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General Information

Overview

In this unit you will learn how to analyse various theatrical texts from a variety of dramatic genres. You will analyse important primary source material for meaning and functionality, exploring the concept that plays are designed to be performed and are therefore constructed in specific ways to maximise their effect onstage.

Details

Career Level: Undergraduate

Unit Level: *Level 2* Credit Points: *6*

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the <u>Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)</u>.

Offerings For Term 2 - 2019

- Mackay
- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

Regional Campuses

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

Metropolitan Campuses

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. Research Assignment

Weighting: 50%

2. Research Assignment

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the <u>University's Grades and Results Policy</u> for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the CQUniversity Policy site.

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the <u>COUniversity Policy site</u>.

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Unit evaluations.

Feedback

No feedback.

Recommendation

Overall improvement in unit satisfaction. Maintain teaching methodologies, resources, assessment tasks and criteria.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- 1. Analyse selected play scripts to identify important elements relating to character, action, dialogue and language within the context of the whole work
- 2. Identify and discuss specific examples from primary sources that influence the practical staging choices for each play
- 3. Relate the selected scripts to the broader, social and cultural contexts of their respective historical periods.

N/A

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes Introductory Intermediate Graduate Professional Advanced Level Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes **Assessment Tasks Learning Outcomes** 2 3 1 - Research Assignment - 50% 2 - Research Assignment - 50% Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes **Graduate Attributes Learning Outcomes** 2 1 3 1 - Communication 2 - Problem Solving

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes									
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3 - Critical Thinking				(•		•	,
4 - Information Literacy				•			•			,
5 - Team Work										
6 - Information Technology Competence										
7 - Cross Cultural Competence										
8 - Ethical practice										
9 - Social Innovation										
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures										
Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes										
Assessment Tasks	Gra	Graduate Attributes								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Research Assignment - 50%	•		•	•						
2 - Research Assignment - 50%	•		•	•						

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

THTR13125

Prescribed

Backwards and Forwards: A Technical Manual for Reading Plays

Edition: 1st (1983) Authors: Ball, David

Southern Illinois University Press

Evansville , IL , USA ISBN: 978-0809311101 Binding: Paperback THTR13125

Prescribed

Four Great Plays of Heinrik Ibsen

Edition: 1st (2016) Authors: Ibsen, Heinrik Simon & Schuster New York, NY, USA

ISBN: ISBN: 9781451685671 ISBN-10: 145168567X

Binding: eBook THTR13125

Prescribed

Script Analysis for Actors, Directors and Designers

(2013)

Authors: James Thomas

Focal Press

GB

ISBN: 978-0415663250. Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

e-book can be purchased online via

https://www.booktopia.com.au/four-great-plays-of-henrik-ibsen-henrik-ibsen/prod9781416500384.html

View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: <u>American Psychological</u> Association 6th Edition (APA 6th edition)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

Linda Lorenza Unit Coordinator

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Schedule

Week 1 - 15 Jul 2019		
Module/Topic Topic Topic 1: Action analysis (versus formalist analysis)	Chapter James Thomas, Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Designers: Introduction and Chapter 1, pages 1-40 David Ball, Backwards and Forwards: A Technical Manual for Reading Plays: Introduction and Part One: Shape (sections 1 and 2) pages 1-14 Shakespeare, Hamlet Washburn, Mr Burns	Answer the questions at the end of Thomas Chapter 1 in Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Designers using Hamlet as a reference. Repeat activity on Mr Burns Act 1.
Week 2 - 22 Jul 2019		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic Answer questions 1-9 at the
Topic 2: Action Analysis: Internal and External action	Thomas, Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Designers: Introduction and Chapter 2 pp 41-72 and Chapter 4, pages 96-132 Shakespeare, Hamlet	end of Thomas Chapter 2 pp 70-72 and 1-3 at end of Thomas Chapter 4 pp131-132 in Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Designers using Hamlet as a reference. Repeat activity on Anne Washburn, Mr Burns Act 1. Additional reading: Tony Kushner, Angels in America Sam Shepard, A Lie of the Mind Moliere, Tartuffe Ibsen, The Wild Duck Tom Stoppard, Rozencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead Maria Irene Fornes, Fefu and Her Friends

