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THR F221 F01 Acting II - Spring 2012 - Syllabus University of Alaska Fairbanks, Theatre Department

1. COURSE INFORMATION:

Title: Acting II

Number: THR F221 F01

CRN: 39812

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: THR F121 Fundamentals of Acting (Minimum Grade of C)

THR F215 Dramatic Literature (Minimum Grade of C)

Meeting Location: Salisbury Stage / Lab Theatre

Meeting Time: Wed/Fri 1:00pm - 2:30pm

2. INSTRUCTOR:

Instructor: Stephan Golux, Assistant Professor of Theatre, Directing

Email: sgolux@alaska.edu

Telephone: (907)-474-5253

Office: FAC 104

Office Hours: By appointment

3. MATERIALS:

Required Reading:

Acting One (Fifth Edition)

by Robert Cohen

McGraw-Hill, 2008

ISBN 978-0-07-351416-1

(NB: This text is also required in THR F121 Fundamentals of Acting)

Chekhov: The Essential Plays

by Anton Chekhov

Translated, with an Introduction and Notes, by Michael Heim

Modern Library (Imprint of Random House), 2003

ISBN 978-0-37-576134-8

(NB: This text is also required in THR F215 Dramatic Literature)

• Other texts may be made available as handouts or on Blackboard.

Recommended Supplies:

· Serious actors keep and maintain appropriate rehearsal clothing. Your rehearsal

work and your presentations will be greatly enhanced if you both rehearse and present your work in appropriate clothing. For men, this means at the minimum formal-style long trousers with a crease, dress collared shirt, and dress-type shoes. For women this means at a minimum a dress-type blouse, three-quarter-length full skirt, and dress-type low-heel (or flat) shoes. Men might want to consider additionally ties and/or vests and/or sport jackets. Women may want to consider various hair notions, hose, jackets, and/or shoe options. You may wish to secure a locker for yourself from SDA so that you might have a place to conveniently store these items.

4. DESCRIPTION:

Acting II serves as the second course in the series of required acting course for those students in the Theatre Department following the Acting Track. Other students are heartily welcome. Assuming the solid analytic foundation learned in the *Fundamentals of Acting* class, we will focus intensely on the practice of a critical subset of technique through scene study. Some audition practice and business issues will also be addressed.

5. COURSE GOALS:

- Acquire a personalized vocabulary and toolkit for working as an actor.
- Experience the practice of "Scene Study" as an ongoing and lifelong development technique for actors.
- Become a more skilled, versatile, and generous actor who avoids the pitfalls of demonstration and quality.

6. LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Evaluate scripts and scenes with an eye toward how they are to be acted, with a realistic understanding of personal artistic temperament and aesthetic frame.
- Build discipline and stamina as a practicing actor.
- Embrace the strategy of acting as a "Transaction", itself made up of the technical components "Action", "Chaining", and "Threading".

7. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

In an ideal world, this class would be 100% scene study. In practice, we will need to spend some weeks reading and analyzing the plays that will serve as the source for most of the scenes we will

engage in – namely Anton Chekhov's four major plays. While we are reading and analyzing those plays, we will undertake some self-contained learning units on various aspects of the Acting Business, including auditions.

8. TENTATIVE CALENDAR:

This calendar is subject to change. There is a heavy reading load early in the semester – one play per week for four weeks AND a total of two sections of the Cohen text – one per week for the first two weeks. The Cohen text should be review, but we will be focusing on detail. The Chekhov Plays will be due on Fridays, and the two Cohen readings will be due on Wednesdays. Note that scene proposals are due "cumulatively", and you are encouraged to turn them in well before the "due" dates on this calendar. Rehearsal Reports will be due every Wednesday starting on February 15. Once all readings are complete, it will be all Scene Study, all the time.

