Course Syllabus

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Communication Studies Department

TRE1001 Introduction to Theater

2 Units

Summer 2025 | Session I

Fully Online

May 12 - June 13

Meeting Days: Asynchronous Online

Meeting Times: Asynchronous Online

Meeting Location: Online

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PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

General Education Mission

PLNU provides a foundational course of study in the liberal arts informed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In keeping with the Wesleyan tradition, the curriculum equips students with a broad range of knowledge and skills within and across disciplines to enrich major study, lifelong learning, and vocational service as Christ-like participants in the world's diverse societies and cultures.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the principles and practices of the theatre arts and an exploration of how the theatre has powerfully impacted human societies from the beginning of recorded history. We will employ lectures, applied reading, discussion, and participatory activities, including group projects, and require the attendance of local theatrical performances to this end.

Course Learning Outcomes

- 1. Identify the role of theatre during major historical periods and social movements. (GELO 1a, 1d, 2b)
- 2. Analyze the work of the various practitioners who collaborate in the creation of theatre (GELO 1a, 1d, 2b)
- 3. Articulate an informed opinion to thoughtfully and critically evaluate stage performances (GELO 1a, 1d, 2b)
- 4. Connect with your local theatre community to engage in culturally enriching activities. (GELO 2a, 2b)
- 5. Plan and implement a creative project with others (GELO 1a, 1b, 1d, 2a, 2b)

General Education Learning Outcomes

- GELO 1a. Written: Students will be able to effectively express ideas and information to others through written communication.
- GELO 1b. Oral: Students will be able to effectively express ideas and information to others through oral communication.
- GELO 1d. Critical Thinking: Students will be able to examine, critique, and synthesize information in order to arrive at reasoned conclusions.
- GELO 2a. Students will develop an understanding of self that fosters personal well-being.
- GELO 2b. Students will understand and appreciate diverse forms of artistic expression.

Required Texts and Recommended Study Resources

Cassady, Marsh (2009). An Introduction to The Art of Theatre, Meriwether Publishing

Additional Required Resources

Live Performance

• As a requirement for this course, you must attend a live show to complete writing a crucial review of a live performance. Please note that you will need to purchase the cost of a ticket to see the live performance. Prices may vary.

Shakespeare, William. Hamlet

- The Hamlet Script is available online for free:
 - Gutenberg Website <u>The Project Gutenberg eBook of Hamlet</u>, <u>Prince of Denmark</u> (<u>https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/27761/pg27761-images.html</u>)
- If you wish to purchase Hamlet resources, refer to the following:
 - Script in original and modern English, with some perspective: <u>Hamlet (Cambridge School Shakespeare)</u>
 (https://www.amazon.com/dp/1107615488?



- encoding=UTF8&psc=1&ref =cm sw r cp ud dp YBY5NCX5FCAD89W66VNW)
- Basic original script <u>Hamlet (Dover Thrift Editions: Plays)</u> ⇒ (https://www.amazon.com/dp/0486272788?
 encoding=UTF8&psc=1&ref =cm sw r cp ud dp GHPJ4BTASG9XHV05VQXC)

Moliere. Tartuffe

- The Tartuffe Script is available online for free:
 - Gutenberg Website Tartuffe; Or, The Hypocrite by Molière (https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/2027)
- If you wish to purchase Tartuffe Script, refer to Amazon (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244)

Note: Students are responsible for having the required textbooks prior to the first day of class. Students are also encouraged to begin reading the books in preparation for the class as soon as possible.

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Course Credit Hour Information

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 2-unit class delivered over 8 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 75 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. The time estimations are provided in the Canvas modules.

