

**DRAMA 1351**  
**Acting I**

**Western Texas College**  
**Department of Drama**

- I. Basic Course Description for DRAM 1351 Acting I: An introduction to the fundamental principles and tools of acting as used in auditions, rehearsals, and performances. This may include ensemble performing, character and script analysis, and basic theater terminology. This exploration will emphasize the development of the actor's instrument: voice, body and imagination.
- II. Prerequisites: NONE
- III. Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
  - A. Analyze scripts from the viewpoint of the actor.
  - B. Analyze, develop, and perform a character.
  - C. Demonstrate effective and safe use of the voice and body.
  - D. Define and discuss terms and concepts using the vocabulary of theater.
  - E. Perform at an appropriately skilled level in ensemble building exercises, scenes and final projects, which may include participation in plays.
- IV. Major Course Requirements:
  - A. Performance Quizzes: Students will perform before the class and submit written character and text analysis.
  - B. Midterm and Final: The midterm and final are 5 paragraph essays discussing Stanislavski's acting method in relation to class performances.
  - C. Homework: Students will learn lines, create characters, and write evaluations and assessments outside of class.
- V. Books and other Course Materials:
  - A. Audition Michael Shurtleff
  - B. Acting , Richard Boleslavsky
  - C. The Stanislavski System, Sonia Moore
- VI. Other Policies: Please refer to the WTC Course [Catalog](#) for the following:
  - A. Campus Calendar
  - B. Final Exam schedule
  - C. How to drop a class
  - D. Withdrawal information
  - E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
  - F. Students with disabilities
  - G. Departmental policy regarding late/make up work: No late or makeup work will be accepted.
- VI. Acting I Schedule

Unit 1	Audition, text analysis, monologue performance, and analysis
Unit 2	Acting, monologue performance, and analysis

Unit 3	Midterm, Monologue, performance, and analysis
Unit 4	Stanislvski System, scene performance and analysis
Unit 5	Writing about Theatre and Drama, scene performance, and analysis
Unit 6	Final, scene performance, and analysis

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