THEATER AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES (TAPS)

TAPS 1. Introduction to Theater and Performance Studies. 4 Units.
TAPS 1 provides you with a solid foundation in Theater Studies and traces the development of the burgeoning field of Performance Studies. We will consider a range of canonical plays and emerging performance forms, and explore how performance can also function as an interpretive framework for analyzing a broad range of social behaviors, sites, and institutions. Through a series of close readings, discussions, written and practical exercises, and viewings of live performance, this course will help you achieve a richer understanding of the performances you see and the performances you may wish to make. This quarter, TAPS 1 will serve as the platform for the Theater & Performance Studies professionalization series. We will host several guest speakers (directors, actors, playwrights, and dance practitioners), who will give you some real connections in the theater world and will provide you with information and skills to help you build a career in the arts.

TAPS 101P. Theater and Performance Making. 4 Units.
A creative workshop offering a range of generative exercises and techniques in order to devise, compose and perform original works. Students will explore a variety of texts (plays, poems, short stories, paintings) and work with the body, object and site. nStudents will be encouraged to think critically about various compositional themes and ideas including: the relationship between form and content, aesthetics, space, proximity, and audience. Students will work independently and collaboratively creating original performances.
Same as: TAPS 371P

TAPS 103. Beginning Improvising. 3 Units.
The improvisational theater techniques that teach spontaneity, cooperation, team building, and rapid problem solving, emphasizing common sense, attention to reality, and helping your partner. Based on TheatreSports by Keith Johnstone. Readings, papers, and attendance at performances of improvisational theater. Limited enrollment. Improv, Improvization, creativity and creative expression. All who sign up are placed on a waitlist. Official enrollment will be determined after the first day of class. Attendance at the first class session is mandatory to be considered for enrollment in the course.

TAPS 104. Intermediate Improvisation. 3 Units.
This class is the continued study of improvisational theater with a focus on onstage skills, short and long form performance formats, and offstage applications of collaborative creativity. It is open to any students who have taken TAPS 103 or have previous onstage improv experience AND consent of the instructor. May be repeat for credit.

TAPS 108. Introduction to Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. 4-5 Units.
Introduction to interdisciplinary approaches to gender, sexuality, queer, trans and feminist studies. Topics include the emergence of sexuality studies in the academy, social justice and new subjects, science and technology, art and activism, history, film and memory, the documentation and performance of difference, and relevant socio-economic and political formations such as work and the family. Students learn to think critically about race, gender, and sexuality from local and global perspectives.
Same as: AMSTUD 107, CSRE 108, FEMGEN 101

TAPS 115. Musical Theater. 1-3 Unit.
In this workshop we will traverse the landscape of world of Musical Theater. It will serve as an introduction for the beginning actor and singer, and expand the more experienced performer’s range in this genre. The world of Musical Theater is filled with stories of love, passion, joy, violence, heartbreak and rage. The class will include an introduction to vocal and movement skills for musical theater, beginning with exercises to build an ensemble and encourage a sense of play and relaxation in supportive environment. Our class must be a place where everyone feels safe. As ensemble members, we will be responsible for each other in this environment. nStudents will choose one solo song, and perform in a group number from this exciting discipline. The instructor will work with the actors on technique, utilization of action, specificity of language, personalization, and emotional truth. A professional coach from the theater community will conduct vocal coaching. Physical warm-ups and choreography will be suited for both the dancer and non-dancer.nThe class will culminate in the last week with live performance for friends and family.nSTUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN SUGGESTIONS. (Isn't there a role you've always wanted to sing?) Required text: Broadway Musicals Show by Show: Sixth Edition - Stanley Green; Paperback.
Same as: MUSIC 183D

TAPS 119. Modern Theatre. 1-5 Unit.
Modern theatre in Europe and the US, with a focus on the most influential works from roughly 1880 to the present. What were the conventions of theatrical practice that modern theatre displaced? What were the principal innovations of modern playwriting, acting, stage design, and theatrical architecture? How did modern theatrical artists wrestle with the revolutionary transformations of the modern age? Plays by Büchner, Ibsen, Strindberg, Shaw, Chekhov, Wilde, Wedekind, Treadwell, Pirandello, Brecht, O’Neill, Beckett, Smith, Parks, and Nottage. Same as: GERMAN 319, TAPS 319