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Assignment Type	Total Time to Complete (HOURS)
Required Readings	23
Quizzes	4
Discussions	16
Assignments	18
Projects	15
TOTAL	76

Assessment and Grading

Weighted Grades

This course uses weighted grades. Each assignment category is worth a certain percentage of the total grade (100%) for the course, as specified in the table below:



Assignment Type	Description	Weight
Quizzes	Each week, you will complete a brief quiz based on your textbook readings.	10
Discussions	You will participate in discussion boards in which you share and develop your ideas and understanding of key topics in Theatre.	15
Assignments	You will complete both individual and group assignments throughout the semester. The group assignments will focus on the development of a script and the recorded performance of a playlet. You will complete several required PLNU surveys as well as check-ins leading up to your live theatre attendance.	30
Projects	You will complete three "projects" or major assignments in the course: a live theatre review paper, your group playlet performance, and a paper discussing your takeaways from the course.	35
Final Exam	You will complete a cumulative final exam.	10
	Total	100

Student grades for assignments will be posted in the Canvas gradebook no later than midnight on Tuesday of each week beginning in Week Two of this course. It is important to read the comments posted in the gradebook as these comments are intended to help students improve their work. Final grades will be posted by the due date as posted in the Academic Calendar.

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will be used for all exams and final course grades:

- 93-100% = A
- 90 92% = A-
- 87 89% = B+
- 83 86% = B
- 80 82% = B-
- 77 79% = C+
- 73 76% = C
- 70 72% = C-
- 67 69% = D+
- 63 66% = D
- 60 62% = D
- Less than 59% = F

Final Examination Policy

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the <u>Traditional Undergraduate Records: Final Exam Schedules</u>



(http://www.pointloma.edu/experience/academics/class-schedules) site. If you find yourself scheduled for three (3) or more final examinations on the same day, you are authorized to contact each professor to arrange a different time for **one** of those exams. However, unless you have three (3) or more exams on the same day, no requests for alternative final examinations will be granted.

Incompletes and Late Assignments

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due, including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

PLNU Spiritual Care

Please be aware that PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith.

If you have questions, prayer requests, or a desire to meet with the chaplain, you can contact your professor or the Office
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State Authorization

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on **State Authorization** (https://www.pointloma.edu/offices/office-institutional-effectiveness-research/disclosures) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

PLNU Copyright Policy

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PLNU Recording Notification

In order to enhance the learning experience, please be advised that this course may be recorded by the professor for educational purposes, and access to these recordings will be limited to enrolled students and authorized personnel.

Note that all recordings are subject to copyright protection. Any unauthorized distribution or publication of these recordings without written approval from the University (refer to the Dean) is strictly prohibited.



PLNU Academic Honesty Policy

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when, in reality, they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course.

For all student appeals, faculty and students should follow the procedures outlined in the University Catalog. See <u>Academic Policies (https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/tug-catalog/academic-general-policies/)</u> for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

During the first week of class, you will be asked to submit an Academic Honesty Verification Statement. Submitting the statement is a requirement of this course. By submitting the Academic Honesty Verification Statement, you will be verifying all assignments completed in this course were completed by you. Carefully review the Academic Honesty Statement below.

Statement: "In submitting this form, I am verifying all the assignments in this course will be completed by me and will be my own work."

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

You are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini Pro 1.5, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc) to generate ideas, but you are not allowed to use AI tools to generate content (text, video, audio, images) that will end up in any work submitted to be graded for this course. If you have any doubts about using AI, please gain permission from the instructor.

PLNU Academic Accommodations Policy

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines allowed accommodations. The EAC makes accommodations available to professors at the student's request.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course. Accommodations are not retroactive, so clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to ensure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU must go through the EAC process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any special accommodations.

Language and Belonging

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe and hospitable learning environment for all students. As Christian scholars, we are keenly aware of the power of language and believe in treating others with dignity. As such, it is important that our language be equitable, inclusive, and prejudice-free. Inclusive/Bias-free language is the standard outlined by all major academic style guides, including MLA, APA, and Chicago, and it is the expected norm in university-level work. Good writing and speaking do not use unsubstantiated or irrelevant generalizations about personal qualities such as age, disability, economic class, ethnicity, marital status, parentage, political or religious beliefs, race, gender, sex, or sexual orientation. Inclusive language also avoids using stereotypes or terminology that demeans persons or groups based on age, disability, class, ethnicity, gender, race, language, or national origin. Respectful use of language is particularly important when referring to those outside of the religious and lifestyle commitments of those in the PLNU community. By working toward precision and clarity of language, we mark ourselves as serious and respectful scholars, and we model the Christ-like quality of hospitality.

