

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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**EDUC 355-4
THEATRE IN AN EDUCATIONAL CONTEXT
(E01.00)**

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TUESDAY 16:30-20:20
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PREREQUISITE: 60 credits hours (previous theatre background not required)

DESCRIPTION

This course deals with teaching theatre in an educational context. It will develop knowledge of theatre skills and introduce students to a variety of approaches and techniques for teaching theatre and doing theatre in schools.

OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce students to a variety of approaches and techniques for teaching theatre and doing theatre in the schools.
2. To foster an understanding of theatre as an art form.
3. To develop knowledge of theatre skills and theatrical conventions.
4. To have students engage in critical discussion regarding the educational value of theatre.

TOPICS

1. The educational value of theatre.
2. Acting (character, voice, movement).
3. How to direct (preparation, script interpretation, blocking, the rehearsal process).
4. Technical Theatre (scene design, stage lighting, props, make-up, costumes).
5. The role of the producer/teacher (publicity, fundraising, all the "extras").
6. Pedagogical issues in teaching theatre.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Director's analysis for a scene and prompt book – 40%
2. Scene Presentation (includes rehearsal log) – 30%
3. Article Presentation – 20%
4. Participation (includes leading a warm-up exercise) – 10%

REQUIRED TEXTS

Grote, D. (1997). *Play Directing in the Schools: a drama director's survival guide*. Colorado Springs, CO: Meriwether Publishing Ltd. ISBN 1566080363

Panych, M. (2001). *7 Stories*. Vancouver, BC: Talonbooks. ISBN 0889222819

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