

ADVANCED ACTING
#520E
Spring 2020

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Office Hours

Available by appointment.

Course Description and Overview

Compile, prepare, direct and present the SDA professional showcase both in New York City and Los Angeles.

Course Objectives

To develop and empower each actor's awareness and presence, and give the students their first professional experience. This includes the beginning of practical tools to manage what the business outside of school is looking for (and expecting) from the newly graduated MFA trained actor and their craft.

Required Readings and Supplementary Materials

As many plays, screenplays, television shows, novels, short stories etc. which might be good material for you to present in your showcase.

Attendance, Tardiness, Absences

We expect the highest level of commitment from MFA actors. Lateness is not tolerated without prior notice. Unexcused absences are not permitted. Communication with the instructor is essential in case of emergency or illness. Violation of these requirements will result in disciplinary measures.

Description of Grading Criteria and Assessment of Assignments

Mid-term grades will be based solely on practical work.

Final course grades will be based on 75% practical work and 25% attitude, participation, and attendance.

- A = Work of excellent quality
B = Work of good quality
C = Work of average quality
D = Work of poor quality

Class Meetings

T,TH 3-5:50pm
Location: PED 204

Final Exam

Showcase

Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown

- Weeks 1 and 2: Discuss course objective and begin collecting material
Weeks 3 and 4: Independent work on bringing material in to show the class.
Weeks 5 – 14: Edit, rehearse and finalize material.
Week 15: Travel to New York. Tech and Present Showcase 4/15 -- 4/19
Week 16: Tech and Present showcase in Los Angeles 4/24 – 4/26

Final Examination Date

The above is your final

DATES TO NOTE

MLK Day: Monday, January 20
President's Day: Monday, February 17
Spring Recess Sun-Sun March 15-22
Classes End: Friday, May 1
Study Days: Sat-Tue May 2-5
Exams: Wed-Wed May 6-13
Commencement (required attendance for all MFA) Friday May 15

Final Note: Participation in the New York and Los Angeles showcase is by invitation only. Students with disciplinary or probationary records are not guaranteed a place in these culminating events. Only exemplary and professional standards of discipline, artistry, behavior, and collaboration will result in an invitation to participate in the NY and LA showcase.

Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in *SCampus* in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in *SCampus* and university policies on scientific misconduct, <http://policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct>.

Statement for Students with Disabilities

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me (or to TA) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Website for DSP and contact information: (213) 740-0776 (Phone), (213) 740-6948 (TDD only), (213) 740-8216 (FAX) ability@usc.edu.

Emergency Preparedness/Course Continuity in a Crisis

In case of a declared emergency if travel to campus is not feasible, USC executive leadership will announce an electronic way for instructors to teach students in their residence halls or homes using a combination of Blackboard, teleconferencing, and other technologies. See the university’s site on Campus Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Support Systems:

Student Counseling Services (SCS) – (213) 740-7711 – 24/7 on call

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention. engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1 (800) 273-8255

Provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) – (213) 740-4900 – 24/7 on call

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm. engemannshc.usc.edu/rsvp

Sexual Assault Resource Center

For more information about how to get help or help a survivor, rights, reporting options, and additional resources, visit the website: sarc.usc.edu

Office of Equity and Diversity (OED)/Title IX Compliance – (213) 740-5086

Works with faculty, staff, visitors, applicants, and students around issues of protected class. equity.usc.edu

Bias Assessment Response and Support

Incidents of bias, hate crimes and microaggressions need to be reported allowing for appropriate investigation and response. studentaffairs.usc.edu/bias-assessment-response-support

The Office of Disability Services and Programs

Provides certification for students with disabilities and helps arrange relevant accommodations. dsp.usc.edu

Student Support and Advocacy – (213) 821-4710

Assists students and families in resolving complex issues adversely affecting their success as a student EX: personal, financial, and academic. studentaffairs.usc.edu/ssa

Diversity at USC

Information on events, programs and training, the Diversity Task Force (including representatives for each school), chronology, participation, and various resources for students. diversity.usc.edu

USC Emergency Information

Provides safety and other updates, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible. emergency.usc.edu

USC Department of Public Safety – UPC: (213) 740-4321 – HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24-hour emergency or to report a crime.

Provides overall safety to USC community. dps.usc.edu