

EDUCATION 495-4

Developmental Drama

INTERSESSION 1983  
Monday & Wednesday 5:30 - 9:30

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This course will explore the theory and practice of developmental drama as a teaching strategy. Students will be encouraged to develop their own drama skills and to design activities appropriate to their grade level and/or subject area interest. Although the course will involve considerable participation, it is not the intent to make sudden histrionic demands on its students. Rather, the course will model the steady development of group trust and individual confidence and skill that allows developmental drama to be effectively integrated into the classroom. Students with no previous experience should not, therefore, be deterred from enrolling.

Topics to be investigated include:

- Drama and theatre games in Education
- Drama and personal growth
- Drama and language development
- Drama and other curriculum areas
- Drama and motorcycle maintenance.

Students will:

- participate in a series of workshop activities to promote awareness and competence in drama skills
- read representative books and articles on drama in education and discuss their application to the classroom
- select appropriate activities from the readings and workshops and build an annotated resource file
- be involved in group tasks such as adapting non-dramatic source material into dramatic formats and improvising around various themes
- contract with the instructor for an individual or group project on a drama in education related project

Evaluation will be based on the final project, resource file, participation, readings and self-evaluation using criteria developed by the class.