

THTR 305a – 63024R – Directing

Units: 4

Term: Spring 2021

Day/Time: Tuesday / Thursday 8:00 - 9:50 am

Location: Online <https://usc.zoom.us/j/91300483349>

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Course Description

Examination of basic directorial principles. Pre-production analysis and rehearsal procedures; relationship of the director to actor. This course will actively examine the fundamental principles of directing for the stage. Topics covered in this course will include script analysis, practical approaches to staging theatrical realism, directorial presentation skills, techniques for communicating with actors, rehearsal techniques, and the creation of the director's prompt book.

Learning Objectives

- 1) Acquire a basic understanding of the skills and procedures required of a stage director to effectively prepare and rehearse for a theatrical production (on the Zoom platform)
- 2) Effectively incorporate and apply detailed analysis and preparation into an effective rehearsal process, in support and guidance of the actors' work, and in conjunction with the overall vision of a scene from a play.
- 3) Cultivate the leadership skills necessary in leading a group of actors through an effective rehearsal process.
- 4) Gain practical experience in the role of director through:
 - a. Classroom exercises
 - b. In- class rehearsals
 - c. Director prompt book preparation
 - d. Exploration, application and utilization of methods explored in class prompt book guidelines and reading assignments
 - e. Presentation of scene-work directed by the student

Course Notes

All students in this class are required to act in other student-director scenes. Time and availability outside of class for director preparation and rehearsals as both director and as actor for other scenes is extensive, expected and required in order to succeed in this course. If you cannot meet those requirements, do not take the course. There will be a considerable amount of time spent WATCHING others work and requires your feedback for participation points – this is where you can learn a LOT – but it requires self motivation and focus - if you want to be on your feet working every class do not take this course. Like in the professional world outside of school only you can manage your desire, interest and comittment.

Technological Proficiency and Hardware/Software Required

Minimal technical requirements are [outlined here](#)

USC technology rental program

We realize that attending classes online and completing coursework remotely requires access to technology that not all students possess. If you need resources to successfully participate in your classes, such as a laptop or internet hotspot, you may be eligible for the university's equipment rental program. To apply, please [submit an application](#). The Student Basic Needs team will contact all applicants in early August and distribute equipment to eligible applicants prior to the start of the fall semester.

USC Technology Support Links

[Student Toolkit \(Including Zoom Info\)](#)

[Blackboard help for students](#)

[Software available to USC Campus](#)

IT Services 213 -740 – 5555 or email consult@usc.edu

Required Readings and Supplementary Materials

A Sense of Direction by William Ball (available in USC Bookstore and on Amazon [HERE](#))

Notes on Directing by Frank Hauser (available in USC Bookstore and on Amazon [HERE](#))

Two 3-Ring Binders (½"-1") (purchased by the 2nd class) **and labeled divider tabs** for binders equal to numbered sections dictated in Director Prompt Book (per PDF document provided)

Various Plays as PDF TBD (for after Mid Term)

Description and Assessment of Assignments

All of the following assignments below must be completed thoroughly and in a timely fashion per established schedule and per the PDF guidelines. Assignments and in-class work and presentations will be assessed accordingly and in direct relation to the grading rubrics per project and the rules and expectations presented in the full body of this syllabus. The PDF Guidelines and Grading Rubrics are posted on Blackboard.

All reading assignments lead into class discussion on the reading – engaging in, contributing to, and participating in the discussion will be both an assessment of your reading comprehension (completion of the assigned reading) and an assessment of a portion of the gradable component of *participation*

Another aspect of assessment will be based on the demonstration of the student in directly applying the concepts and practices of the reading and the prompt book in their in- class work rehearsals and scene presentations. As well as incorporating / applying that which is taught to OTHERS while observing others work into your own in class scene rehearsals and presentations.

Assignments and work will include:

1. Conceive and direct a 2-3 minute scene based on a visual image selected by the student.
2. Direct a 3-5-minute scene from a play TBD
3. Conduct an in-class rehearsal and do a final presentation for all scenes.
4. Conduct oral directorial presentation for one scene.
5. Conduct a minimum of two rehearsals per week outside of class time for all scenes.
6. Submit the following written documentation for each of the above-mentioned scenes:

Director prompt book, with completed sections per PDF guidelines
- due the first class after your presentation.
7. Show readiness and fully engaged participation in all class discussions and text readings as well as complete all assigned readings.
8. Provide fully engaged participation for all exploratory and analytical work.
9. Act in fellow director’s scenes – required.
10. NOTE:. I suggest organizing a “trio” for cast / director that rotates in one rehearsal session to cover all three director projects when possible. Equal time must be given to each director in a rehearsal group session in the outside rehearsals. Set a timer.
11. Props and Costumes must be provided by the actors and directors for in class rehearsals and scene presentations – no “miming” objects please.

