

**El Paso Community College**  
**Syllabus**  
**Part II**  
**Official Course Description**

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<u>English</u>
<b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b>	<u>ENGL 2343</u>
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<u>Introduction to Drama</u>
<b>COURSE CREDIT HOURS</b>	<u>3      3      0</u> Credits   Lec   Lab

**I. Catalog Description**

Emphasizes the historical and cultural development of drama. Gives attention to community theater offerings in drama. **Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 with a “C” or better. (3:0).**

**II. Course Objectives**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course the student will be able to accomplish the following:

- A. Define critical terms that are applicable to dramatic literature.
- B. Read and analyze dramatic literature.
- C. Write critically about drama and its elements: plot, setting, characterization, and theme.
- D. Demonstrate a knowledge and an understanding of structure, technique, and style used in dramatic literature.
- E. Explain dramatic literature in terms of historical context and social implications.
- F. Appreciate and enjoy written dramatic literature and the actual performance of it.
- G. Become aware of community and regional offerings in drama.
- H. Discover how the physical and technical elements of theater are combined with the written script to form a finished product.
- I. Attend at least one interpretive performance of a piece of literature (poetry reading, play, film, etc.).

**Unit Titles**

Unit titles will be determined by the instructor. Approaches may include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Introduction to Dramatic Literature.
- B. Historical and Cultural Perspectives of Dramatic Literature.
- C. Social Significance in Dramatic Literature.
- D. Major Themes in Dramatic Literature.
- E. Local, Regional, and National Offerings in the Field of Drama.

### **III. Evaluation**

- A. Pre-assessment  
Instructors should check each student's prerequisites the first week of class; those who do not qualify should be sent back to Admissions.
  
- B. Post-assessment
  1. The instructor will maintain a continuous record of each student's progress.
  2. Students should be evaluated periodically throughout the semester.
  3. The instructor will determine the weight of each graded assignment.
  4. Instructors will require writing assignments other than quizzes and formal exams.
  5. Plagiarism is both intellectual theft and academic dishonesty and will not be tolerated. Any work that is plagiarized could result in failure of the course. See the Student Handbook.
  
- C. Remediation  
This is left to the discretion of individual instructors. Some instructors permit students to re-write major writing assignments. Students needing assistance with writing problems are encouraged to contact the instructor. Assistance is also available through the Writing Centers located at most campuses.
  
- D. Grading Scale
  - A = 90 – 100
  - B = 80 – 89
  - C = 70 - 79
  - D = 60 - 69
  - F = below 60
  - I = Incomplete
  - W = Withdrew or Withdrawn

### **IV. Disability Statement (American with/Disabilities Act [ADA])**

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

### **V. 6 Drop Rule**

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.