



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Issues in Professional Development B

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
THS	3005	78734	2, 2008	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA005
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	100103

STAFFING

Examiner: Scott Alderdice
Moderator: Janet McDonald

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: THS3004

RATIONALE

Upon graduating most students will seek employment in the entertainment industry. A thorough knowledge and contextualisation of that industry is essential to ensure exiting students are work-ready.

SYNOPSIS

This course seeks to inform exit level students of the responsibilities, obligations and opportunities available for entertainment professionals in Australia. Students will examine the role of agents, contract law as it applies to practitioners, equity and access for performers as well as undertaking a broad investigation into the areas of work generation, self promotion, financial grants and further employment and/or study opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. make informed decisions regarding self-generation of work as a professional entertainer;
2. prepare and present an audition and or screen test to professional standard;
3. demonstrate an informed awareness of the various roles and personnel associated with employment as a professional entertainment industry worker;
4. prepare and present a full curriculum vitae;
5. demonstrate an articulate presentation of self in the context of an interview.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. The artist as a small business - steps to starting a small business	20.00
2. The arts landscape and future trends	10.00
3. Agents/Casting agents/Producers/Contracts	10.00
4. The professional portfolio	20.00
4.1. Hard-copy	
4.2. E folio and web-site	
4.3. Additional representations	
4.4. Showcast/AT2	
5. Time/Space/Personnel/Resources	10.00
6. Finances and statutory obligations	10.00
7. Marketing and promotion	10.00
8. Business strategies and goal setting	10.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Compilation of a book of readings

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Australian Performing Arts Directory 2005 Edition Performance Media

Current Australia Council Annual Report - Theatre Board and Community Cultural Development Board. [Online Resource]

Current Queensland Arts Council Report. [Online Resource]

Current Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Annual Report. [Online Resource]

MEEAA Awards

Other materials recommended by lecturer

www.dramabookshop.com. Search auditions; casting agents.

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STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Lectures or Seminars	40.00
Practical Projects	65.00
Private Study	60.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
AUDITIONS/SCREENTESTS	100.00	30.00	21 Jul 2008 (see note 1)
PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO	100.00	50.00	21 Jul 2008 (see note 2)
CAREER STRATEGY	100.00	20.00	21 Jul 2008 (see note 3)

NOTES

1. Due dates are provided at first class meeting of the term when guest examiners and performance dates have been finalised. Dates for submission of assignments will depend on dates of performances and availability of industry professionals and will be based on access and equity criteria. This assessment item is aligned with Objectives 1, 3, 4 and 5.
2. This assessment item is aligned with Objective 2.
3. Assessment Description: Career Strategy/Personal and Industry Inventory. This assessment item is aligned with Objectives 1 - 5.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the student's responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, workshops, assigned production duties, rehearsals and public productions) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To successfully complete an individual assessment item, a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. This statement must be read in conjunction with Statement 4 below.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without extenuating circumstances and without prior approval, then a penalty of a maximum of 5% of the assigned mark may apply for each working day late, up to a maximum of 10 working days, at which time a mark of zero can be recorded for that assignment.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade, a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:

The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

- 6 Examination information:
There is no exam for this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Given the details under (6) above, there are no deferred exams for this course. However, if any deferred/makeup work is granted, it would have to be submitted by a date set by the examiner.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm>

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) All Faculty of Arts assignments must be lodged in the Faculty Assessment Centre on the Ground Floor of Q Block no later than 12 noon on the due date. (c) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the examiner's convenience. (d). Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if requested by the Examiner. (e) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (f) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (g) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).
- 10 Students are strongly advised to maintain regular contact with their supervisor.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Students will ensure sufficient financial resources for field trips and head shots. Inclusion in showcase is highly recommended.
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