

## **THEATRE 100 – History of the Theatre**

Fall 2021

Time:

Room: Virtual

School of Visual and Performing Arts

**Pillar Course – Scholarship**



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### **Course Description**

Theater 100—History of the Theater I: Global Origins to the Renaissance. This course is “A historical and critical survey of stage practice and dramatic literature from Theatre’s origins through the Renaissance presented through a global context.

**Scholarship Pillar:** What does it mean to be a scholar? Explore the breadth of knowledge in the liberal arts tradition, and develop intellectually sound standards for evaluating data and information necessary to produce scholarly, societal, and professional work.

### **Course Goals**

The goal of Theatre History I is to introduce students to not only to historical perspectives on theatre, its origins, and practices but as a continually evolving entity. We will examine commonality between theatrical traditions from around the world and how they manifest in the theatrical practices of today.

### **Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:**

1. Illuminate students on how to recognize theatre in their lives as a social and aesthetic experience.
  - a. Outcome 1 – Students are able to identify, define, and describe various forms of formal and informal theatre they’ve seen or been part of.
  - b. Outcome 2 – Students can effectively describe the effect(s) theatrical experiences have on them, and are able to articulate their likes, dislikes, and expectations of theatrical experiences.
  
2. Provide a foundation of understanding of theatre as a global and historical phenomenon and offer ways of using theatre to understand culture.
  - a. Outcome 1 – Students can provide a basic explanation of how theatre evolved into the art form we have today.

- b. Outcome 2 – Students can recognize and identify various elements of multicultural theatre and can provide a basic explanation of how a particular culture or social interest might use theatre to communicate.
3. Introduce students to the audience experience in a practical and academic sense, giving them the tools to become informed, articulate audience members.
  - a. Outcome 1 – Students can describe and demonstrate appropriate audience etiquette.
  - b. Outcome 2 – Students can provide critical responses to theatre performances, using appropriate terminology and correct jargon in their descriptions.

## **Course Requirements**

### **Required Materials:**

The Living Theatre, 7<sup>th</sup> edition. Edwin Wilson, Alvin Goldfarb, W. W. Norton & Company; Seventh edition (August 15, 2017) ISBN-13: 978-0393640205, ISBN-10: 0393640205

*You can purchase this book from the Coker Bookstore, or find a reduced-price copy on thriftbooks, or enjoy a short-term membership to Scribd.com and download a pdf copy (I recommend this one, unless you would like a physical copy).*

- Macheth, by William Shakespeare – Can be found online on Project Gutenberg and watched on BroadwayHD.com (Free two week subscription), I recommend the 2018 RSC Production, or the 2010 Patrick Stewart Version.
- Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare – Can be found free online on Project Gutenberg and watched on BroadwayHD.com (Free two week subscription) – 2018 RSC All-female production.
- Lysistrata by Aristophanes – can be found free online on Project Gutenberg and watched on Youtube – Warwick Art Centre Production

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### **Other Required Materials:**

- **Ticket purchase and attendance of one (1) Theatre Department production:** Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.coker.edu/vpa-tickets/>. Tickets are FREE to anyone with a Student ID. Live Stream will be available as well as a limited number of in-person tickets. Social distancing and mask wearing will be strictly enforced at all events.

## Attendance

- As this is an online class, we will not be taking attendance in a traditional sense. That said you are expected to check Blackboard **every day** for changes or updates to assignments. As a rule I will always give you at least 24-Hours notice of changes whenever possible.
- **Communication is key.** I can't help you if I don't know what is going on. Make sure you reach out – I have office hours and am available by email.

## Grading

This class is based on the accumulation of points, not percentages. Every point you earn contributes to a final score. Any time you wish to know your grade, so far, you simply move the decimal point. For example: If you currently have 789 points, then you have a 78.9 or a C.