Week 3 - 29 Jul 2019

Module/Topic Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Answer questions end of Chapter 7 and 8 in Thomas, Thomas, Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Script Analysis for Actors, Designers: Chapter 7, pp 204-232 and Chapter 8, Directors, using Time pp 324-369. Stands Still and Mr Burns Donald Margulies Time Stands as references ASSESSMENT 1 Part 1 Topic 3: Idea & Dialogue Still Moodle videos. due by Monday 29 July Shakespeare, Hamlet Additional reading: Washburn, Mr Burns Lorraine Hansberry, A Moodle videos Raisin in the Sun Sam Shepard A Lie of the Mind Week 4 - 05 Aug 2019 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Answer the questions at the end of Chapter 9 in Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Designers James Thomas' Script using Hamlet and Time Analysis for Actors, Stands Still as references Topic 4: Tempo, Rhythm & Directors, and Designers: Mood ASSESSMENT 1 Part 2 Chapter 9, pp 271-294 due by Monday 5 August Moodle videos **Action Analysis** Due: Week 4 Monday (5 Aug 2019) 9:00 am AEST Week 5 - 12 Aug 2019 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Read James Thomas' Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Designers: Chapter 10, pp 295-391 Re-read Shakespeare's Answer the questions at the Hamlet end of Thomas, Chapter 10 Topic 5: The Style of the Re-read Marguiles' Time in Script Analysis for Actors, Stands Still Directors, and Designers Play using Time Stands Still and Read Ball, David. (1983) Hamlet as references Backwards and forwards: A technical manual for reading plays. Chapter 1: Shape, and Chapter 2: Methods Vacation Week/Week 6 - 19 Aug 2019 **Events and Submissions/Topic**

Module/Topic Chapter

Topic 6: Character	Read James Thomas' Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Designers: Chapter 6, pp 172-203 Read Henrik Ibsen's Hedda Gabler	Answer the questions at the end of Thomas, Chapter 6 in Script Analysis for Actors, Directors, and Designers using Hedda Gabler as a reference. ASSESSMENT 2 Part 1 due by Monday 19 August
Week 6 - 26 Aug 2019		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 7: Shape	Read David Ball's Backwards and Forwards: A Technical Manual for Reading Plays: Introduction and Part One: Shape pages 1-44.	Hamlet from the perspective
Week 7 midterm break - CQCM stud	lents - 02 Sep 2019	
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Topic 8: Methods	Re-read Shakespeare's Hamlet Read David Ball's Backwards and Forwards: A Technical Manual for Reading Plays: Introduction and Part Two: Methods and Part Three: Tricks of the Trade, pages 39-96	Do a basic analysis of Hamlet from the perspective of the role of Hamlet using Mr. Ball's techniques.
Week 8 - 09 Sep 2019		
Module/Topic Self-directed study to	Chapter	ASSESSMENT 2 Part 2 due by Monday 9 September.
complete research assignment		Text analysis: Idea and dialogue Due: Week 8 Monday (9 Sept 2019) 9:00 am AEST
Week 9 - 16 Sep 2019		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Self-directed study to complete research assignment		
Week 10 - 23 Sep 2019		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Self-directed study to complete research assignment

Week 11 - 30 Sep 2019

Module/Topic Chapter Events and Submissions/Topic

Self-directed study to complete research assignment

Week 12 - 07 Oct 2019

Module/Topic Chapter Events and Submissions/Topic

Self-directed study to complete research assignment

Review/Exam Week - 14 Oct 2019

Module/Topic Chapter Events and Submissions/Topic

Exam Week - 21 Oct 2019

Module/Topic Chapter Events and Submissions/Topic

Term Specific Information

This unit is designed to help you learn how to read drama as a performance based art form and imagine the transition from page to stage. This unit builds on concepts and techniques introduced in THTR11121 - Theatre Studies 2. Script analysis is a reading technique that allows you, as a theatre artist, to fully understand the meaning and functionality of a play; to understand that plays are designed to be *performed*, and that, as such, they are constructed in specific ways to maximize their effect onstage.

