

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: ENGL-221 Department: English/Theatre
 Course Title: Creative Writing: Playwriting Semester: Spring Year: 2012

Course Objective	Competencies
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical Thinking: To develop a disciplined, self-directed, systematic framework for thinking and problem solving appropriate to the situation. 2. Communication: To develop writers, readers, speakers, and listeners who use the English language effectively and appropriately. 3. To introduce students to all aspects of the playwriting, including play structure, story development, character development, description elements, and manuscript format. 4. To familiarize students with the elements of dramatic tension (behavior, action, and the spoken word) and character--fulfilling theme through the depiction of characters with distinct voices and histories. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students write different types of plays, such as ten-minute plays, and one-act plays, where they must demonstrate in theatrical terms their vision of character(s) in action, as well as behavior goals, interpersonal and situational pressures. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1a. Students will read and analyze model scenes/plays, be asked to develop selected scenes. 2. Students will be required to complete all written assignments and oral presentations, using language effectively. 3. Students will be lead through a series of graded in-class and home work assignments which will allow them to demonstrate and practice their knowledge of each element. A culminating project--such as an original play--will reflect the student's mastery of each element. 4. Students will read, view, and respond to works by peers and renowned playwrights, focusing on the elements of dramatic tension.