

CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data						
Module Title	Avant-Garde The	eatre				
Module Code	UARPFJ-30-3		Level	3	Version	2.1
Owning Faculty	ACE		Field	Drama		
Contributes towards	BA (Hons) Drama; BA (Hons) Drama with Creative Writing; BA (Hons) Drama and Acting; BA (Hons) Drama and English; BA (Hons) Drama and Film					
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15	Module Type	Project	
Pre-requisites	UARPDB-30-1 Introduction to Theatre Studies or UARPDE- 30-1 Introduction to Theatre Practice or UARPDA30-1- Introduction to Performance Studies or UARANY-30-1 Introduction to Actor Training		Co- requisites			
Excluded Combinations	None		Module Entry requirements	None		
Valid From	September 2013		Valid to	September 2019		

CAP Approval Date	26 March 2013

Part 2: Learning and Teaching		
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to demonstrate:	
	that they have developed their existing individual and ensemble skills in scripting, devising, improvising, acting and directing;(Component A).	
	the ability to test and develop their understanding of avant-garde theatre through rehearsal and practice; (Components A).	
	an understanding, through performance and writing, of the artistic challenges of avant-garde theatre; (Component A).	
	an ability to research, generate and revise a performance script; (Component A).	
	the practical application of multimedia techniques for theatre performance; (Component A).	

Syllabus Outline Semester 1: Practical sessions with seminar elements will consider historical contextual issues of avant-garde theatre. This semester will end with ten-minute performances. Semester 2: The work in this semester will involve the exploration of aesthetic are theoretical strands of contemporary experimental theatre. Workshops will be devoted to the development of the final assessed piece of avant-garde theatre. Contact Hours/Scheduled Hours The module will be delivered through three contact hours per week. The module will operate through a combination of seminars, lectures, workshop/practical exercises and self-directed groups according to the nature of the material being studied. Scheduled learning The module will operate through workshops. These may include practical theatre work, rehearsals and seminar-style discussions. Students will be expected to devote additional time outside scheduled sessions tresearching and preparing materials for their Performances and individual rationale submissions. They will also be expected to research, devise, write, rehearse, perform and operate multimedia equipment as required throughout the module, for which full support is given. Independent learning Each student is expected to engage with weekly independent research/rehearsal that will inform practical work throughout each semester. This includes DVD and audio material via electronic resources. Key Information Sets Information Set - Module data Number of credits for this module Scheduled Independent Placement Allocated Hours through our settle bours.						
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Reading Strategy	Essential reading There will be one essential anthology purchase at the beginning of Semester One. For Semester Two, key chapters from other sources will be available electronically via UWE Online or as a printed study pack. Students are expected to identify all other reading relevant to their chosen topic for themselves. They will be encouraged to read widely using the library catalogue, a variety of bibliographic and full text databases, and Internet resources. The development of literature searching skills is supported by the Library seminar within the Level 3 module. Additional support is available through UWEonline. This includes interactive tutorials on search skills and on the use of specific electronic library resources. Sign up workshops are also offered by the Library.
Indicative Reading List	 Buck, L. (2000) Moving Targets 2: A User's Guide to British Art Now. London: Tate Publishing. Counsell, C. And Wolf, L. (eds). (2001) Performance Analysis: an introductory coursebook. London: Routledge. Drain, R. (1995) Twentieth-Century Theatre: A Sourcebook. London: Routledge. Elam, K. (1988) The Semiotics of Theatre and Drama. London: Routledge Goldberg, R. (1988) Performance Art: from Futurism to the Present Day, World of Art. London: Thames and Hudson Innes, C. (1993) Avant Garde Theatre, 1892-1992. London: Routledge. Kaye, N. (1996) Art Into Theatre: Performance Interviews and Documents. Amsterdam: Harwood Academic Publishers Saunders, G. (2002) Love Me or Kill Me: Sarah Kane and the Theatre of Extremes. Manchester: Manchester University Press. Schneider, R., and Cody, G. (eds). (2002) Re:Direction: A Theoretical and Practical Guide. London: Routledge.

	Part 3: Assessment
Assessment Strategy	This is a project Module and therefore has only one component of assessment. It is made up of three assessed elements:

Critical engagement with practice in classes. Critical Engagement is a student's preparedness for and participation in class-related learning activities. The preparations include rehearsal, primary and critical reading of a variety of texts (printed, online, screen media etc.), ongoing project work, writing exercises, and the generation of works-in-progress (10%).

Two assessed group performances of 10 minutes with individual rationales (45% each).

All assessments are given individual marks.

The assessment criteria for each element are available to students in electronic handbooks and via Blackboard at the beginning of the academic year. The criteria are module specific and aligned with the learning outcomes for the module.

Feedback is given in written form according to these criteria.

3. Second Group Performance (10 mins) with Individual Rationale	45
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1.	
2.(etc)	

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)	
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
Group or Solo Performance (10 mins) with Individual Rationale	100
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
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If a student is permitted an **EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE** of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.