Practicum IV
THEA 3352

Play an Awesome Role
And Write About It!!

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Course Description:
This course is individually designed for each performer. You will complete 2 projects. The first is a performance in a main stage/studio production and the second is the completion of a journal of your rehearsal process. At least, two meetings with the instructor throughout the performing/writing process are encouraged.

Course Objectives
1. To explore and develop practical rehearsal and performance techniques used in the art of acting.
2. To analyze your own rehearsal process and consider changes for future projects.
3. To develop confidence, imagination, spontaneity, and ownership of craft, through practical understanding of personal process in performance.

Grading
Performance Product: 30%
This grade will be the based on the artistic success of your personal role in your show. I may consult with other professors to determine this value.

Rehearsal Process: 30%
This grade will measure your diligence and effective use of time. Did you get off book in a timely and effective fashion? Did you take notes and adjustments in a constructive way? Were you a positive influence in the rehearsal room? Etc. I will consult with your show’s director to determine this value.

Rehearsal Journal (40%)
Start a daily log of your rehearsal process. Date each entry. You may hand write your entries or create them electronically. The entries do NOT need to be long, but they should not be fluff. A good rule of thumb would be 200 words per rehearsal average. However, some days you will want to write more and others you might only make a few notes. Following are some guideline questions to start your process, but these are just examples.

How am I like this character today?
How am I different than this character today?
Today what language did I connect to easily?
What language today did I have more trouble connecting to? Why?
Were the director and me on the same page today?
Grading Scale
You will be assigned a letter grade on each of the above assignments. (A=4.0, B=3.0 etc.)
Your final class grade is based on a weighted average of these grades (before any modification for attendance) according to the following scale.

A  =  3.50+
B  =  2.50 - 3.49
C  =  1.50 - 2.49
D  =  0.50 - 1.49
F  =  Less than .50