Grading

Assignment	Points	% of Grade
Director Production Presentation Image Scene	5	5
Scene work, in- class rehearsal (2 @ 10 pts each)	20	20
Scene Presentation "Image Scene" (Mid Term)	20	20
Scene Presentation Scripted Scene (Final)	20	20
Prompt Books - completed per guidelines- (2 @ 10 pts each)	20	20
Cumulative Active Class Participation / Contribution	15	15
TOTAL	100	100

Grading Breakdown / Assessment

1. **SCENE WORK** For each directed scene assignment, the student is expected to perform well in each of four distinct categories:
 - A. Follow directions of the assignment (in guidelines, in rubric and explained in class).

Grading Breakdown / Assessment *(continued...)*

B. Lead a rehearsal that demonstrates skills being taught in class (in guidelines, in rubric and explained in class)

C. Demonstrate that the scene is well prepared, and exciting to watch, and in service of a clear and vivid story

D. Display a creative physical use of the space and the actors through staging and ground plan choices, guiding of performances, and creative and economical design choices

A Grading rubric for both in class rehearsals and final presentations, director presentation and prompt book will be made available to review.

2. **DIRECTOR PRESENTATION** Each directorial presentation must be no longer than 5 minutes and incorporate visual aids. Details will be discussed in class.
Grading rubric for director presentations will be made available to review

3. **WRITTEN WORK THAT ACCOMPANIES SCENE WORK** The student is expected to perform well in each of the following categories:

A. Your prompt book must be neat, following the directions that are given, thoroughly documented, and show creative insights into text analysis and realization of directorial ideas on paper.

B. Your written self-assessment must include detailed working objectives and a clear description of the extent to which you achieved them.

For more specific requirements, please see guidelines and grading rubric.

Grading Scale

Course final grades will be determined using the following scale

A	95-100
A-	90-94
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	59 and below

When the GPA falls between two grades, the final grade will be weighted toward the positive end of the scale for students whose attendance and participation in class have been excellent or good and toward the negative end of the scale for those with average or poor attendance and participation.

Absences/Tardiness

Learning in class depends on the layering of intellectual and emotional discovery resulting from the consistent active exploration of **100%** of the Ensemble **No absences or tardies are allowed. Cumulative active class participation points will be lost.** *Participation (of which attendance is a component) is weighted at no more than 15% as per University Guidelines*

Note: *If a deadline is missed because of a classmate/ project partner's unavailability, the available partner/s will not be penalized. **If problems arise, a discussion with the professor with all involved must be arranged before the day of the scheduled scene or everyone will be held equally accountable.***

Participation and Collaboration

I expect students who want to be in the classroom and want to perform well. "Performing well" means focused participation in the classroom even as a "spectator". Spelling and grammar are expected to be perfect; each assignment is expected to be well thought out, clearly understood and presented, and you are expected to perform beyond the simple limits of the instructions. The methods being explored in the reading, prompt book and in- class rehearsals are expected to be applied. I also expect students to communicate if they have questions about instructions or vocabulary. As the course moves quickly, you may have to attend an office hour in order to get your questions answered. But ask them.

MISSED WORK DUE TO EXCUSED ABSENCE Because of the compacted schedule, **you cannot make up a presentation, in-class rehearsal, or final scene rehearsal or scene presentation.** Exceptions will not be made to this policy. Check your calendars to ensure that important dates in this class do not fall on important dates for you during the semester. Due to the nature of this workshop class, in-class participation (and any collaborative exercises done in class) cannot be made up. Homework assigned on the day of your absence can be obtained from one of your colleagues. I do not accept late work for any unexcused absence.

REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE (As Director and Actor) Being absent for an in-class **or from a scheduled out of class rehearsal is not acceptable.** Be early and ready to work for all rehearsals. Be responsible for creating a good working environment. Be respectful of others. **Set up agreed rehearsal times and honor them.** Any physical demands (intimate, violent) must be simulated and properly discussed and rehearsed so as not to endanger yourself, your actors & scene partners, or classmates. This includes the use of or throwing of properties. Weapons of any sort (real knives, guns etc...) are not to be used in scene work, ever. If your scene requires a weapon of any sort, discuss with professor. These policies apply to all in-class rehearsals and out of class rehearsals.

Grading

For in- class rehearsals, scene work and written work, as well as classroom focus and participation grades will be earned as follows:

"A"- Performance of the student has been at the highest level, showing sustained excellence in meeting all course requirements and exhibiting an unusual degree of intellectual and creative initiative.

"B"- Performance of the student has been at a high level, showing consistent and effective achievement in meeting course requirements.

"C"- Performance of the student has been at an adequate level, meeting the basic requirements of the course.

“D”- Performance of the student has been less than adequate, meeting only the minimum course requirements.

“F”- Performance of the student has been such that minimal course requirements have not been met. The final course grade is articulated as a Letter Grade. This grade is translated into a G.P.A using the following scale: A = 4; A- = 3.7; B+ = 3.3; B = 3; B- = 2.7; C+ = 2.3; C = 2; C- = 1.7; D = 1; F = 0. When the average falls between two grades, the final grade will be weighted toward the positive end of the scale for students whose attendance and participation in class has been good, but will be weighted toward the negative end of the scale for those with poor attendance and participation.

Assessment of “Participation” *15% of the final grade is earned through class participation. This will be defined as:*

- *Students are required to be present and be on time for all classes and scheduled sessions unless they are genuinely too ill to attend or affected by unavoidable personal or external circumstances. If the student has more than 2 absences or late arrivals during the course they will not be able to fulfill their ability to fully participate in class. Additionally, students must keep the teacher informed of any absence or late arrival IN ADVANCE. Failure to do so also constitutes a lack of participation and points will be deducted.*
- *Appropriate rehearsal clothing and props for ALL EXERCISES AND IN CLASS REHEARSALS.*
- *Openness to new methods of working and eagerness to attempt them.*
- *Constructive feedback on classmates’ acting presentations.*
- *Energized support of all classmates’ work.*
- *Willingness to experiment and apply the constructive feedback of professor and fellow students on one’s own work.*
- *Meeting all assignment deadlines.*
- *Memorization of assigned material.*
- *Availability to fellow classmates to rehearse outside class.*
- *Appearing on camera in Zoom and engaged (except when a scene is being presented and rest of class is off camera for that segment)*

Course expectations and requirements:

- Printed copies of all scenes, monologues and play scripts must be brought to every class meeting.
- Correct props and costumes are expected for all in class rehearsal and scene presentations
- Assembled prompt book in 3-ring binder must be utilized even if ‘in-process’ for all in-class rehearsals – leading a rehearsal from a few loose script pages without the prompt book, and applicable work applied is not acceptable. No electronic copies (laptops, tablets, phones) may be used in class . (*Zoom classes might necessitate chaging this)
- When participating as an actor wear appropriate rehearsal clothing for all in class rehearsals.
- When participating as a director – appropriate props for all rehearsals must be provided – no pantomime or imaginary “air / space objects” please.
- Openness to new methods of working and eagerness to attempt them.
- In class active student analysis and commentary when requested.

- Constructive feedback on classmates' presentations when requested.
- Energized support of all classmates' work.
- Willingness to experiment and apply the constructive feedback of professor and fellow students on one's own work.
- Meeting all assignment deadlines.
- Availability to fellow classmates to rehearse outside class.

Assignment Rubrics

All assignment rubrics will be available on Blackboard and when possible emailed to entire class.

Assignment Submission Policy

All written work turned in will contain the following or will not be accepted:

1. Your name
2. Course name, number, and section
3. Assignment label
4. Date
5. Must be stapled or in binder in orderly fashion

Due Dates

Reflected in schedule on following pages. All assigned due dates must be met on time with proper preparation. No late assignments will be accepted. Students absent from presentation date without an official excused absence will receive a 0 for that portion of assignment. All directors are required to have a back-up exercise or rehearsal plan to work on with the actor (s) if an actor is missing from in-class rehearsal portion of project.

