

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

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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 performing 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.

CORE TOPICS

- The educational value of theatre
- Director's preparation, script interpretation, blocking, scene design, stage lighting and stage makeup in the context of theatre in schools
- Pedagogical issues in teaching theatre

OPTIONAL TOPICS

- Script selection
- Casting
- The rehearsal process
- Stage management
- Alternatives to traditional scripts for use in school contexts
- Acting for the stage (character, voice, movement)

REQUIREMENTS

1. Director's analysis for a scene– 40%
2. Director's prompt book for a scene– 20%
3. Scene Presentation (includes rehearsal log) – 30%
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

Custom Courseware Package

Students will need a copy of *Midsummer Nights Dream* (William Shakespeare)