If you (or someone you know) have experienced a bias incident regarding language, you can find more information on reporting and resources at www.pointloma.edu/bias (https://www.pointloma.edu/bias).

Sexual Misconduct and Discrimination

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the <u>Title-IX Office</u> (https://www.pointloma.edu/title-ix). Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors via our Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy. (https://www.pointloma.edu/title-ix)

If you (or someone you know) have experienced other forms of discrimination or bias, you can find more information on reporting and resources via our **Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment Policy** (https://www.pointloma.edu/bias).

PLNU Attendance and Participation Policy

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in each course are minimal requirements.

If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of deenrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an "F" grade.

Students who anticipate being absent for an entire week of a course should contact the instructor in advance for approval and make arrangements to complete the required coursework and/or alternative assignments assigned at the discretion of the instructor. Acceptance of late work is at the discretion of the instructor and does not waive attendance requirements.

Refer to <u>Academic Policies</u> (<u>https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/aug-catalog/academic-general-policies/)</u> for additional details.

Synchronous Attendance/Participation Definition

For synchronous courses that have specific scheduled meeting times (including in-person, hybrid, and synchronous online courses), absences are counted from the first official meeting of the class, regardless of the date of the student's enrollment. For courses with specific attendance requirements, those requirements are outlined in the course syllabus.

Note: For synchronous courses with an online asynchronous week, refer to the Online Asynchronous Class Attendance policy listed below.

Online Asynchronous Attendance/Participation Definition

Students taking online courses with no specific scheduled meeting times are expected to actively engage throughout each week of the course. Attendance is defined as participating in an academic activity within the online classroom, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Engaging in an online discussion
- · Submitting an assignment
- Taking an exam
- · Participating in online labs
- Initiating contact with faculty members within the learning management system to discuss course content

Note: Logging into the course does not qualify as participation and will not be counted as meeting the attendance requirement.

Course Modality Definitions

- 1. Online Courses: These are courses with class meetings where all instruction and interaction are fully online.
 - 1. Synchronous Courses: At least one class meeting takes place at a designated time.
 - 2. Asynchronous Courses: All class meetings are asynchronous.
- 2. Hybrid Courses: These are courses with class meetings that take place both in the classroom and online synchronously and/or asynchronously.
- 3. In-Person Courses: These are courses that meet in person with the instructor and students in a physical classroom setting. With approval by the area dean, this may include up to 25% of qualified class interactions through a Learning Management System (such as Canvas).

Use of Technology

In order to be successful in the online or hybrid environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the *Technology and System Requirements*

(https://help.pointloma.edu/TDClient/1808/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=108349) information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, a microphone, or a webcam compatible with their computer available to use. Please note that any course with online proctored exams requires a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible or allowable) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.



Loma Writing Center

The Loma Writing Center exists to help all members of the PLNU community cultivate transferable writing skills to engage their academic, professional, personal, and spiritual communities. We work toward this goal by conducting one-on-one consultation sessions, supporting writing education across the PLNU community, and participating in ongoing writing center research.

Getting feedback from the Loma Writing Center while you're in the process of working on an assignment is a great way to improve the quality of your writing and develop as a writer. You are encouraged to talk with a trained writing consultant about getting started on an assignment, organizing your ideas, finding and citing sources, revising, editing for grammar, polishing final drafts, and more. For information about how to make in-person or online appointments, see the Loma Writing Center webpage (https://www.pointloma.edu/centers-institutes/loma-writing-center) or visit the Loma Writing Center on the first floor of the Ryan Library, room 221.

- Appointment Calendar → (https://plnu.mywconline.com/)
- Website (https://www.pointloma.edu/centers-institutes/loma-writing-center)
- Email: writingcenter@pointloma.edu (mailto:writingcenter@pointloma.edu)

Lomabooks Instructions for Students

Note: For courses using materials available through Lomabooks

This course is part of our course material delivery program, **LomaBooks**. The bookstore will provide each student with a convenient package containing all required physical materials; all digitally delivered materials will be integrated into Canvas.

