Theatre Research Methods

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THEATRE COURSES CONTENTS

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Course Code:  THA 223:
Course Title:  THEATRE RESEARCH METHODS
Unit:  (1c)

Course Objectives

At the end of this course, the learners should be able to:

a. Identify and generate researchable topics
b. Write research proposals
c. Generate research hypotheses and research questions
d. Differentiate between types of research
e. Conduct research
f. Write research reports

Course Rules and Regulations

✓ Students shall not be allowed into the class 15 minutes after the class commences
✓ Students’ phones shall not ring or disturb the class in anyway
✓ Students shall not receive phone calls, text or receive messages in class
✓ Students shall not live the class without the lecturer’s permission
✓ Students shall not disturb the class in any way whatsoever

Course Expectations

✓ Students shall record 75% attendance in class to qualify for examination
✓ Students are expected to make 1 presentation in class which shall attract 10 marks
✓ 75% attendance in class shall attract 5 marks
✓ Students will be expected to do a homework which shall attract 10 marks
✓ Students’ participation in and contribution to class discussion shall attract 5 marks
✓ Students will be expected to write a class test which shall attract 10 marks
✓ Students shall write an examination attracting 60 marks

Course Contents

- Elements of Research
- Research Concepts/Design
- Facts and Theories, Hypothesis Problems in Research Design
• The Historical, Documentary Method
• The Descriptive or Survey Method etc
• Data Analysis
• Preparing the Report

WEEK 1:

- General Introduction to Research and Research in the Theatre
- Sources of Research
- Topics for class Presentation in week 8
- Students are put into group and tasks are assigned for the next class

WEEK 2:

- Research Concept/Design
- Elements of Research – Research Proposal etc
- Class Discussion
- Class Summary
- Tasks for the next class

WEEK 3:

- Qualities of a Good research and Researcher
- Hypothesis problems in research design
- Research questions problems in research design
- Class discussion
- Tasks for the next class – homework 1 (5 marks), manner and deadline for submission

WEEK 4:

- Methods of Research – historical & documentary
- Class discussion
- Tasks for the next class

WEEK 5:

- Methods of Research – descriptive & Survey
- Class discussion
- Class test 1 (5 marks)

WEEK 6:

- Data Analysis/Statistics
- Class discussion
- Tasks for the next class – Homework 2 (5 marks), manner and deadline for submission

WEEK 7:

- Preparing a Report
- Class discussion
- Modus-operandi for next class presentation
WEEK 8:

➢ Class presentation (10 marks)
➢ Class discussion

WEEK 9:

➢ Break

WEEK 10:

➢ Revision, questions, class participation
➢ Preparation for examination

References


