

Play

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Fall 2007, Mondays, 6-8 pm

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Course Requirements

You are required to read each week's assignment and come prepared to discuss the texts. Active participation in all classroom discussions is expected. There will also be a handful of brief in-class creative exercises. These will require no more preparation than reading the assigned texts. In addition, you will have two written assignments. The first is a short analytical paper (2-4 pages) that uses an aspect of Aristotle's *Poetics* as a framework for thinking about one of the plays. The second is a creative exercise: a short scene or play (5-10 pages) on a subject and in a style of your choice.

Class Schedule

September 10 – Introduction

September 17 – *Poetics* by Aristotle and *Persians* by Aeschylus

September 24 – *Antigone* by Sophocles

October 1 – *Herakles* by Euripides

October 8 – *Edward II* by Christopher Marlowe

October 15 – *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare

October 22 – *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare

October 29 – *Saint Joan* by George Bernard Shaw

November 5 – University Holiday

November 12 – *Three Sisters* by Anton Chekhov

November 19 – *Ghosts* by Henrik Ibsen

November 26 – *Twilight: Lost Angeles, 1992* by Anna Deavere Smith

December 3 – *In the Blood* by Suzan-Lori Parks

December 10 – *Angels in America, Parts I and II* by Tony Kushner

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Poetics, Aristotle ISBN 0-140-44636-2 (Heath translation)

Persians, Aeschylus ISBN 0195070089 (Lembke/Harrington translation)

The Three Theban Plays, Sophocles ISBN 0140444254 (Fagles translation)

Grief Lessons: Four Plays, Euripides 978-1590171806 (Carson translation)

Doctor Faustus and Other Plays, Christopher Marlowe 0192834452

The Tempest, William Shakespeare 9780140714852

As You Like It, Shakespeare 9780140714715

Four Major Plays, Henrik Ibsen 978-0192833877 (McFarlane/Arup translation)

The Essential Plays, Anton Chekhov 978-0375761348 (Heim translation)

Saint Joan, George Bernard Shaw 0140437916

The Red Letter Plays, Suzan-Lori Parks 1-55936-195-6

Angels in America, Tony Kushner, Parts 1&2 ISBN: 1559362316

Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992, Anna Deavere Smith ISBN 0385473761