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COLLEGE
WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN

HISTORY OF THE THEATRE I
DRAM - 2361- 01
KELLY PARKER

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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Course Description:

Study of the history of the theater from primitive times through the Renaissance. Required of theatre majors, open to non-theatre majors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

Prerequisites and/or Co-requisites: None

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

This course explores the history of the theatrical art form from antiquity to 1700. The primary focus of readings and lectures pertains to progression western theatre practices throughout the culture and regions of Europe. In addition, there will be a brief exploration of traditional theatrical methods in Asia. Topics will range from the broad (politics, religion, and society) to the specific (playwrights, actors, costumes, and design).

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Kelly Parker

MCC E-mail: kparker@mclennan.edu

Office Phone Number: 254.299.8177

Office Location: FA 105E

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: 2 PM - 4 PM, TTH, or by appointment

Required Text & Materials:

Textbook Title: History of the Theatre

Author: Oscar G. Brockett, Franklin Hildy

Edition: 10th (2008)

Publisher: Allyn & Bacon ISBN: 13: 978-0-205-51186-0

Additional materials will be posted to D2L Brightspace

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning: Classes will consist of assigned readings, lectures, group discussions, research projects, and writing exams.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

- 1) Cultivate a deep understanding of theatrical literature and their appropriate historical periods.
- 2) Knowledge of historical pertinent playwrights, artists, performers, and designers.
- 3) Comprehension of themes, design principles, and productions styles relevant to the historical timeline.
- 4) A fundamental grasp of the wider historical events that influence societies' maturation.
- 5) Prepare and present a brief over an assigned, researched topic further elaborating on significant theme, concept, person, or event.
- 6) Demonstrate writing competence in play report and written exams.

Course Outline or Schedule:

Week 1	Course Overview – Chapter 1: The Origins of Theatre
Week 2	Chapter 2: Theatre and Drama in Ancient Greece
Week 3	Chapter 2 & 3: Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine Theatre
Week 4	Chapter 3: Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine Theatre
Week 5	Exam #1
Week 6	Chapter 4: European Theatre in the Middle Ages
Week 7	The Renaissance
Week 8	Chapter 7: Italian Theatre to 1700
Week 9	Exam #2
Week 10	Chapter 5: English Theater to 1642
Week 11	Shakespeare and his Contemporaries
Week 12	Exam #3
Week 13	Chapter 6: Spanish Theatre to 1700
Week 14	Chapter 8: French Theatre to 1700
Week 15	Chapter 26: Theatre of Asia – India, China, and Japan
Week 16	Theatre of Asia – India, China, and Japan – Final Exam

Course Grading Information:

1. Attendance/Participation: Being present both physically and mentally is prime.
10% of total grade.
2. Briefs: Written 4-8 page brief over selected playwright, period, event, or production style.
The brief will be orally presented.
20% of total grade.

3. Play report: Student will select a specific play from the periods covered in the course. The report will summarize the plot and address the key thematic issue while commenting on the historical impact of the work itself. **10 % of total grade.**

4. Exams: Students will take four exams. Each exam is worth 20% of the total final grade. The lowest exam grade will be dropped. Exams will consist of written essays. Study aids for each exam will be provided during class. **60% of total grade.**

Extra-credit opportunities will be available throughout the semester

All grades: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, 59 and below=F

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

Students are expected to be in class every day and on time. Much of what will be discussed each week cannot be learned (or “made up”) by any other means except during each class. Plagiarism or cheating of any kind will have serious consequences and may result in a failing grade. Written assignments must be neatly typed, free of grammatical mistakes, spelling, etc. College-level writing is expected. Due dates will be announced at the beginning of the semester.

Course work will not be accepted past the due date. If you know you will have a conflict meeting a deadline, please discuss this with the instructor ahead of time.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy: Students will approach the artistic nature of historical theatrical practices with respect and professionalism; immaturity and rudeness will not be tolerated.

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.



ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to www.mclennan.edu/student-email.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)
- [Email Setup for Androids](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.