



Boston University Study Abroad London

Boston University Study Abroad London Theatre Studies Internship Tutorial (CFA TH 543/ CFA TH 544) Spring 2013

Instructor Information

A. Name

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Aims and Objectives

The London internship is an academic course. In addition to performing a role in a British organisation related to the London theatre scene, students must meet a number of academic requirements so as to successfully complete the internship. During the internship, students have to attend three mandatory tutorial meetings and produce academic work which will account for all of their final grade.

The objective will be to relate the experience of the internship to the Core Class CFA TH440 *Experiencing London Theatre in the Postwar World*. In other words, to show knowledge of the overall picture of contemporary British theatre in London; to understand a broad range of the major developments in British drama over the past 70 years; to relate drama to broad changes in British society; to examine the work of specific writers and directors in detail; to stimulate critical analysis through written work and discussion; to understand the role of the Arts Council and state subsidy of the performing arts. The ultimate aim is to demonstrate an awareness of British theatre, and an insight into how it is organised and why it has developed in its present form.

Assignments

Assignment 1 (30% of final grade)

An Introduction to the company or organization, setting it within the context of London theatre today. (1000-1500 words.)

Deadline: **Thursday 14 March 2013, hand in during tutorial**

Assignment 2 (40% of final grade)

An Internship Project, which could be based on a project or piece of work created during the internship or which could take the form of a research paper on London theatre or a creative project connected to the industry. (1500-2000 words.) Students have to have their project/research paper agreed with me at the 3rd Tutorial.

Deadline: **Monday 22 April 2013, by 5pm to the Student Affairs Office**

Assignment 3 (30% of the final grade)

Analysis (SWOT) of the organization at which the student has interned (a consultant's evaluations). (1000–1500 words.)

Deadline: **Monday 22 April 2013, by 5pm to the Student Affairs Office**

Grading

Please refer to the Academic Handbook for detailed grading criteria, attendance requirements and policies on plagiarism: <http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester>

Attendance Policy

Classes

All Boston University London Programme students are expected to attend each and every class session, tutorial, and field trip in order to fulfill the required course contact hours and receive course credit. Any student that has been absent from two class sessions (whether authorised or unauthorised) will need to meet with the Directors to discuss their continued participation on the programme.

Authorised Absence:

Students who expect to be absent from any class should notify a member of Academic Affairs and complete an Authorized Absence Approval Form 10 working days in advance of the class date (except in the case of absence due to illness, for which students should submit the Authorised Absence Approval Form with the required doctor's note as soon as possible). **Please note: Submitting an Authorised Absence Approval Form does not guarantee an authorised absence**

Students may apply for an authorised absence only under the following circumstances:

- Illness, supported by a local London doctor's note (submitted with Authorised Absence Approval Form).
- Important placement event that clashes with a class (verified by internship supervisor)
- Special circumstances which have been approved by the Directors (see note below).

The Directors will only in the most extreme cases (for example, death in close family) allow students to leave the programme early or for a significant break.

Unauthorised Absence:

Any student to miss a class due to an unauthorised absence will receive a **4% grade penalty** to their final grade for the course whose class was missed. This grade penalty will be applied by the Academic Affairs office to the final grade at the end of the course. As stated above, any student that has missed two classes will need to meet with the Directors to discuss their participation on the programme as excessive absences may result in a 'Fail' in the class and therefore expulsion from the programme.

Lateness

Students arriving more than 15 minutes after the posted class start time will be marked as late. Any student with irregular class attendance (more than two late arrivals to class) will require a meeting with the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs and if the lateness continues, may have his/her final grade penalised.

Readings

Some readings may be posted on the course webpage:
(you must log in to view these items)

<https://lms.bu.edu>

In both the tutorials and the assessment, students are encouraged to make connections between their internships and what they have learnt in their core and elective courses in London.

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