<u>WK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	PREP OUTSIDE CLASS	CLASS PLAN	TURN IN
1	Fri, Jan 20		Intro, 4 Minutes, what class is about, what it isn't about, Syllabus, Policies, Procedures, Paperwork.	
2	Wed, Jan 25	The Seagull	Quiz, Seagull Discussion, Intro to TACT.	Quiz from class.
	Fri, Jan 27	Cohen Part II, pp 21-65	Quiz, Discuss how scene study works, Cohen Exercises.	Quiz from class.
3	Wed, Feb 1	Uncle Vanya	Quiz, Vanya Discussion, Bridge TACT to GOTE	Quiz from class.
	Fri, Feb 3	Cohen Part III, pp 67- 110	Quiz, More on how class will work, Cohen Exercises.	Quiz from class. At least one scene proposal total handed in by this date.

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4	Wed, Feb 8	The Three Sisters Scene Rehearsals	Quiz, Three Sisters Discussion, More on Action.	Quiz from class.
	Fri, Feb 10	Scene Rehearsals	Unit on Auditions and Business Issues	
5	Wed, Feb 15	The Cherry Orchard Scene Rehearsals	Quiz, Cherry Orchard Discussion, Chaining and Threading	Quiz from class. Rehearsal Report
	Fri, Feb 17	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class. At least two scene proposals total handed in by this date.
6	Wed, Feb 22	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class. Rehearsal Report
	Fri, Feb 24	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
7	Wed, Feb 29	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
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	Fri, Mar 2	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.

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	Fri, Mar 9	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
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	Fri, Mar 30	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
11	Wed, Apr 4	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
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	Fri, Apr 6	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
				At least four scene proposals total handed in by this date.

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12	Wed, Apr 11	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
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	Fri, Apr 13	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
13	Wed, Apr 18	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
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	Fri, Apr 20	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
14	Wed, Apr 25	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
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	Fri, Apr 27	SPRING	FLING - NO	CLASSES
15	Wed, May 2	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
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	Fri, May 4	Scene Rehearsals	In Class Scene work	Paperwork for scenes worked in class.
EX	Wed, May 9	Scene Rehearsals	Final Exam	Paperwork for scenes presented in exam.

9. POLICIES:

• Attendance at all classes is mandatory, and is part of the grade for this course. You will receive one-half of one point for every class you attend when you arrive on time. We are working as a cohort-based acting ensemble, and it is of utmost importance that all participants be present at all classes. There is no such thing as an "excused absence". If you contract an infectious disease (like the flu) you should be in touch with me as soon as possible, but certainly at least one hour before any class meeting that you will be missing as a result. I will need confirmation from a medical professional in writing upon your return in order to offer 90% of your average attendance credit to the class. In addition, if your level of attendance ever falls below an 85% rate of

attendance, any subsequent tardiness or absence will lead to my request that you drop or withdraw from the class, and may be grounds for instructor withdrawal. Please note on the grading rubric (at the end of this Syllabus) that if you have perfect attendance, you will actually get extra credit for attendance.

- Not only must you attend every class, but you must be on time to every meeting of the class. The standard for time we will use is the network time as expressed by the AT&T Wireless Cell Phone System. You must be present *and ready to work* at 1:01pm when classes meet. If you are late but arrive earlier than 1:05pm, I will offer half points for attendance. If you arrive after 1:05pm, you will be considered "absent" for the purposes of grading, although you may of course still get points for your work in class.
- I will never taunt or disparage you for lateness. The cost will be only in your grade, so *definitely* come to class without guilt or bad feeling even if you are late. You will still be able to get partial credit for your participation and your preparation for the part of class you do attend.
- If you leave class early, you will be considered absent for grading purposes. I am generally pretty good about respecting your time and ensuring that class ends promptly by 2:30pm. *Please* do not hesitate to interrupt me and point out that class is over on those occasions where I have lost my grip on the time! I want to respect your time as much as I hope you respect mine and that of your class colleagues.
- Active and enthusiastic participation during class meetings is mandatory, and is part of the grade for this class. You will not receive credit (of course) for participation in any class you miss. Participation includes your work in exercises and discussions, and your quiet attention and support when your colleagues are working on scenes. You will receive up to one-quarter of a point for participation in any given class. If you are not in attendance, you will not receive participation points. Please note on the grading rubric (at the end of this Syllabus) that if you have perfect attendance and participate appropriately in all class meetings, you will actually get extra credit for participation.
- Preparation for the class meeting is mandatory, and is part of the grade for this class. You must complete the readings, research your plays, and do substantial outside rehearsing and development as per the schedule, which is printed above but still subject to change. For the first several meetings of the class, there will be a quiz covering each of the reading assignments. Each of these quizzes will be scored at 2% of your overall grade. Please note that these quizzes will be short and simple but are intended to audit your reading and may ask randomly detailed questions to assure that you have read your assignments in depth.
- The heart of our class is Scene Study, and you will be required to present scenes frequently. As you will see on the Grading Rubric below, your work on your scene presentations is

