



FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Theater Practicum / Course #5231 / Instructor: Mr. Jason Tyler

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Theater Practicum, 5231 – This course is for students to earn credit for participating as an actor, a technician, or a pit member in any Tower Theater Productions during the course of the year and includes many advanced aspects of the theater: acting, directing, set construction and design, lighting, sound, and other technical elements. This class places emphasis on “the student as worker.” Prior approval and final evaluation by the instructor is required (via auditions or tech applications). This course may be taken all eight semesters.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Instruction in this course will focus on the following teaching and learning objectives: Preparation for and Completion of Live Performance, Preparation for and Completion of Live Technical work, Building Relationships and Community through Theater, and Learning Self-Reliance, Confidence, and Creative Voice through Theater.

ESSENTIAL LEARNING: At the conclusion of this course, the student will be able to show evidence of learning in:

1. Employ drama and theatre skills, and articulate the aesthetics of a variety of characters and roles
2. Use a variety of methods, new media, and technology to create theatrical works through the use of the creative process for performance, directing, design, construction, choreography, playwriting, scriptwriting, and dramaturgy
3. Create drama and theatre by interpreting and appreciating theatrical works, culture, and experience through scenes and scenarios, improvisation, creating environments, purposeful movement, and research
4. Express drama and theatre arts skills in a variety of performances, including plays, monologues, improvisation, purposeful movement, scenes, design, technical craftsmanship, media, ensemble works, and public speaking
5. Demonstrate the evolution of rehearsal and product through performance and/or production teamwork while simultaneously validating both as essential to the theatre making process
6. Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of theatre history, dramatic structure, dramatic literature, elements of style, genre, artistic theory, script analysis, and roles of theatre practitioners through research and application
7. Make informed, critical evaluations of theatrical performance from an audience member and a participant point of view, and develop a framework for making informed theatrical choices
8. Discern and demonstrate appropriate theatre etiquette and content for the audience, self, venue, technician, and performer

COURSE LEVEL: This course is open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, though this course does require instructor approval in the form of an audition or a technical application process.

COURSE CONTENT: This course will include both primary and secondary materials (including audio and visual sources) related to Rehearsal and Performance Techniques, Design and Build Mechanics, and Theater Safety Protocols.

COURSE INSTRUCTION: Theater Practicum is taught using a combination of exercises, activities, peer-collaboration, and critical study of the techniques of performance and technical theater arts, and will take place during 0 and 9th periods, per the Production Calendar for each show, available at fchsperformingarts.com.

GRADES: Letter grades are earned by the student based upon the following percentage of possible points: 100-90% = A, 89-80% = B, 79-70% = C, 69-60% = D, >60% = F, though the course in total is based on a pass/fail model.

SEMESTER OVERVIEW: Over the course of this class, we will produce three productions, at least one of which will take place in the McNeal Performing Arts Center and at least one of which will take place in the Black Box Theater, with students in charge of every aspect of each production both on and backstage.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Students will adhere to all FCHS policies and the Poudre School District 'Code of Conduct' at all times to include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. **Attendance** – Students must attend class (online and in person) to receive the benefit of instruction and class interaction. Students who miss class are never able to completely make up missed work. Nevertheless, students with excused absences will be allowed to make up work according to PSD policy. It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor to complete missed assignments. Late work is not accepted.
2. **Participation** – Each student is responsible for participating in class discussions, making presentations when assigned to do so, and contributing to the learning environment of the class. In order to fulfill his/her responsibility, it is necessary to be in class, on time with all materials, including paper and a pencil.
3. **Assignments** – Students are responsible for coming to class prepared. All assignments are due at the start of the class on the date the assignment is due. Please consult the website or hard copy of assignments for due dates.
4. **Food, Drink, Gum, and Inappropriate Clothing**– Food, drinks (other than water), and gum are not allowed in class. This classroom is an actor training environment requiring physical movement comparable to some P. E. classes, so please adhere to the dress code and wear appropriate attire or change prior to the start of class.
5. **Electronic Devices** – No electronic device of any kind may be used in class without permission. The presence of an electronic device during a test or quiz will be considered evidence of academic dishonesty.
6. **Final Examination** – Failure to take the final examination may result in a failing grade for this class.

COURSE TECHNOLOGY EXPECTATIONS: Digital literacy is a valued skill at FCHS and essential for post-secondary readiness in the 21st century. This course has a technology expectation that students come to class prepared with school issued technology devices every day. Failure to come to class prepared may result in loss of credit for assigned work during that class period. Students are expected to:

- ✓ *fully comply with the PSD User Agreement, PSD Notebook Computer Handbook, PSD Code of Conduct and district policy JS - STUDENT USE OF DISTRICT COMPUTERS, E-MAIL & INTERNET ACCESS.*
- ✓ *make sure their district issued device is fully charged, in working order and ready for use each day. If not charged, then they should bring their charger to school or use the school charging stations in the media center. If their device is not working, it must be turned in to the technology department for repairs. It is the student's responsibility to check out a loaner device until the assigned one is repaired.*
- ✓ *For tech help while we're in virtual learning mode, call 970-488-8259*

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Each student is required to do his/her own work. Plagiarism and/or cheating will not be tolerated, and if detected, will result in disciplinary referral and action. The Fort Collins Student Handbook outlines the consequences for cheating and plagiarism, and the instructor will, with the assistance of an administrator, implement the policy. A first incident of plagiarism and/or cheating will result in a zero. Additional incidents may result in expulsion from school. Please consult the FCHS Handbook for the full text of the consequences for academic dishonesty.