

11th Grade IB Theatre Arts, Higher Level & Standard Level

Knowledge and Skills Content

This course follows the IB Theatre Arts curriculum. As stated in the IB Theatre Arts programme guide, the objective of this class is for the students to understand the nature of theatre by participating in it as well as studying it.

Students completing this course will have demonstrated:

- A knowledge of major developments and techniques in the theatrical history of more than one culture
- An ability to interpret and illuminate play scripts and other theatrical texts analytically and imaginatively
- An understanding of the art of the stage and of the criticism in relation to it
- An ability to perform before an audience, and to demonstrate an understanding of, and some skill in, acting techniques
- The acquisition of sufficient technical skill to produce satisfactory work in at least one of the theatrical arts of crafts
- An understanding of the process of theatrical production
- An ability to research imaginatively, selectively and with persistence.

This is demonstrated by the student's ability to successfully complete the four areas of the examination:

- Practical play analysis
- Research commission
- Performance and theatre production
- The portfolio (and in the case of HL students an independent project).

Assessment

Instructional approaches and activities:

- Improvised and prepared theatrical activities
- Readings/lecture/discussion
- Project work
- Individual reflections
- Watching and reflecting on performances both in and out of school.

Assessment activities and instruments:

- Reflections
- Projects that allow for further exploration in the areas of assessment
- Performances
- Essays/research papers.

The weighting of grades in this class is a reflection of the IB assessment criteria:

- 25% Performance Skills
- 25% World Theatre Studies
- 25% Practical Play Analysis
- 25% Theatre Production.

Portfolio work will be broken down and assessed in the appropriate category.

Examinations

Students will complete an International Baccalaureate examination after Year 2 of the course.

Resources

- Books
- Internet
- DVD
- Local performances.

Prerequisites

Previous drama experience is valuable.

Credits

This is a two year course. Students will receive One Credit for each full year completed.