

Theatre Arts 157: PLAYWRITING
Summer 2015
June 22 – July 22, 2015
9am – 12:30pm in J102 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

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Course Description: Students are given the opportunity to write their own scripts and refine them as the result of class discussion and scene work with actors. We will focus on elements of playwriting such as: structuring a plot; developing a character; creating dialogue, writing monologues and stage direction; and building dramatic irony.

Requirements: You will be asked to write a series of short scenes. Your classmates will read these assignments aloud during class. You must provide enough copies of your scene for it to be acted. For example, you wrote a scene for 5 characters, bring 7 copies: five for the actors, one for someone to read stage directions (if necessary) and one to be turned in. *Late assignments will **not** be accepted.*

Participation: Participating in class discussions and critiquing fellow students work is as important as hearing critiques of your own. Participation also means volunteering to have your work read as well as serving as an actor for another writer.

Attendance is mandatory. Any unexcused absence will reduce your overall grade by one half grade. Two late arrivals = One absence. Roll will be taken before each class.

Grade Breakdown:

Assignments: 60%; Participation: 20%; Final Project: 20%

Important DATES:

Session 1 Drop Deadline - June 29

Session 1 Withdraw Deadline - July 10

Other Resources:

Academic Advising

Academic advising is offered all summer; hours will vary by college. Students can contact their colleges to find out when advising is being offered or visiting advising.ucsc.edu

Academic Accommodation

If you qualify for classroom accommodations because of a disability, please submit your Accommodation Authorization Letter from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) to me as soon as possible, preferably within the first week of the Summer Session. Contact DRC by phone at [831-459-2089](tel:831-459-2089) or by email at drc@ucsc.edu for more information."

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