# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

**REQUEST FOR ADDITION, EXPIRATION, OR REVISION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE**

**(10000-40000 LEVEL)**

**DEPARTMENT**: Theatre  
**AFFECTIVE SESSION**: Fall 2014

**INSTRUCTIONS**: Please check the items below which describe the purpose of this request.

- ✓ New course with supporting documents
- ☐ Add existing course offered at another campus
- ☐ Expiration of a course
- ☐ Change in course number
- ☐ Change in course title
- ☐ Change in course credit type
- ☐ Change in course attributes (department head signature only)
- ☐ Change in instructional hours
- ☐ Change in course description
- ☐ Change in course requisites
- ☐ Change in semesters offered (department head signature only)
- ☐ Transfer from one department to another

**PROPOSED:**
- Subject Abbreviation: THTR
- Course Number: 32500
- Long Title: History of Modern Drama
- Short Title: History of Modern Drama

**EXISTING:**
- Subject Abbreviation: 
- Course Number: 
- Long Title: 
- Short Title: 

**TERMS OFFERED**: Check All That Apply:
- ☑ Summer
- ☑ Fall
- ☑ Spring

**CAMPUS(ES) INVOLVED**:
- ☑ Calumet
- ☑ Cont Ed
- ☑ Ft Wayne
- ☑ Indianapolis
- ☑ Tech State/Vie
- ☑ W. Lafayette

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**COURSE ATTRIBUTES**: Check All That Apply

- 6 Registration Approval Type
- Instructor
- 7 Variable Title
- 8 Honors
- 9 Full Time Privilege
- 10 Off-Campus Experience

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION (INCLUDE REQUISITES/RESTRICTIONS):**

Students will explore a wide variety of theatrical styles developed since 1879 comprising modern drama including realism and the breaks from realism to discover their origins in society, culture and historical events and their effects on contemporary drama. Students will develop skills in script analysis and interpretation and apply them to various theatrical texts, recorded media and live production.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. To explore plays in both written and produced form with a thorough understanding of play analysis.
2. To demonstrate an understanding of the forms, styles and trends of the modern period of theatre literature and production and the artists involved.
3. To articulate and defend a specific point of view through discussion and in written form.
4. To begin to create a vision of where theatre could go in the future.

**Office of the Registrar**

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THTR 39000 – History of Modern Drama
Fall 2014

Tuesday / Thursday 3:00 – 4:15 pm MCB 127
Final Exam is Thursday, December 18 at 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Instructor: Jeff Casazza
Office: WT 128D
Office Hours: TBA
Telephone: 481-6922
Email: casazzaj@ipfw.edu

Required Texts
Theater of the Avant-Garde by Bert Cardullo (editor)
Ishmael by Daniel Quinn
A Doll’s House by Henrik Ibsen / Frank McGuinness
The Good Soul of Szechuan by Bertolt Brecht / David Harrower
The Visit by Friedrich Durrenmatt / Joel Agee
Metamorphoses by Mary Zimmerman
Multiple Handouts of plays and other materials

Required Productions: Fall Production #1
Fall Production #2
Fall Production #3

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Learning Outcomes
The following outcomes fulfill IPFW’s General Education Outcomes for Category B7 (Interdisciplinary Option):

1.1 Produce texts that use appropriate formats, genre conventions, and documentation styles while controlling tone, syntax, grammar, and spelling.

1.3 Read critically, summarize, apply, analyze, and synthesize information and concepts in written and visual texts as the basis for developing original ideas and claims.

2.1 Use appropriate organization or logical sequencing to deliver an oral message.

5.1 Demonstrate knowledge of major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical patterns, or historical contexts within a given social or behavioral domain.

5.6 Identify examples of how social, behavioral, or historical knowledge informs and can shape personal, ethical, civic, or global decisions and responsibilities.

