

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

SUBJECT AREA	<u>Theater</u>
COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER	<u>DRAM 2389</u>
COURSE TITLE	<u>Academic Cooperative</u>
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	<u>3      3    :    1</u> Credits   Lec    Lab

**I. Catalog Description**

An instructional program designed to integrate on-campus study with practical hands-on work experience. In conjunction with class seminars, the individual student will set specific goals and objectives in the study of drama. **Prerequisite: Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA2 or equivalent; OR completion with a “C” or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or ESOL 0340. (3:1). Lab fee**

**II. Course Objectives**

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

- A. Utilize various tools to develop and organize inspiration for characters.
- B. Develop a character using the motif of “intentions and obstacles”.
- C. Create characters with depth and individuality.
- D. Complete a 15-20 page original one-act play.
- E. Participate in the audition, casting, and rehearsal activities as a director of a play production.
- F. Perform the tasks of director in all technical and final dress rehearsals.
- G. Attend for all performances and talkback sessions.
- H. Assist with the strike of all materials used in the production.
- I. Accept and give meaningful, constructive criticism.

**III. THECB Learning Outcomes**

- A. Analyze the creative elements of dramatic action, character, setting, and themes in the writing of stage plays.
- B. Identify major elements of a plotting and storytelling in stage writing.
- C. Develop a process for auditioning, casting, blocking, and rehearsing a play for the stage.
- D. Build an understanding of directing skills for theatrical production.
- E. Develop an ability to receive and give constructive criticism.

**IV. Evaluation**

Students will be write three separate scenes of varying length and complexity. In addition, students will serve as directors for their own works, overseeing all aspects of auditions, casting, rehearsals, technical demands, and performance.

Playwright’s Scrap Book	100
Grocery Cart Exercise	100
Dramatic Structure Exercise	100
Multidimensional Character Exercise	100

Writing to a Known End Exercise	100
Writing of One Act Play	200
Auditions/Rehearsals	100
Production of One-Act Play	200
TOTAL	1000 points

The semester grade scale will be:

A= 1000-900, B= 899-800, C= 799-700, D= 699-600, F= below 599

## **V. Disability Statement (Americans 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).

## **VI. 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.

## **VII. Title IX and Sex Discrimination**

Title 9 (20 U.S.C. 1681 & 34 C.F.R. Part 106) states the following "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits stalking, date violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence for all students, employees and visitors (male and female). If you have any concerns related to discrimination, harassment, or assault (of any type) you can contact the Assistant to the Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services at 915-831-2655. Employees can call the Manager of Employee Relations at 915-831-6458. Reports of sexual assault/violence may also be reported to EPCC Police at 915-831-2200.