Grade Item	Points Possible
Lecture/Clip Response (5)	150 points
Performance Video Review	100 points
Midterm	125 points
Quizzes (5)	350 points
Macbeth/Julius Caesar/Lysistata Video Response	200 points
Final Exam	175 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1000 points</b>

A = 900-1000 / B = 800-899 / C = 700-799 / D = 600-699 / F = 599 and below

## STUDENT EXPECTATION STATEMENT

- Students are expected to log into Blackboard **EVERY DAY** – you should keep a daily check on assignments, due dates, discussions, and correspondence.
- Students are expected to participate in class, read all assigned material, complete assignments, quizzes, and projects on time, view one department performance and complete a response video, and participate in discussions on Bb.
- Students are expected to be open to new experiences, looking for new ideas and asking plenty of questions.

1. Keep a class notebook, and keep it organized; and as this is a Pillars class, you will need all this information in a couple of years when you take your Capital course.

**In order to get the most out of this course, students must take a personal interest in their own future. This course will ask you to adapt, to define, to risk, and to push yourself. Lackluster effort on these projects will affect not only your success in this course, but also likely your success beyond Coker University.**

## Class Environment

It is vital to create a safe, productive working environment in the classroom. That starts with respect for yourself, your classmates and the teacher. You will also be expected to talk about your

work, as well as your fellow classmates. We will discuss in class how to give feedback that is helpful and productive.

There are topics which may express adult or controversial themes as well as strong language. Acting, due to its psychological nature, will involve you in emotional situations. Please note, you may be asked at times to OBSERVE something that makes you uncomfortable or something that you personally do not agree with. You must communicate your concerns to me BEFORE the class assignment is due.

## **Fall Academic Calendar 2021**

<b>August 17</b>	<b>Classes begin</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Last day to Drop/Add a course</b>
<b>August 25</b>	<b>Census Date</b>
<b>August 25</b>	<b>Roster verification begins</b>
<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>Roster verification ends at 9:00 am</b>
<b>Sept 7</b>	<b>Labor Day; University Closed, No classes</b>
<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Classes end</b>

### **College, Department, and/or Theater Program Policies Disability Assistance:**

Reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified students with documented physical, sensory, learning, or psychiatric disabilities that require assistance to fully participate in this class. If a student has a disability that will likely need some accommodation by the instructor, the student should contact Robin Richardson in the Learning Support Services Office (ext. 8021, rrichardson@coker.edu) to provide the necessary documentation. No accommodations can be made without documentation from LSS. The student is solely responsible for contacting Robin Richardson.

### **Student Success Center**

The Student Success Center works collaboratively with faculty and staff to ensure students are progressing towards personal, academic, and career goals. Within the Student Success Center, Student Success Coaches assist assigned students with getting connected to campus resources, developing career goals, and troubleshooting any possible challenges that may arise during their Coker experience. The Student Success Center strives to develop students' sense of self by helping them evaluate their strengths, interests, values, and goals early on in their academic career and channel those criteria into successful networks, internships, and mentorships. Additionally, the Student Success Center is responsible for the new student orientations, the first-year experience, and internships. The Student Success Center is located on the 1st floor of the Library and Information Technology Center.

## **Health Care, Counseling Services, Campus Safety**

**Health & Medical Clinic Services:** [843-383-8141](tel:843-383-8141) | [healthservices@coker.edu](mailto:healthservices@coker.edu)

**Campus Safety:** Security can be contacted 24/7 at 843-383-8140 (*on-campus extension: 8140*)

**Counseling Services:** Counseling services will be provided through the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) TelePsych program, where students will have access to a psychiatrist. All appointments will take place in Coker's [Center for Health and Wellness](#).

## **The Coker Pledge**

As a member of the Coker University community, I pledge to do my part to protect the health and safety of our campus and greater Hartsville community. I understand that my actions play a critical role in reducing the spread of COVID-19. I pledge to be responsible, considerate, and accountable for my actions on campus and within the community. I will conduct myself with Coker's six pillars in mind--integrity, respect, scholarship, sustainability, service, and contribution.

