

Booker T. Washington HSPVA - Theatre Department

Stage Combat

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Course Description

Stage Combat is a course designed to teach the basics of arm to arm combat. 1 semester class for juniors and seniors, only

Course Requirements

Prerequisite: Mime and Movement

Daily warm ups are very important. The body must be prepared to move properly. You must be dressed appropriately. Jeans, slacks, cargo pants, skirts and dresses are not conducive to class. Acceptable clothes for class are warm up pants, shorts, yoga pants and tights and sweat shirts, t-shirts and other free moving clothing. Shoes must be worn during class and must be ok to move in. Tennis shoes or dance shoes are acceptable. Shoes should be form fitting and not easily slip off. Sandals, boots, flip fops and barefoot or stocking feet are unacceptable. Jewelry must be removed for class, because this can cause a safety concern for both you and your partner. If you are not dressed out for class then you will not receive any credit for your daily class work grade for that day.

If you are found in an area you are not supposed to be or inactive when you have been given a task, it will reflect on your daily work grade. If you are acting in an unsafe manner you will be asked to sit out for the remainder of class and this will reflect in your daily work grade.

If you are not prepared for class or act in an unsafe manner, your performance grade will suffer.

Evaluation

Classwork/Homework

40%

Your daily work in class with your instructor. This includes daily warmups

Projects/Products

20%

Your written work includes fight notations and any analysis of fight scenes. You will also read at least two articles per six weeks from the SAFD Fight Master magazine and write a synopsis and critique

Tests

25%

This includes any type of stage combat performance or scenework

Six Weeks Test

15%

This will be a performance of a fight scene or technique

Course Schedule/Syllabus

We will start with and focus mainly on Unarmed. This will give everyone a good foundation in the techniques of stage combat.

We will also study knife, single sword (swashbuckling), and broadsword.

We will also study fighting for the camera.

Time permitting we will touch on the other weapon types including

Rapier and Dagger, Small Sword, Sword and Shield, and Quarterstaff.