For **Semester 2 2019** the schedule has been designed to accommodate the timetable for the intensive production period for the Bachelor of Theatre students in Mackay. Distance students may apply for alternative due dates for the assessments. Distance students must apply for alternative dates **before** the listed due date. Please contact Dr Linda Lorenza l.lorenza@cqu.edu.au to arrange alternative submission dates.

Assessment Tasks

1 Action Analysis

Assessment Type

Research Assignment

Task Description

Task Description: Action analysis

Part 1: Analysis table

Due Date: Week 3 Monday 29 July 2019, 9am.

Part 2: Short essay

Due Date: Week 4 Monday 5 August 2019, 9am.

Length: 1000-1500-words

Task details:

Complete an action text analysis of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Choose one scene from the play to analyse. Examine the dramatic potential of all external and internal events in the scene. Comment on the significance of the seed, super-objective and through-action of your chosen scene. Please analyse the scene from the character perspective of Hamlet. Use references from the primary source to inform your analysis. Remember to focus your analysis on the practical purpose of the text, i.e. staging the play rather than from the perspective of dramatic literature.

PART 1: Analysis table

Complete the provided table to analyse text identifying internal and external action of one scene from William Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and one section of Act 1 from Anne Washburn's *Mr Burns*.

Complete this initial analysis in the table and submit by Monday 29 July 2019, 9am.

PART 2: Short essay

Length: 1000-1500-words

The word count is considered from the first word of the introduction to the last word of the conclusion. It excludes the cover page, abstract, contents page, reference page and appendices. It includes in-text references and direct quotations.

Revisit the analysis table. Examine the dramatic potential of all external and internal events in the scene. Comment on the significance of the seed, super-objective and through-action of your chosen scene. Please analyse the scene from the character perspective of Hamlet. Use references from the primary source to inform your analysis. Remember to focus your analysis on the practical purpose of the text, i.e. staging the play rather than from the perspective of dramatic literature.

Complete Part 2 and submit by Monday, 5 August 2019, 9am

Presentation:

- This assignment is to be saved as a Word document and submitted online through the course website.
- Use 12 point Times New Roman font.
- Text analysis (Part 2) must 1.5 spacing throughout
- Sub-headings may be used as appropriate.
- Please include your name on the submission, either on a title page or as a header or footer.

- Failure to follow format guidelines will result in a points deduction from presentation and layout.
- Documentation and in-text referencing must follow the APA style. Please see CQU Library Guide site for assistance.
- All excerpts from primary sources, including diagrams and pictures should include
 an in-text reference, and full details included in the Reference List. Do not rely
 solely on web-based sources. On-line research sources obtained from peer reviewed
 journals or academic databases are acceptable. Any internet sources used must be
 scholarly and accredited. Citations from Wikipedia, Sparknotes, or similar websites
 are not to be used under any circumstances.

Assessment Due Date

Week 4 Monday (5 Aug 2019) 9:00 am AEST

Analysis table by Monday 29 July; short essay by Monday 5 August 2019.

Return Date to Students

Week 6 Monday (26 Aug 2019)

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

- Clear identification of external and internal actions in analysis table (20%)
- Clear and connected introduction and conclusion (5%)
- Clear examination of each internal and external event, as well as seed, superobjective and through-action (20%)
- Effective connection of each internal and external event, as well as seed, superobjective and through-action to the character of Hamlet 15%)
- Depth and quality of analysis (20%)
- Inclusion of documentation and in-text referencing (APA format) from the primary source (5%)
- Correct spelling, grammar, and word usage (10%)
- Presentation and clear layout (5%)

Weighting: 50%

Referencing Style

• American Psychological Association 6th Edition (APA 6th edition)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Part 1 is to be save as an xl document and Part 2 is to be saved as a Word document. Each Part is to be submitted online through the course website.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

• Analyse selected play scripts to identify important elements relating to character, action, dialogue and language within the context of the whole work

- Identify and discuss specific examples from primary sources that influence the practical staging choices for each play
- Relate the selected scripts to the broader, social and cultural contexts of their respective historical periods.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy

2 Text analysis: Idea and dialogue

Assessment Type

Research Assignment

Task Description

Task Description: Text Analysis

Part 1 Analysis table

Due date: Monday 19 August, 2019, 9am.

