



DRAM 1310 8 Weeks Online – Theatre Appreciation

Course Syllabus: Fall 2026

“Northeast Texas Community College exists to provide personal, dynamic learning experiences empowering students to succeed.”

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This syllabus serves as the documentation for all course policies and requirements, assignments, and instructor/student responsibilities.

Information relative to the delivery of the content contained in this syllabus is subject to change. Should that happen, the student will be notified.

Course Description: 3 Credit Hours

Survey of all phases of theatre including its history, dramatic works, stage techniques, production procedures, and relation to the fine arts. Attendance of college theatre productions may be required.

Prerequisite(s): None

Student Learning Outcomes - Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyze theater through written responses to play texts and/or live performance.
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of theater history and dramatic works.
3. Describe the collaborative nature of theater arts.
4. Demonstrate the relationship of the arts to everyday life as well as broader historical and social contexts.

Evaluation/Grading Policy - The breakdown of the course requirements is as follows:

%	Requirement
20%	Group Discussion Questions: 14
15%	Chapter Tests: 16
5%	Smart Book Readings

20%	<i>Frankenstein</i> Paper
20%	Midterm Essay
20%	Final Essay

Semester grades will be earned as follows

Percentage	Letter Grade
90% and above	A
80 %–89%	B
70 %–79%	C
60%–69 %	D
59.9% and below	F

Required Instructional Materials:

***Theatre: The Lively Art* 11th EDITION by Wilson & Goldfarb**

Publisher: McGraw-Hill

ISBN-13:9781259916861, eBook McGraw-Hill Connect

Optional Instructional Materials:

None

Minimum Technology Requirements:

You must have access to a computer to take this course. Your computer needs to have Windows XP SP3 or later or MAC OS X10.3 or higher. You will need broadband internet access. You can check your operating system by right clicking on the My Computer icon on the home screen. If you do not have access to a computer with the minimum computer requirements, I strongly suggest that you reconsider taking this online course.

Required Computer Literacy Skills:

NTCC Blackboard, Student E-mail, Word Processing.

Course Structure and Overview:

Welcome to Theatre Appreciation. This is an eight (8) week online class. There are no face-to-face lectures. Assignments and due dates are listed in the course schedule. You will be interacting with your classmates through discussions. It is important that you participate in a respectful manner, without bias or judgement. Please review your assignments in advance so that you will be prepared.

You have a great deal of autonomy in the rate in which you read the material and handle the assignments. As with many things in life, time management will be crucial in the level of success you achieve this

semester. The Blackboard Learning Management System contains a course navigation bar and home page. You must work sensibly and conscientiously to be successful in this course.

Communications:

Please use your NTCC Student E-mail for all correspondence and not Blackboard messaging. I will respond within 24 hours.

Institutional/Course Policy:

1. You must complete online assignments promptly and before the due date. ***No late work is accepted.***
2. Read all Blackboard announcements as they are posted.
3. You must check NTCC email and Blackboard daily.
4. You must monitor your grades in Blackboard and contact me via e-mail if you have any questions.
5. Withdrawal Policy: It is your responsibility to drop a course or withdraw from the college. Once you have submitted the syllabus acknowledgment, you are considered in- attendance. If you stop participating in the course without withdrawing, you will still receive a grade, whether passing or failing.
6. You must complete the Syllabus Acknowledgment in Week One.
7. Attendance Policy: An online class requires consistent engagement. All of your activity, including the links that you access, and the amount of time spent on each activity, is tracked through Blackboard. You should plan to log on every day and participate fully in the course. Failure to participate in course activities, complete required readings, and turn in work will lower your course grade or cause you to lose course credit completely

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure and/or Alternate Course Delivery Requirements:

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Northeast Texas Community College to move to altered operations. During this time, Northeast Texas Community College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to, online through the Blackboard Learning Management System, online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor NTCC's website (<http://www.ntcc.edu/>) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, Blackboard for each class for course-specific communication, and NTCC email for important general information.

