Nebraska Wesleyan University

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THTRE 3350 Playing Shakespeare

3 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

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Acting (B.F.A.) Directing (B.F.A.)

Departments/Programs:

Theatre

Playing Shakespeare is an intermediate level acting class focusing on the technique necessary to perform classical texts. We will focus on expanding the abilities of the actor's instrument. Truthfulness will be the ultimate goal balanced by the requirements of the text. Students will be introduced to the guidelines and techniques for acting dramatic verse. Students learn period movement and style appropriate for the Elizabethan and Jacobean era. Students also explore the use of voice, speech, tone, rhythm and pitch as part of character revelation. Playing Shakespeare may be repeated once for credit.