

MUSE 171: MUSICAL THEATRE TECHNIQUES I

Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2023
Credits:	3
Total Contact Hours:	90
Lecture Hours :	36
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	54
Outside of Class Hours:	72
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	Yes - Approved
Grading Method:	Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Catalog Course Description

This introductory course provides an overview of the techniques necessary for the performer in a live musical theatre production. Topics include history of American musical theatre, audition technique, rehearsal and performance techniques, and methods of production evaluation. 36 lecture hours, 54 lab hours arranged.

Course Objectives

- demonstrate familiarity with specialized vocabulary of musical theatre productions
- apply musical theatre performance skills
- analyze standard stage literature
- assess and apply knowledge of rehearsal and performance techniques
- perform character analysis and interpretation

Major Course Content

1. Stage Vocabulary and Overview of Basic Musical Theatre Literature
2. Elements of Musical Theatre Production
3. The History of American Musical Theatre
4. Audition Techniques
5. Cold Reading Techniques
6. Play and Character Analysis
7. Preparation for Essay Assignment
8. Stage Casting and Rehearsal Techniques
9. Two-Character Scene Techniques

Hours Arranged Content

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1. Rehearsal and performance techniques in practicum
2. Work with partners on lecture material given in class
3. Attend local professional theatre performances including field experience with professionals

4. Rehearse with pianist
5. Group project analysis

Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

Musical scores and scripts, histories, BackstageWest.

Examples of Required Writing Assignments

4 1-2 page analyses of Southern California musical theatre are required.

Examples of Outside Assignments

"What Type am I" Rehearse Audition Pieces Resume Preparation Subtext in Audition "Battle Plan"

Instruction Type(s)

Lab, Lecture, Online Education Lab, Online Education Lecture