Part 2: Short essay

Length: 1000-1500-words

Due date: Monday 9 September 2019, 9am.

Task details:

Complete a formalist text analysis of Donald Margulies' Time Stands Still.

Part 1

Complete the table of given circumstances and additional analysis to prepare your notes.

Examine the dramatic potential of each given circumstance: Time, Place, Society, Economics, Politics and Law, Learning and the Arts, Spirituality, and the World of the Play. Where possible, explore each given circumstance from the character perspective of a major character (James, Sarah) from the play. If a particular given circumstance does not have a strong impact on the dramatic potential of the text, either in the scene or the play as a whole, identify why this is the case. Your analysis table also includes the following concepts: backstory, character, idea, dialogue or atmosphere. Identify the concept that you believe most supports the active playing of the character, James and the character, Sarah. Use references from the primary source (the script) to inform your analysis. Remember to focus your analysis on the practical purpose of the text, i.e. staging the play rather than from the perspective of dramatic literature.

Part 2: Short essay

Length: 1000-1500-words

The word count is considered from the first word of the introduction to the last word of the conclusion. It excludes the cover page, abstract, contents page, reference page and appendices. It includes in-text references and direct quotations.

Complete a formalist text analysis of Donald Margulies' *Time Stands Still*, focusing on idea and dialogue.

Examine the concept of *idea* in script analysis by discussing the ideas in words in the dialogue (including language structure, literary quality and theatricality), character, plot

and the main idea as a whole. Choose one scene from the play on which to focus your analysis. Refer to your analysis table from Part 1.

Where possible, explore the concepts of idea and dialogue from the perspective of one of the main characters (Sarah or James) in *Time Stands Still*. Use references from the primary source to inform your analysis. Remember to focus your analysis on the practical purpose of the text, i.e. staging the play rather than from the perspective of dramatic literature.

Presentation:

- This assignment is to be saved as a Word document and submitted online through the course website.
- Use 12 point Times New Roman font.
- Text analysis (Part 2) must 1.5 spacing throughout
- Sub-headings may be used as appropriate.
- Please include your name on the submission, either on a title page or as a header or footer.
- Failure to follow format guidelines will result in a points deduction from presentation and layout.
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Assessment Due Date

Week 8 Monday (9 Sept 2019) 9:00 am AEST

Part 1 is to be save as an xl document and Part 2 is to be saved as a Word document. Each Part is to be submitted online through the course website.

Return Date to Students

Week 11 Monday (30 Sept 2019)

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

- Effective connection of given circumstances to the main characters in the play (10%)
- Effective connection of an additional analysis element (backstory, character, atmosphere, etc.) to the active playing of a main character (10%)
- Clear and connected introduction and conclusion (5%)

- Clear examination of idea and dialogue (25%)
- Effective connection of the concepts of idea and dialogue to the actions of a character from the play (10%)
- Depth and quality of analysis (20%)
- Inclusion of documentation and in-text referencing (APA format) from the primary source (5%)
- Correct spelling, grammar, and word usage (10%)
- Presentation and clear layout (5%)

Weighting: 50%

Referencing Style

• American Psychological Association 6th Edition (APA 6th edition)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Part 1 is to be save as an xl document and Part 2 is to be saved as a Word document. Each Part is to be submitted online through the course website.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse selected play scripts to identify important elements relating to character, action, dialogue and language within the context of the whole work
- Identify and discuss specific examples from primary sources that influence the practical staging choices for each play
- Relate the selected scripts to the broader, social and cultural contexts of their respective historical periods.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be

considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the **Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure**. This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the <u>Academic Learning Centre (ALC)</u> can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem