

Niagara Falls High School

Theatre Arts Course Descriptions

THEATRE ARTS

ART335 – 1.0 credit

This course is a performance-oriented course in which students are introduced and given the opportunity to experience various phases of improvisation, acting, script analysis, playwriting, theatrical productions, and stagecraft. Along with the practice of these crafts, students will also gain a historical perspective of drama and an awareness of contemporary theater.

Theatre Art is a prerequisite for ALL other Theatre courses, and satisfies the New York State required art credit for graduation.

ADVANCED THEATRE ART

ART435 – 1.0 credit

This course provides students with an opportunity to expand knowledge gained and technical skills learned in Theatre Arts. This course focuses heavily on acting, audition preparation, directing, improvisation and design for the theater, utilizing classic dramatic literature. Students will be expected to meet a high level of craftsmanship and sophistication, writing and performance. Students will gain an understanding of the planning process required for developing and executing artistic decisions in accordance with the production of play.

PREREQUISITE: Theatre Arts OR Teacher Recommendation (Upperclassmen only)

INTERNSHIP IN THEATRE ARTS

ART437 – 1.0 credit

This course provides students the opportunity to experience authentic theatrical experiences on and off the stage. Theatre Arts Internship provides a community outreach to the elementary and prep schools of the NFCSD as well as community organizations that requests services. Student work may include but is not limited to, acting, musical theatre, directing, research and reading, college application and audition preparation, stagecraft or specific topics related to the development of theatre arts. Goals will be achieved in a professional manner with students generating theatrical experiences, events and productions.

PREREQUISITE: Theatre Arts and Advanced Theatre Arts OR Teacher Recommendation (Seniors only)

INTRO TO THEATRE

ART438 – 1.0 credit

Introduction to theatre focuses on the various aspects and elements of theatre that merge to create quality productions, including the role of the actors, writers, producers, stage managers, stage crew and production designers. In this course, students will begin to understand a general history of theatre and the collaborative processes of theatrical events. Also a concentration in acting styles and techniques will be studied.

This is a NUSTEP course. Potential college credit through Niagara University is available.