You should have received an email from the bookstore confirming the list of materials that will be provided for each of your courses and asking you to select how you would like to receive any printed components (in-store pickup or home delivery). If you have not done so already, please confirm your fulfillment preference so the bookstore can prepare your materials.

For more information about LomaBooks, please go to the LomaBooks site. (https://www.pointloma.edu/lomabooks)

Assignments-at-a-Glance

The course summary below lists our assignments and their due dates. Click on any assignment to review it.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Mon May 12, 2025	Academic Honesty Verification Statement (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175920)	due by 11:59pm
	Week 1 Overview	to do: 11:59pm
Tue May 13, 2025	原 Wk 1 Video Introduction (Group Discussion)	due by n

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	(https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175924)	
Thu May 15, 2025	Wk 1 Storytelling and Role Playing in Education (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175929)	due by 11:59pm
Fri May 16, 2025	Wk 1 Quiz: Chapters 1 & 2 (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175917)	due by 11:59pm
	Wk 1 Assignment: Playwriting (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175934)	due by 11:59pm
Sun May 18, 2025	Wk 1 Check-In: Live Theatre Approval (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175935)	due by 11:59pm
Mon May 19, 2025	Wk 1 Video Introduction (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175924) (1 student)	due by 11:59pm
	₩eek 2 Overview	to do: 11:59pm
Tue May 20, 2025	Wk 2 The Golden Age of Greece (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175923)	due by 11:59pm
Wed May 21, 2025	Wk 2 Greek vs. Roman Theatre (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175930)	due by 11:59pm
Fri May 23, 2025	Wk 2 Quiz: Chapters 10 & 11 (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175921)	due by 11:59pm
Sun May 25, 2025	Wk 2 Group Assignment: Script in Proper Playwright Format (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175936)	due by 11:59pm
Tue May 27, 2025	p Wk 3 The Church and Theatre (Group Discussion)	due by

Date	Details	Due
	(https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175925)	
	₩eek 3 Overview	to do: 11:59pm
Wed May 28, 2025	Wk 3 Genres (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175928)	due by 11:59pm
Fri May 30, 2025	Wk 3 Group Assignment: Draft of Script & Peer Review (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175938)	due by 11:59pm
	Wk 3 Quiz: Chapter 12 (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175916)	due by 11:59pm
Sat May 31, 2025	Wk 3 Group Assignment: Add Design Elements to Your Playlet (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175937)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jun 2, 2025	Week 4 Overview	to do: 11:59pm
Tue Jun 3, 2025	₩k 4 The Renaissance (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175926)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jun 4, 2025	Wk 4 Shakespeare or Commedia del Arte (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175927)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Jun 6, 2025	Wk 4 Quiz: Chapter 13 Quiz (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175918)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jun 7, 2025	Wk 4 Reflection Paper on "Hamlet and Tartuffe as Theatre" (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175941)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Jun 8, 2025	Wk 4 Live Theatre Review (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175940)	due by 11:59pm
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Date	Details	Due
	Wk 4 Group Assignment: Script with Revisions (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175939)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jun 9, 2025	Week 5 Overview	to do: 11:59pm
Tue Jun 10, 2025	Wk 5 Theatre in the 17th & 18th Century (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175931)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jun 11, 2025	Wk 5 Theatre in the 19th & 20th Century (Group Discussion) (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175932)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Jun 12, 2025	Wk 5 Quiz 1: Chapter 14 (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175915)	due by 11:59pm
	Wk 5 Quiz 2: Chapter 15 (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175922)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Jun 13, 2025	Wk 5 Cumulative Project: Playlet (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175942)	due by 11:59pm
	₩k 5 Final Exam (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175919)	due by 11:59pm
	Wk 5 Final Paper (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1175943)	due by 11:59pm
	Wk 5 Playlet Group Eval (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1179733)	due by 11:59pm
	Wk 5 Playlet Participation (https://canvas.pointloma.edu/courses/79244/assignments/1179481)	due by 11:59pm