Grading Timeline

Per schedule and rules previously stated. Per class schedule / at time of presentation of various graded assignments. If a student is concerned about their grade or progress in class, they should make an appointment to discuss this with the professor. Midterm grades will reflect only a "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory" score.

ZOOM CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE : YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLASS AND BEHAVE IN THE SAME WAY YOU WOULD IF YOU WERE IN THE PHYSICAL ACTING STUDIO / CLASSROOM - SITTING UPRIGHT, NOT RECLINING , NO OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.

- Please find as private and quiet a setting in your house as you possibly can. Keep in mind that as important as it is to not have any interruptions, it is also important to feel comfortable making sound and not be too concerned with disrupting others who are sharing a living/working space with you.
- **You must appear on camera / Zoom enabled video** except when others are working
- Find a space in your house where you have the ability to move around and still be on camera. We might be doing exercises at times that require use of your whole body so it is helpful to have room to move.
- While we are in class, no applications should be in use on any device besides Zoom.
- While in class, no eating. We will break when necessary.

- All students must attend class as normal. Attending means appearing on camera unless other students are presenting work. Absences/tardiness will impact grades in the usual way. If you remain off camera during a class during times when you are expected to be on camera , you will be marked absent
- Students are expected to follow normal class etiquette. **No eating. No web-surfing. Full attention**, Phones off, No LAYING DOWN, NO “ LEAVING THE ROOM” - CHANGING LOCATION, MAKING A MEAL, DOING ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN A REGULAR CLASSROOM SETTING - YOU ARE ATTENDING A CLASS.
- To get attendance credit YOU MUST ATTEND ENTIRE ON-LINE CLASS , Video enabled, appearing on camera (except when instructed to take video off when others are working) **NOT ATTENDING A PORTION OF THE CLASS WILL RESULT IN BEING MARKED ABSENT . NOT BEING VISIBLY PRESENT BY ZOOM ENABLED VIDEO WILL RESULT IN BEING MARKED ABSENT (EXCEPT WHEN INSTRUCTED TO TURN OFF CAMERA / VIDEO WHEN OTHERS ARE PRESENTING WORK)**
- BEING ABSENT WHEN YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO WORK AS AN ACTOR WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT YOUR GRADE

Additional Policies

- *Respect the course and your colleagues* Everything you do in class is reflected in your grade, especially your participation and collaboration with your colleagues. Please respect the zoom space, your colleagues, and the working environment
- Drinking of water, coffe etc during class allowed - however, no eating / no food allowed in class at any time (except when used/ consumed during a scene as a prop)
- Please use restroom before class and during break, **do not interrupt the flow of class with leaving zoom frame** unless for an emergency
- If you are outside of our Zoom studio while class is in session for any reason **TURN OFF YOUR CAMERA / VIDEO to re-enter so you do not appear in someones presentation on Zoom – wait** until the work is finished to re-enter on Camera/Video with rest of class.
- There is absolutely no technology allowed during class except the device you are using to attend class. No cellphones, no computers. no texting , no social media – TURN THEM OFF AND PUT THEM AWAY
- Use of cell phones in class will result in 5-point overall grade reduction for each incident – I will call you out in front of the entire class - so you have fair warning now.
- **NOTE:** If all students in class turn their cameras off except for the actors presenting to watch a presentation, but you remain on camera when prompted to turn camera off because you are using other media on computer (reading, email, texting, etc) and not paying attention you will loose 2 grade points.
- **NOTE:** If your eyes wander off the screen during class for an extended period of time I will assume you are texting or on another device and deduct 2 grade points from participation grade.

- Students must be in proper rehearsal clothes at the start of Zoom class if presenting a scene.
- Please refrain from distracting unfocused unprofessional behavior during class – you are expected to practice the focused respectful behavior displayed in the professional world and in keeping with the mature professional culture of SDA. Behave as an observing participant the way you would want the class to behave when you are on the screen working.

Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown. NOTE: Since this is a live studio style class where we work on the craft live during class time this schedule is always subject to change

Week #1

Tuesday 1/19

Introduction. Course outline and expectations. (Incl. Shaw Discussion Points) Zoom etiquette
Discuss “Image Scene” homework/ Directors Prompt Book. Discuss casting and outside rehearsals.