Additionally, there may be instances where a course may not be able to be continued in the same delivery format as it originates (face-to-face, fully online, live remote, or hybrid). Should this be the case, every effort will be made to continue instruction in an alternative delivery format. Students will be informed of any changes of this nature through email messaging and/or the Blackboard course site.

Statement Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology:

Employees and students shall be permitted to explore artificial intelligence (AI) and implement its use in and out of the classroom in accordance with policy and administrative regulations. The use of AI shall only be as a support tool to enhance student outcomes or as necessary to engage in research and shall never take the place of faculty, staff, and student decision-making. Any use of AI must comply with law, policy, and administrative regulations relating to student and employee privacy and data security. ***A student shall only use AI tools with faculty permission and shall be expected to produce original work and properly credit sources, including AI tools used in creating the work.***

Example:

APA (7th edition)

OpenAI. (2026). ChatGPT (March 25 version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/>

MLA (9th edition)

OpenAI. ChatGPT. 25 Mar. 2026, <https://chat.openai.com/>.

Employees or students who use AI tools to deceptively harm, bully, or harass others shall be disciplined in accordance with policy. [See DH, DIA series, FFD series, FFE, FLB, and the FM series] AI Use by Employees and Students. Northeast Texas Community College 225500 TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES CRB ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (LOCAL) DATE ISSUED: 12/8/2025 1 of 1 UPDATE 50 CRB(LOCAL)-AJC Adopted: 12/16/2025

Individual Course Policy Regarding AI:

1. All papers and essays will be run through Turnitin. If any paper shows an AI percentage rate of 20% or above, the student will be given an Automatic Zero.
2. At that point, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor immediately.
3. In order to resolve the Zero, Students must make time during the professor's office hours to explain/discuss the issue. This meeting can be held either Face to Face or through Teams.
4. Any rewritten assignment due to AI usage can only expect to receive up to 80% of the original grade.

NTCC Academic Honesty/Ethics Statement:

NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. The college expects all students to engage in their academic pursuits in an honest manner that is beyond reproach using their intellect and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty and Academic Ethics policies stated in the Student Handbook. Refer to the student handbook for more information on these subjects.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodation as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodation. An appointment can be made with the Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in Student Services and can be reached at 903-434-8264. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the special populations page on the NTCC website.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including

major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.

Tentative Course Schedule for DRAM 1310 Online, 8 Week:

(Instructor reserves the right to make adjust this timeline at any point in the term)

Week	Day	Chapters/Projects
1	Thurs	All activities in the Start Course Here section of the course Chapter 1 - Theatre is Everywhere Discussion 1
	Sun	Chapter 2 - The Audience
2	Thurs	Chapter 3 - Creating the Dramatic Script Discussion 2
	Sun	Chapter 4 - Theatrical Genres Discussion 3
3	Thurs	Chapter 5 - Acting for the Stage Discussion 4
	Sun	Chapter 6 - The Director and Producer Discussion 5
4	Thurs	Chapter 7 - Theatre Spaces Discussion 6
	Sun	Chapter 8 – Scenery Chapter 10 - Lighting and Sound Discussion 7 MIDTERM EXAM
5	Thurs	Chapter 9 - Stage Costumes Discussion 8
	Sun	Chapter 11 - Early Theatres - Greek, Roman, Medieval Discussion 9
6	Thurs	Chapter 12 - Early Theatre – Asian Discussion 10
	Sun	Chapter 13 - Renaissance Theatre Discussion 11 PAPER – <i>Frankenstein</i> at the National Theatre
7	Thurs	Chapter 14 - Theatres from the Restoration through Romanticism Discussion 12
	Sun	Chapter 15 - The Modern Theatre Emerges Discussion 13
8	Thurs	Chapter 16 - Today's Diverse Global Theatre Discussion 14
	Sun	FINAL EXAM