6.1 Recognize and describe humanistic, historical, or artistic works or problems and patterns of the human experience.

6.5 Create, interpret, or reinterpret artistic and/or humanistic works through performance or criticism.
Additional Learning Outcomes

1. To explore plays in both written and produced form with a thorough understanding of play analysis.
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Expectations / Policies

Each person in this course has unique prior experience and a unique viewpoint to share. As this course is primarily a seminar, this offers a wonderful opportunity for us to learn from each other. Though disagreement and conflict may occur, I expect your cooperation in maintaining an atmosphere of mutual respect. Behavior that does not maintain this atmosphere of respect will not be tolerated.

Participating fully in all discussions and any exercises is expected. Participating fully includes, but is not limited to: taking notes, active discussion, active listening, not hindering the participation of others, etc. If you are absent, it follows that you will be unable to participate.

Quizzes may be given throughout the semester focused on any of the readings, lectures, discussions or Departmental productions and may not be made up.

As this is a seminar course, excellent attendance is expected. Two absences will be allowed and any absence thereafter will result in the lowering of the final grade one full grade for each additional absence. Excused absences are due only to another approved University commitment—please note that excused absences count in the two allowed absences. Arriving late or leaving early will be counted as one half of an absence; therefore two instances will count as one absence. If you arrive late it is your responsibility to see me after class to have the absence changed to a tardy. Whether you are late or absent, you are responsible for all material covered in class and should make arrangements with other students in the class for handouts, assignments, notes, etc. Note well: When assigning final grades, perfect attendance will be considered. If you have been absent, you will not receive this consideration.

Late work will not be accepted.

You are required to attend the two mainstage productions this semester and will be expected to discuss the productions in the classes immediately following the closing performances.

***** Prepared Material for Each Class Session *****

Students must bring all completed assignments to the beginning of each class. Any student not prepared with the completed assignment will not be permitted to attend that class session. I may ask to see specific materials at the start of class and students not presenting them will be asked to leave. Such instances will also count as one absence.

All papers written for this course must be

- Typewritten in black ink and double spaced
- A title page with your name and the title of the paper
- Nothing larger than Times New Roman 12 point font (no script or other fancy fonts)
- One inch margins
- Include page numbers
- Stapled (not in a folder)
- Free of compositional errors - grammar, spelling, punctuation, comprehension, etc.
SPECIAL NOTES

Requests for exceptions to the all course expectations must be discussed with me in advance.

The Writing Center  Second Floor of the Helmke Library (The Learning Commons)
481-5740
http://www.ipfw.edu/casa/writing/
You will find peer tutors who can help with all phases of the writing process

Academic Misconduct:
The performance of and/or involvement in any acts of misconduct will be addressed as per regulations set forth in the IPFW Student Handbook. This includes, but is not limited to, cheating, misrepresentation, and plagiarism. Academic Misconduct is a serious issue and is cause for failure of the assignment and/or the course as well as expulsion from the University.

Disability Statement:
If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities (Walb Union, Rm 113, phone number: 481-6658) as soon as possible to work out the details. Once the Director has provided you with a letter attesting to your needs for modification, bring the letter to me. For more information, please visit the web site for SSD at http://www.ipfw.edu/ssd.

Civility/Diversity/Tolerance:
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Course Content:
PLEASE NOTE: Students who elect to take this course may be exposed to adult language and material through class discussions, rehearsals and/or performances. This course is NOT recommended for students who may find this uncomfortable or objectionable. In this situation, it is recommended that the student enroll in another general education course to better suit his/her needs.
GRADING

Grades are based on the subjective evaluation of the instructor and are based on the following criteria:

A  Your participation was exemplary and your work has excelled in every assignment
B  Your participation and written work has been very good and sometimes exemplary
C  Your participation and written work has been average and sometimes very good
D  Your participation and written work has been below average and sometimes average
F  Your participation and written work has been unacceptable

The weight of each portion of the course will be as follows:

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**TOTAL POINTS** 1,000

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*The instructor reserves the right to change this syllabus as needed*