# DRAM 355 - Introduction to Canadian Theatre and Drama
## Session: Fall 2019

**Instructor**
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2:00-3:00pm Thursday, or by appointment

**Days, times and location of Class**
Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-1:45pm
Craige Hall E012

**Learning resources:**
- Required readings, textbooks and materials
  - *Modern Canadian Plays 5th edition, volumes 1 & 2*, by Jerry Wasserman. Textbooks will be available at the U of C bookstore. Students will be required to read two plays from other sources and some short articles. Attendance at one professional theatre performance will be required.

  The first three plays to be read are *Les Belles Soeurs*, *Leaving Home*, and *Zastrozzi*, all in vol. 1 (above). They will be discussed, and one-page papers must be handed in, on September 5, 10 and 12, respectively.

**Prerequisites**
None

**Course description**
“A study of Canadian theatre and performance using both formal and theoretical approaches.”

**Course learning outcomes**
- By the completion of this course, successful students will be familiar with:
  1. a variety of Canadian plays, playwrights and theatre institutions
  2. the varieties of Canadian theatre — formally, historically, regionally and by language
  3. theatre in Calgary and Alberta
  4. the vocabulary of theatre: e.g., drama, theatre, realism, imagistic, formal and theoretical approaches, dramaturge …

**Course schedule**
TBA by September 10

**Assessment components**
- A 250-word paper on up to 20 assigned readings
  - Due: Class in which reading is discussed
  - Weight: 40%

- Oral report on reading, research project or study group discussion
  - Weight: 15%

- **Attendance and participation:**
  - Weight: 20%

- **Final Paper** (1200 words)
  - Description: Topics TBA by the end of October
  - Due: Last day of classes
  - Weight: 25%
Assessment expectations

Expectations for Attendance and Participation
Students must read the assigned materials by the day they are assigned and come to class prepared to engage in thoughtful, informed, constructive discussion of the readings. Attendance and punctuality are required. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details.

Guidelines for Submitting Assignments
All written assignments are due in hard copy in class at the start of class on the specified deadline.

Expectations for Writing:
Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.

Guidelines for Formatting Assignments
All written assignments, including presentation outlines, individual reports, and essays, must be correctly and consistently formatted in an established style such as MLA.

Written work submitted after the deadline may be penalized with the loss of a third of a grade (e.g., A- to B+) for each day late.

Students are responsible for any and all material missed during an absence.

Grading scale

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.1.1 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2019-2020 OR as outlined in the section H.1 Distribution of Grades of the Graduate Calendar for 2019-2020:

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**Notes:**
- A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations.
- The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific undergraduate faculty promotional policy.

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