ = 770-799	D+ = 670-699	F = 0-599
A = 940-1000	B = 840-869	C = 740-769	D = 640-669	
A- = 900-939	B- = 800-839	C- = 700-739	D- = 600-639	

Graded Components

- 750 pts **Modules:** points from 10 best of 12 modules, each module is worth 75 pts
The modules provide your foundation in history, literature, philosophy and theory.
- 100 pts **Vocabulary test:** online, comprehensive; may be retaken twice
The vocabulary establishes your theatre history "literacy."
- 50 pts **Individual meeting** (Zoom) the week after Thanksgiving to prepare for final
This meeting ensures that you are on-track for your final experience..
- 100 pts **Final experience:** production history, research/creative project, or comprehensive exam
This final provides options for a culminating experience that aligns with your interests.

If you successfully complete all 12 modules with enough points, then you may be able to omit the final meeting as well as the final.

Points from Modules

Each module carries a maximum of 75 points distributed as follows:

10 points for a Blackboard **quiz** on assigned readings and viewings. This 10-question, objective quiz must be taken online no later than 1:30 before Tuesday's class to prepare you for the lecture.

10 points for your participation in the **Tuesday lecture:** on time, staying until the end, alert, able to answer questions when called upon, being "present," focused on the class, etc.

20 points for your Packback **discussion board:** 10 points for your initial 300-500 word post and 5 points each for two 50-100 word replies. All of this must be finished by 1:30 before Thursday's class.

10 points for your participation in the **Thursday discussion** (Zoom).

20 points for a **Pinterest board** that covers 10 items from that week's vocabulary. Each item receives 1 point for imagery and 1 for a working definition. Your boards are due no later than 1:30 on Sundays.

5 points for communicating with your "**buddy**" to make sure that all is well and that class preps have been (or will be) completed on time. You also will catch up your buddy, if s/he has missed a class.

Date	Day	Module	Format	Due by 1:30	Other
8/25	TUE	Intros, Syllabus	Faces or Zoom		
8/27	THU	Historical Context	Zoom		
8/30	SUN				
9/1	TUE	#1 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
9/3	THU	#1 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
9/6	SUN			Pinterest	
9/8	TUE	#2 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	9/7 Labor Day
9/10	THU	#2 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
9/13	SUN			Pinterest	
9/15	TUE	#3 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
9/17	THU	#3 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
9/20	SUN			Pinterest	
9/22	TUE	#4 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
9/24	THU	#4 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
9/27	SUN			Pinterest	
9/29	TUE	#5 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
10/1	THU	#5 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	10/2 SAS
10/4	SUN			Pinterest	
10/6	TUE	#6 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	10/6 SDC Scenes
10/8	THU	#6 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
10/11	SUN			Pinterest	
10/13	TUE	#7 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
10/15	THU	#7 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
10/18	SUN			Pinterest	
10/20	TUE	#8 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
10/22	THU	#8 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
10/25	SUN			Pinterest	
10/27	TUE	#9 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
10/29	THU	#9 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
11/1	SUN			Pinterest	
11/3	TUE	#10 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
11/4	THU	#10 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
11/7	SUN			Pinterest	
11/10	TUE	#11 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
11/12	THU	#11 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	11/13 Devised
11/15	SUN			Pinterest	
11/17	TUE	#12 Lecture	Faces or Zoom	Quiz	
11/19	THU	#12 Discussion	Zoom	Packback	
11/22	SUN			Pinterest	11/21 Light the Way
11/24	TUE		Faces or Zoom	Vocabulary	
11/26	THU				THANKSGIVING
11/29	SUN				
12/1	TUE	Individual Meetings	Zoom		
12/3	THU	Individual Meetings	Zoom		

Final Experience: Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 10:30-12:30