# THEA A126: MUSICAL THEATRE REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE - BEGINNING

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Top Code 100700 - Dramatic Arts

Units 3 Total Units

Hours 126 Total Hours (Lecture Hours

18; Lab Hours 108)

Total Outside of Class Hours

Course Credit Status Credit: Degree Applicable (D)

Material Fee

Basic Skills Not Basic Skills (N)

Repeatable

Grading Policy Standard Letter (S),
• Pass/No Pass (B)

# **Course Description**

This course provides instruction and supervised participation in theatre rehearsal and performance of a stage musical. Students will gain practical acting and singing experience at a beginning level. Enrollment eligibility is based on a successful audition; this requirement will be validated by the instructor during the first week of enrollment. Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

## Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. Collaborate as an ensemble/chorus member with students and faculty in the rehearsal and performance of a stage musical.

## **Course Objectives**

- 1. Evaluate and analyze a script for rehearsal and performance
- 2. Create and dramatize the behavioral life of an ensemble/chorus character in rehearsal and performance of a stage musical.
- 3. Apply basic level skills and methods to performing a musical role onstage
- 4. Demonstrate a strong work ethic within a professional framework of collaboration
- 5. Recognize and demonstrate their collaborative responsibilities as an ensemble/chorus member with the director, musical director, choreographer, actors and crew in rehearsal and performance

#### **Lecture Content**

Rehearsal and performance protocol and procedures. a. The actors responsibilities b. The responsibilities of the director, musical director and choreographer. c. Production staff responsibilities II. Evaluation of the historical and thematic elements of the play a. The authors intentions b. The political, social, historical, philosophical and moral context of the play III. Actors script evaluation a. Scoring the role b. Creation of character, time and place obligations for the script. IV. Acting skill approaches a. Relationship wprk with the other actors b. Creation of the behavioral and emotional life of the character. c. Outlining the needs

and pursuits of the character. V. Staging a. Working with the director, musical director and choreographer. b. Creation and justification of physical action and character behavior. c. Use of props, costumes and scenery elements VI. Rehearsal a. Use of given circumstances to justify dialogue b. Use of voice with projection and clarity of speech and song c. Creative collaboration with other actors. VII. Integration of production elements with performance a. Props, scenery, costumes, lights and sound VIII. Performance a. Justification of plays action and dialogue b. Vocal performance c. dynamics of dialogue and behavior d. Warmups and preparations e. Backstage and onstage safety and protocol f. Responsible collaboration and performance standards

#### **Lab Content**

The following content will be covered in a combination of 90 scheduled lab hours and 18 arranged lab hours. Rehearsal Use of given circumstances to justify dialogue Use of voice with projection and clarity of speech and song Creative collaboration with other actors. Integration of production elements with performance Props, scenery, costumes, lights and sound Performance Justification of plays action and dialogue Vocal performance Dynamics of dialogue and behavior Warm-ups and preparations Backstage and onstage safety and protocol Responsible collaboration and performance standards

## Method(s) of Instruction

- · Lecture (02)
- · DE Live Online Lecture (02S)
- · Lab (04)
- DE Live Online Lab (04S)

## **Instructional Techniques**

Hands-on demonstration, instructor lectures, research, line memorization, in-class participation, and assigned readings.

#### **Reading Assignments**

Play libretto and score.

#### **Writing Assignments**

Written character analysis.

# **Out-of-class Assignments**

Reading, memorization, character analysis. Student must complete all rehearsal and performance assignments.

#### **Demonstration of Critical Thinking**

Research character and script analysis, and rehearsals. Students must complete all rehearsal and performance assignments.

## **Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration**

Written character analysis. Skill demonstration by successful rehearsal and performance.

#### **Eligible Disciplines**

Theater arts: See drama/theater arts Masters degree required.

#### Other Resources

1. Play scripts.