HOMework DUE THURSDAY 1/21

Find Image(s) for Image Scene, bring first and second choices to show on shared screen Zoom

Thursday 1/21

Discuss Directors Prompt Book, Directors Presentation, Image Scene
All Students Informally Present and discuss Image Scene “Images”
SIGN UP FOR DIRECTOR PRESENTATION

HOMework DUE TUESDAY 1/26

HOMework: Answer “prompts” for Image Scene (Per PDF Provided) typed out placed in 3 ring binder
Begin prep for Director Presentation for “Image Scene” (Per PDF/ Document Provided)

Weekend Reading For Monday 1/26 / Thursday 1/28:

Begin Reading PDF “Blocking” (from Jon Jory “Tips – Ideas for Directors”) (39 pages)

Begin Reading PDF “Blocking” (from William Ball “A Sense of Direction”) (7 pages)

Begin Reading Read PDF “Helping Actors Communicate Through Groundplans” (9 pages)

Week #2

Tuesday 1/26

Discuss reading assignments. (see above)
Address questions about Image Scene and Director Presentation.
Exercise – Blocking and Composition / Groundplan in space and Blocking Notation
Discuss Image Scene Prompt Questions and Image Scene Prompt Book

HOMework: Answer “prompts” for Image Scene (Per PDF Provided) typed out placed in 3 ring binder
Begin prep for Director Presentation for “Image Scene” (Per PDF/ Document Provided)

Week #2 (Continued...)

Thursday 1/28

Director Presentations: Image Scene (50% of class) **(Graded)**

Discuss Image Scene Prompt Questions and Image Scene Prompt Book

Discuss "Stages of Rehearsal"

Exercise – Blocking and Composition / Groundplan in space and Blocking Notation

Discuss Image Scene Prompt Questions and Image Scene Prompt Book

WEEKEND HOMEWORK prep for week #3:

Answer "prompts" for Image Scene (Per PDF Provided) typed out placed in 3 ring binder

Begin prep for Director Presentation for "Image Scene" (Per PDF/ Document Provided)

Read *A Sense of Direction* Pages 3-36

Read *Notes on Directing*, Preface – 14 **AND** review Previous PDF Readings above / **BEGIN** Image Scene Script / Prompt Book

Week #3

Tuesday 2/2 -

Director Presentations: Image Scene (50% of class) **(Graded)**

Discuss weekend reading

Discuss Image Scene Prompt Questions and Image Scene Prompt Book

Discuss "Stages of Rehearsal"

Sign Up for In Class Rehearsal for Image Scene (Which will be examining stages of rehearsal)

Thursday 2/4

In Class Rehearsals: Image Scene

Rehearsal Stage: Table Work / Preliminary Blocking

3 Scenes

WEEKEND HOMEWORK

Read *A Sense of Direction* "Auditions and Casting" Pages 37-43

Read *Notes on Directing*, "Casting" Pages 17-20

Begin Image Scene Prompt Book / Script

Begin preliminary work on Director Prompt Book for Image Scene

Rehearse Image Scene with Cast

Above work to include groundplan and preliminary blocking

Week #4

Tuesday 2/9

In Class Rehearsals: Image Scene

Rehearsal Stage: Table Work / Preliminary Blocking

3 Scenes

Week #4 (continued...)

Thursday 2/11

In Class Rehearsals: Image Scene

Rehearsal Stage: Blocking Rehearsals
3 Scenes

WEEKEND HOMEWORK:

Read *A Sense of Direction* Pages 44-92

Read *Notes on Directing* Pages 23 – 67

Continue work on Image Scene Director Prompt Book

Image Scene Rehearsals / Begin to Read TBD Play Titles to find a scene choice for next scene

Week #5

Tuesday 2/16

Discuss Weekend Reading

In Class Rehearsals: Image Scene

Rehearsal Stage: Stop / Start
2 Scenes

Thursday 2/18

In Class Rehearsals: Image Scene

Rehearsal Stage: Stop / Start or Fine Tune
3 Scenes

WEEKEND HOMEWORK:

Continue work on Image Scene Director Prompt Book

Image Scene Rehearsals / Begin to Read TBD Play Titles to find a scene choice for next scene

Week #6

Tuesday 2/23

In Class Rehearsals: Image Scene

Rehearsal Stage Fine Tune / Run with Notes
(Sign - Up)

Thursday 2/25

In Class Rehearsals: Image Scene

Rehearsal Stage: Fine Tune / Run with Notes
(Sign - Up)

WEEKEND HOMEWORK:

