



AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CONTINUING EDUCATION

COURSE SYLLABUS/OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT FORM

1. **Name of Course:** Acting I & II for Film & Stage (*as led by Paula Russell*)

2. **Number of Clock Hours:** 18

3. **Course Description:**

This course is for students with previous acting training, as well as students new to acting. Students will learn how to establish meaningful and honest relationships through the art of active listening and responding. Warm-ups and improvisation will be used to unleash imagination and creative impulses, accessing emotional life. Scene study is from film & stage scripts.

4. **Course Objectives:**

- To learn fundamental techniques of stage and film acting for the beginners and for those with some experience, to enhance and strengthen those techniques.
- To encourage use of the imagination in creating character and events.
- To learn to be present in the moment, developing listening skills in order to respond truthfully in the given circumstances and the life of the character.

5. **Rationale: State the reason for offering the course:**

For both those seeking to pursue acting as a career or hobby and for those who want to step outside their comfort zones and explore something new, this class creates that opportunity. It is an environment that may open the door to the creativity within each of us. It is a springboard for someone serious about pursuing acting.

6. **Required Materials:**

Some personal props and costumes.
Pencil, Paper, Water (if desired)

7. **Course Outline: What topics and sub-topics will be covered in this course?**

- 1) Exercises in: Relaxation/Listening/Letting Go/Being Present
- 2) Physical Work
- 3) Personalization
- 4) Improvisation
- 5) Games
- 6) Character Work
- 7) Choosing Actable Objectives
- 8) How to learn lines
- 9) How to Explore Text