### ***I pledge to:***

- Monitor my health closely for potential symptoms and to avoid social situations, including classes, if I feel sick; and if I am experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, which can include shortness of breath, coughing and/or fever of 100.4°F or greater, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea, if I am a student, I will email [covidhotline@coker.edu](mailto:covidhotline@coker.edu), and if I am a Coker employee, I will contact Ella Marshall at [emarshall@coker.edu](mailto:emarshall@coker.edu)
- Follow public health guidelines and abide by Coker University guidance and COVID-19 signage on reducing the spread of COVID-19
- Maintain good personal hygiene and wash my hands with soap and water frequently
- Maintain social distancing in all of my daily activities
- Wear a mask or cloth face covering which covers your mouth and nose in university buildings, when outside on campus, and in situations when social distancing is not possible
- Honor occupancy limits in spaces, leave furniture in classrooms and dining areas as is to ensure proper social distancing, and be careful to protect myself and others when in situations where social distancing might not be possible
- Follow the university's instructions for isolating myself if I test positive, am experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

## **Coker University Code of Conduct**

Coker University is a community dedicated to scholarship. Those who join the Coker University community commit to a lifelong journey of intellectual and personal growth. By becoming citizens of this community, students are obligated to honor the principles that define Coker University. Therefore, it is each student's responsibility to:

- Be an active and honorable scholar, inside and outside of the classroom

- Contribute positively to the academic and social life of the community at large
- Respect the rights, property, and dignity of others
- Be accountable for his/ her own actions. The penalty for plagiarism or cheating is failure of the class. Plagiarism and/or cheating will be considered a breach of conduct and will be reported to the College Provost.

### **Inclusivity Policy**

In keeping with a non-discrimination policy, we aim to ensure that this classroom is a safe and respectful space where people are welcomed regardless of their identity, appearance, or presentation. We will endeavor to not assume anyone's gender, sexual, racial, religious, or other identities without voluntary input nor to impose such identities on them without their consent. Since language use within the classroom may involve the used gendered pronouns and names, I will be asking students to optionally share their preferred pronouns and names at the semester's start. I will make appropriate changes to my records if students use a different name than is listed in the class roster. Expressions of hate and bigotry directed at particular individuals or their identities are counter-productive to respectful exchange and learning, and thus will be curtailed; however, note that the critical analysis of social hierarchies and systems [e.g. patriarchy, sexism, race, class, etc] is distinct from the unfair targeting of individuals from privileged groups, and is fully protected under academic freedom.

Government Institutions prohibit discrimination in employment, educational programs, and activities on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, pregnancy, disability, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran, service in the U.S. military, sexual orientation, gender identity, associational preference, or any other classification that deprives the person of consideration as an individual.

### **Title IX and Reporting of Discrimination and Sexual Harassment**

As a recipient of Federal Funds, Coker University is required to comply with Title IX legislation, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities, admission, and employment. Coker's Commitment to Equality Equal access to educational experiences is an important part of the Coker experience. If you feel you have been discriminated against based on your sex, gender, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation, or if you have experienced sexual harassment, misconduct, or violence, we encourage you to report this to a member of the Coker Community.

#### **What is Sexual Harassment?**

Sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, including unwelcome sexual advances and requests for sexual favors. Sexual violence is a form of sexual harassment and includes sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, rape, sexual battery, sexual coercion, and sexual exploitation.

#### **Who Can I Talk to?**

While faculty and staff are happy to listen to your concerns, please be mindful of how much you wish to disclose since all Coker faculty and staff members are 'mandatory reporters.' This means that if they are made aware of potential discrimination, harassment, misconduct, or violence that

has occurred involving any Coker student, staff, or faculty member, they are required by law to report it to Coker's Title IX Officer. This includes incidents that occur on campus or at an off-campus Coker-sponsored event or activity in the recent present or in the past. Of course, you may also contact Coker University's Title IX Coordinator (843-383-8007) directly. At any time that you fear for your immediate safety, contact Campus Safety (843-383-8140) or dial 911.

### **Confidential Reporting**

If you wish to talk with someone who is better able to keep your information confidential, please visit or call Coker's Counseling Services (843-383-8040) or Coker's Student Health Services (843-383-8141). Additional information is located under the Title IX section on the Coker website: <https://www.coker.edu/about-coker/offices-services/campus-safety/title-ix/>.