Continue work on Image Scene Director Prompt Book

Read TBD Plays and Choose a scene to work on from play TBD Titles / **SUBMIT SCENE CHOICE AND CAST**

Week #7

Tuesday 3/2

Group 1: PRESENT 3 Image Scenes (**Mid Term Graded**)

And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”

Group 1 Prompt Books Due Next Class

Thursday 3/4

Group 2: PRESENT 3 Image Scenes (**Mid Term Graded**)

And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”

Group 1 Prompt Books Due (**Graded**)

Group 2 Prompt Books Due Next Class

Week #8

Tuesday 3/9

Group 3: PRESENT 4 Image Scenes (**Mid Term Graded**)

And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”

Group 2 Prompt Books Due

Group 3 Prompt Books Due Next Class

SUBMIT SCENE CHOICE AND CAST

Thursday 3/11

Group 4 : PRESENT 4 Image Scenes (**Mid Term Graded**)

And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”

Group 3 Prompt Books Due (**Graded**)

Group 4 Prompt Books Due Next Class

SUBMIT SCENE CHOICE AND CAST / Sign Up for In Class Rehearsals New Scenes

WEEKEND HOMEWORK:

Read Play *More than once* for scene you have chosen

Scripted Scene (Scene #2) Prompt Book, Rehearse,

READ: *A Sense of Direction* pgs. 93-124 / *Notes on Directing* pgs.69-102 / “Table Work” PDF by Jon Jory

Week #9

Tuesday 3/16

Discuss Weekend reading incl “Table Work” PDF

Group 4 Prompt Books Due (**Graded**)

In Class Rehearsal SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) (**Graded**)

Rehearsal Stage: Table Work

3 Scenes

Thursday 3/18

In Class Rehearsal SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) (**Graded**)

Rehearsal Stage: Table Work or Preliminary Blocking

3 Scenes

Weekend Homework:

Scripted Scene (Scene #2) Prompt Book, Rehearse

Week #10

Tuesday 3/23 NO CLASS – WELLNESS DAY

Thursday 3/25

In Class Rehearsal SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) **(Graded)**

Rehearsal Stage: Blocking / Stop-Start

3 Scenes

Week #11

Tuesday 3/30

In Class Rehearsal SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) **(Graded)**

Rehearsal Stage: Stop- Start / Fine- Tune

3 Scenes

Thursday 4/1

In Class Rehearsal SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) **(Graded)**

Rehearsal Stage: Fine – Tune / Run with Notes

3 Scenes

Homework: Prompt Book, Rehearse

Week #12

Tuesday 4/6

TBD

Thursday 4/8 –

TBD

Homework: Prompt Book, Rehearse

Week #13

Tuesday 4/13

Group 1 - PRESENT 3 SCENES: SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) **(Graded)**

And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”

Group 1 Prompt Books Due **Next Class**

Thursday 4/15

Group 2 - PRESENT 3 SCENES: SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) **(Graded)**

And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”

Group 1 Prompt Books Due

Group 2 Prompt Books Due **Next Class**

Week # 14

Tuesday 4/20

Group 3 - PRESENT 3 SCENES: SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) **(Graded)**
And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”
Group 2 Prompt Books Due
Group 3 Prompt Books Due **Next Class**

Thursday 4/ 22 NO CLASS – WELLNESS DAY

Week #15

Tuesday 4/27

Group 5 - PRESENT 3 SCENES: SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) 1 **(Graded)**
And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”
Group 4 Prompt Books Due
Group 25 Prompt Books Due **Next Class**

Thursday 4/29 (LAST CLASS)

Group 6 - PRESENT 3 SCENES: SCRIPTED SCENE (Scene #2) 1 **(Graded)**
And group feedback “what worked, what you would have liked to have seen more of?”
Group 5 Prompt Books Due
Group 6 Prompt Books Due FRIDAY 4/30

FINAL

WEDNESDAY MAY 12 8 am – 10 am

The Final is dictated by the creative process of the class so specifics will be discussed later in the semester.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITMENTS AND ISPS

Should you choose to participate in any extra-curricular project, such as an Independent Student Production, the SDA administration and faculty will not make allowances or exceptions for absences in class, missed or delayed assignments, home work that is required as preparation for class, or lack of participation in class resulting from your extra-curricular involvement.

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/ssu

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.

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