the single-most important aspect of the evaluation of your work in this class. The expectations around preparation and rehearsal of scenes will be detailed in a separate document and/or discussed in class, but please plan to spend six or eight hours per week outside of class rehearsing scenes, and plan to be working on two or three of them at a time. You must be off-book on all scenes presented in class. Note that these scenes will not be as long as the scenes you presented as final projects in THR 121. Scenes will primarily be chosen by you and edited by you from the four Chekhov plays we read, namely *The Seagull, Uncle Vanya, The Three Sisters*, and *The Cherry Orchard*. In exceptional circumstances I might consider allowing you to work on scenes from other plays, most likely the middle plays of Henrik Ibsen. If you want to go that route, please ask me for permission in advance of starting work.

- When we begin on scene work, you will be required to turn in a "Scene Proposal" form for each scene you plan to work on. This proposal will be turned in by groups of two people who wish to work together. The scene proposal will include the first two rehearsals that you will schedule for your scene, and will include the commitment that you are off-book within two weeks of proposal submission. You must propose at least four scenes over the course of the semester, but you may propose more. Each complete and on-time scene proposal will give you one point toward your grade. If you turn in more than four, you have extra credit opportunities. More information about proposing scenes and the form for doing so will be discussed in class. Scene proposals are not onerous, but they are important.
- Every week on Wednesday, after our scene work begins, you will be asked to submit a rehearsal report detailing the meetings you have had with scene partners outside of class. Each rehearsal report will be worth 1 point of your final grade. There are eleven weeks of scene work scheduled in the class, and only 10 rehearsal reports are required, so there is an extra-credit option if you do all eleven rehearsal reports. Rehearsal reports are not onerous, but they are important. More information about them will be discussed in class.
- Attendance at one performance of the UAF Theatre Department Production of <u>All in the Timing</u> by David Ives is mandatory. You will receive one free ticket because you are in this class. Simply give your name to the box office when getting your ticket and inform them that you are in this class. Preview night (the night before opening) is free for everyone and no tickets are required. <u>All in the Timing</u> will preview on March 22. Ticketed performances are March 23, 24, 30 and 31 in the evening, and April 1 at 2:00pm. Failure to attend the performance will count against your preparation and your participation scores.
- Communication about changes in schedule, the provision of class handouts, and the ongoing day to day record of your current grade will be maintained on the UAF secure software environment known as "Blackboard". You are required to understand the basics of Blackboard use and navigation. See "Support Services" below for information on getting help with computer technology. Blackboard is available online at:

http://classes.uaf.edu/

Please note that Blackboard has changed rather significantly over the winter break, so your instructor may be wrestling with it a bit to get it to behave. Please be patient!

You must ensure that your official UAF email address is functioning and can be reliably used for communication. This is your email address that ends with "alaska.edu". Blackboard will only use that email address. It is possible to set up that email address to forward messages to some other email system, but it is your responsibility to do so. See "Support Services" below for information on getting help with computer technology. University of Alaska email is available online at:

http://google.alaska.edu

- You are to respect yourselves, your colleagues, and me at all times. Work in the theatre can get very personal and emotionally evocative, and discussions can get heated, and that is fine; but disparaging, bigoted, sexist, violent, or otherwise disrespectful commentary or behavior will not be tolerated. I will warn any offender once. The second offense will result in a 10% reduction in your final grade. A third offense will result in a request that you withdraw from the class or receive a failing grade.
- You are encouraged to bring plain unadulterated water to class. No other food or drink or gum or candy or anything else whatsoever that you put in your mouth is welcome in class. Eat before you come.
- All electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and laptop computers are banned from class.
- Please wear clothes appropriate to our class meetings. For the initial class meetings, prior to engaging in Scene Study work, sneakers are strongly advised jazz shoes are acceptable. Hard footwear, heels, or boots are not to be considered. Please ensure that your clothes are appropriately modest for physical work that might put you in aggressive and unfamiliar poses embarrassment is not helpful in acting training. All jewelry, watches, belts, or anything hard or sharp that could hurt you or a colleague should be left off for class meetings. Once our classes transition to Scene Study classes, you should strongly consider wearing clothing that is appropriate to your scene work. This will be discussed later in the class. If you need to change for class, please make sure you do this before the start time of the class. The attendance and lateness policy applies to the time you are available and ready to work. You may decide that renting a locker in the Theatre Department from the Student Drama Association (SDA) for your studio and rehearsal clothing will be of great benefit.
- It is my desire to be highly accessible to all students in my classes. As the departmental "Director", my day to day and week to week schedule is precariously irregular, but I keep a tight calendar and will be enthusiastically available to meet you by appointment for any help I can provide. Please contact me by telephone or email to set up an appointment. As any of

you who have studied with me before know, I will bend over backwards to help you outside of class, and never consider a request to be invasive. PLEASE NOTE: due to my directing schedule, my "weekend" is Mondays and Tuesdays, and I work Wednesdays through Sundays. This means it may be inconvenient to meet you on a Monday or Tuesday, but I may be able to meet you over the weekend. (I will need to be on campus some Mondays and Tuesdays, so please don't hesitate to ask.)

• Both personal and academic honesty are discussed at length in the Student Handbook. Any willful dishonesty about your work in the class will result in a 10% reduction in your grade.

10. EVALUATION:

	Expected for full marks	Max possible with available extra credit	Notes
Attendance	13.00%	14.00%	0.5% per class for 28 classes. If class attendance rate falls below 85%, any subsequent missed classes may result in request that you drop or withdraw.
Quizzes	12.00%	12.00%	2% per quiz.
Participation	6.00%	7.00%	0.25% per class for 28 classes.
Scene Proposals	4.00%	6.00%	1% each when complete and on-time.
Rehearsal Reports	10.00%	11.00%	1% each. Should reflect minimum of 6 hours rehearsed in any given week.
Scene Work	30.00%	30.00%	10 points each for top three presentations.
Final Presentation	25.00%	25.00%	Public Performance.
TOTAL	100.00%	105.00%	

90 percent and up: A 80-89.99 percent: B 70-79.99 percent: C 60-69.99 percent: D Less than 60 percent: F

11. SUPPORT SERVICES:

There are no papers due in this class, however UAF does appreciate it if we

evangelize for the writing center. In the event that you need help at any time with written work, check it out:

http://www.alaska.edu/english/studentresources/writing/(907) 474-5314

• As it so happens, I am a bit of a computer geek and may be able to help if you are having difficulties with Blackboard or Email. However, I am no match for the Office of Information Technology Support Services:

http://www.alaska.edu/oit/students/(907) 450-8300

For a list of walk-in support locations, visit the following website:

http://www.alaska.edu/oit/sc/about/contact.xml

12. DISABILITY SERVICES:

I will enthusiastically work with the Office of Disabilities Services (208 WHIT, 474-5655) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities. Please note that it is University policy that disabilities *must* be *confidentially* disclosed to the Office of Disabilities Services, and they will issue a letter to the instructor (me in this case) recommending or requiring accommodations for disabilities. Getting this letter to me is of utmost importance if you need accommodation, and I *must* have the letter *before* any accommodation is given. This is not my rule, but University policy in accordance with Federal Law. If you need accommodation for any disability, whether it be physical, behavioral, or cognitive, you *must* identify yourself to the Office of Disabilities Services *before* accommodation can be made.