

Purposes: To study selected masterpieces of modern British and American drama.
To gain a broad experience of the theatre: reading plays, seeing plays, enjoying plays, thinking about plays, talking about plays, writing about plays.
To improve one's skill at interpreting/analyzing/understanding literary texts.
To gain insight into how a play is translated from text to performance.
To gain an understanding of the development of modern and contemporary British and American drama.

Texts: Klaus, Gilbert, Fields, eds., *Stages of Drama* (**fifth edition**)
Inge, *Picnic*
Ruhl, *The Clean House*
Sondheim/Lapine, *Sunday in the Park with George*

January 20 Introductory
22 Pinter, *Landscape*

27 Shaw, *Pygmalion*
29 *Pygmalion*

February 3 *Pygmalion*
5 Baraka, *Dutchman*

10 *Dutchman* / Wilson, *Fences*
12 *Fences*

17 *Fences* / Fugard, "Master Harold" . . . and the Boys
19 "Master Harold"

24 "Master Harold" [**Three-page essay due**]
26 Sondheim/Lapine, *Sunday in the Park with George*

March 3 *Sunday in the Park*
March 5 **Exam #1**

10 **Spring break**
12 **Spring break**

17 Miller, *Death of a Salesman*
19 *Salesman*

- 24 *Salesman*
 26 *Salesman*
- 31 *Salesman / Inge, Picnic*
 April 2 *Picnic*
- 7 *Picnic*
 9 Williams, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*
- 14 *Cat*
 16 Churchill, *Top Girls*
- 21 *Top Girls*
 23 Ruhl, *The Clean House*
- 28 *The Clean House* [**Second essay due**]
 30 **Exam #2**

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Productions to be seen as part of the course:

Sondheim/Lapine, <i>Sunday in the Park with George</i>	UNCSA	20-22, 25-28 February
Larsen/Holley, <i>Picnic</i> (opera)	UNCG	2-3, 5 April
Ruhl, <i>The Clean House</i>	UNCG	24-26, 29 April, [1, 3 May]

Attendance and participation: We expect and value regular attendance and participation, promptness of arrival, and preparedness for class. This expectation will be reflected in final grades.

You are allowed four unexcused cuts.

Course requirements: Two exams
 Short (3-page) critical essay
 Term paper (8-10 pages)

Basis for final grade:

First exam	20%
Second exam	30%
Short essay	20%
Second essay	30%