

Saint Louis University
Madrid Campus
Department of Fine and Performing Arts

THR 4930 M01 Advanced Independent Study (Theatre)

Spring 2018 (time flexible)

2 Credit Hours

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Course Description: This independent study course consists of preparation and performance of the Capstone Project for the completion of the Performing Arts Minor with focus on theatre. In consultation with the instructor, the student is to choose material appropriate for a 10-15 minute solo performance (longer if a second performer is involved). The student then rehearses on their own, though the instructor will check from time to time on progress and may be called in by the student to observe rehearsals and give suggestions. The project culminates in a performance open to a small audience drawn primarily from the campus community.

Course Objectives: For the student, the objective of this course is to consolidate and demonstrate their acting skills, developed and honed through THR 2510 Acting 1 and participation in Theatre Workshop productions (THR 3550/3560), as well as insights gained into the nature of performance through THR 1100 Introduction to the Performing Arts and other courses in theatre, dance, and/or music, and in general the ability to conceive and direct a performance suitable for the display of their particular strengths and artistic vision.

Journal: In addition to the preparation of the final performance, the student is expected to keep a regular journal, describing their progress as the project develops and conveying insights reached through the process. The journal will be evaluated as part of the preparation for the final performance.

Evaluation: The final performance will be graded on

- preparation (memorization, planning, rehearsal)
- vocal expression, clarity and control
- physical expression and control
- use of physical space
- overall interpretation

The final performance will be given a letter grade which is 100% of the course grade.

It is important to note that, in the case of collaboration with a second actor, the enrolled student alone is responsible for the quality of the final performance, including that of the collaborator.

Course Schedule and Calendar: There is no regular meeting time for this course. The student is to work on their own but may consult with the instructor at agreed-upon times. The performance itself is to be presented at any time in the last two weeks

of the semester or during exams. The time should be agreed upon between student and instructor as early as possible.

Information regarding the collection of student work for assessment: In order to maintain quality academic offerings and to conform to accreditation requirements, SLU-Madrid regularly assesses its teaching, services and programs for evidence of student learning. For this purpose, SLU-Madrid keeps representative examples of student work from all courses and programs on file, including assignments, papers, exams, portfolios and results from student surveys, focus groups and reflective exercises. Copies of your work for this course may be kept on file for institutional research, assessment and accreditation purposes.

If you prefer SLU-Madrid not to retain your work for this purpose, you must communicate this decision in writing to your professor.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: *Academic integrity is honest, truthful and responsible conduct in all academic endeavors.* The mission of Saint Louis University is "the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of God and for the service of humanity." Accordingly, all acts of falsehood demean and compromise the corporate endeavors of teaching, research, health care and community service via which SLU embodies its mission. The University strives to prepare students for lives of personal and professional integrity, and therefore regards all breaches of academic integrity as matters of serious concern. The governing University-level Academic Integrity Policy can be accessed on the Provost's Office website at:

http://www.slu.edu/Documents/provost/academic_affairs/University-wide%20Academic%20Integrity%20Policy%20FINAL%20%2006-26-15.pdf.

Additionally, SLU-Madrid has posted its academic integrity policy online:

<http://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics>. As a member of the University community, you are expected to know and abide by these policies, which detail definitions of violations, processes for reporting violations, sanctions and appeals.

The professor will review these matters during the first weeks of the term. Please direct questions about any facet of academic integrity to your faculty, the chair of the department of your academic program or the Academic Dean of the Madrid Campus.

- Course-level support (e.g., faculty member, departmental resources, etc.) by asking your course instructor.
- University-level support (e.g., tutoring/writing services, Disability Services) by visiting the Academic Dean's Office (San Ignacio Hall) or by going to <http://www.slu.edu/madrid/learning-resources>.

Accommodation statement: In recognition that people learn in a variety of ways and that learning is influenced by multiple factors (e.g., prior experience, study skills, learning disability), resources to support student success are available on campus. Students who think they might benefit from these resources can find out more about:

Students with a documented disability who wish to request academic accommodations **must** contact Disability Services to discuss accommodation requests and eligibility requirements. Once successfully registered, the student also **must** notify the course instructor that they wish to access accommodations in the course. Please contact Disability Services at disabilityservices-madrid@slu.edu or +915 54 58 58, ext. 230 for an appointment. Confidentiality will be observed in all inquiries. Once approved, information about the student's eligibility for academic accommodations will be shared with course instructors via email from Disability Services. For more information about academic accommodations, see "Student Resources" on the SLU-Madrid webpage.

Note: Students who do not have a documented disability but who think they may have one are encouraged to contact Disability Services.

If you speak with a faculty member about an incident of misconduct, that faculty member must notify SLU's Title IX deputy coordinator, Marta Maruri, whose office is located on the ground floor of Padre Rubio Hall, Avenida del Valle, 28 (mmaruri@slu.edu; 915-54-5858, ext. 213) and share the basic fact of your experience with her. The Title IX deputy coordinator will then be available to assist you in understanding all of your options and in connecting you with all possible resources on and off campus.

If you wish to speak with a confidential source, you may contact the counselors at the SLU- Madrid's Counseling Services on the third floor of San Ignacio Hall ([counselingcenter- madrid@slu.edu](mailto:counselingcenter-madrid@slu.edu); 915-54-5858, ext. 230) or Sinews Multipletherapy Institute, the off-campus provider of counseling services for SLU-Madrid (www.sinews.es; 917-00-1979). To view SLU-Madrid's sexual misconduct policy and for resources, please visit the following web address: <http://www.slu.edu/Documents/Madrid/campus-life/SLUMadridSexualMisconductPolicy.pdf>.