

Montgomery County Community College
THA 252
Musical Theatre: Interpreting Song and Scene
3-2-2

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This specialized course in theatre will explore the practical aspects of musical theatre performance and introduce the student to the history of the genre. Through the study of this American art form, students will expand their performance repertoire as well as their knowledge of groundbreaking shows and prolific composers. Students will workshop material throughout the semester in-class in front of their peers, rehearse and present songs and scenes, and will be required to attend live theatre performances. This course

| LEARNING OUTCOMES | LEARNING ACTIVITIES | EVALUATION METHODS |
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| 4. Analyze a written text to determine artistic and aesthetic choices used to create a dramatic interpretation of a song (text analysis). | In Class Rehearsal Discussion Readings | Written Exercises Response Papers |
| 5. Utilize appropriate research techniques to create an original performance of a song and scene. | Research Project | Presentation of Songs and Scenes |

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

All classes will include warm-up exercises for voice, body and imagination. Throughout the semester, students will workshop musical theatre performance selections in class and will present research material regarding the musical theatre. Each class will emphasize a particular concept or skill.

1. Course Introduction
2. Establishing Healthful Habits through Vocal, Physical and Mental Warm-Ups
3. Discussion and Demonstration of Proper Breathing, Proper Vocal Placement, Methods to Achieve Good Intonation, Study of Diction Issues, etc.
4. Identifying Musical Theatre Shows, Composers, Vocal Selections and Storylines
5. Presenting and Sharing Work
6. Solo and Group Song Exploration and Performance
7. Acting Exercises
8. Preparing f



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