TAPS 11N. Dramatic Tensions: Theater and the Marketplace. 3 Units.
Preference to freshmen. The current state of the American theater and its artists. Conventional wisdom says that theater is a dying art, and a lost cause, especially in an age of multi-media entertainment. But there are more young playwrights, actors, and directors entering the field today than at any other time in American history. Focus is on the work of today's theater artists, with an emphasis on an emerging generation of playwrights. Students read a cross-section of plays from writers currently working in the US and UK, covering a spectrum of subjects and styles from serious to comic, from the musical to the straight play. Hits and misses from recent seasons of the New York and London stages and some of the differences of artistic taste across the Atlantic. Hands-on exploration of the arts and skills necessary to make a play succeed. Students develop their own areas of interest, in guided projects in design, direction or performance. Conversations with playwrights, designers and directors. Labs and master classes to solve problems posed in areas of creative production. Class meets literary managers and producers who are on the frontlines of underwriting new talent. Class trips include two plays at major Bay Area Stages.

TAPS 11Q. Art in the Metropolis. 3 Units.
This seminar is offered in conjunction with the annual "Arts Immersion" trip to New York that takes place over the spring break and is organized by the Stanford Arts Institute (SAI). Participation in the trip is a requirement for taking part in the seminar (and vice versa). The trip is designed to provide a group of students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the cultural life of New York City guided by faculty and the SAI programming director. Students will experience a broad range and variety of art forms (visual arts, theater, opera, dance, etc.) and will meet with prominent arts administrators and practitioners, some of whom are Stanford alumni. For further details and updates about the trip, see http://arts.stanford.edu.
Same as: ARTSINST 11Q, ENGLISH 11Q
TAPS 120A. Acting I: Fundamentals of Acting. 4 Units.
A substantive introduction to the basics of the craft of acting, this course gives all incoming students the foundation of a common vocabulary. Students will learn fundamental elements of dramatic analysis, and how to apply it in action. Topics include scene analysis, environment work, psychological and physical scoring, and development of a sound and serviceable rehearsal technique. Scene work will be chosen from accessible, contemporary, and realistic plays. Outside rehearsal time required.

TAPS 120B. Acting II: Advanced Acting. 3 Units.
Learn how to expand character work, beyond what is immediately familiar. Continuing basic practices from the first part of the sequence, in this quarter they will look beyond the strictly contemporary, and may begin to approach roles drawn from more challenging dramatic texts. This might include plays chosen from mid-century American classics, World Theater, or other works with specific historic or cultural requirements. Actors begin to learn how a performing artist researches and how that research can be used to enrich and deepen performance. Prerequisite: 120A or consent of instructor. Priority given to TAPS majors and minors.

TAPS 121C. Physical Characterization. 3 Units.
A practical course in movement, acting and character development for stage or screen. This course is appropriate for all artists; no prior movement training is required. We will explore expressive possibilities in the body in order to build characters with nuanced physicality and rich emotional life. Students will learn strategies for awakening the body, find a greater range of expression, and widen the variety of characters they can inhabit. We will conduct live observations and take inspiration from photographs, memories, dramatic texts and other sources to build vivid portraits of character in performance. Actors will work independently and as an ensemble, learning techniques derived from Michael Chekhov. We will also practice physical conditioning for the actor through a daily warm-up sequence that improves strength, flexibility and alignment.

TAPS 121J. Singing in the Main Stage Theater Performance Project: Cabaret. 1-3 Units.
This course provides singing technique and vocal coaching to students participating in the TAPS Spring 2019 main stage production of Cabaret. During ensemble and solo sessions, students will learn about the physical process of healthy singing and work on the musical phrasing of the songs they perform in the musical. Both will be applied to the art of acting their songs and creating their characters.

TAPS 121P. Period and Style/Acting. 3 Units.
This course is designed for the actor and theater-lover who has completed 120a or an equivalent basic acting class. Students will develop their acting skills towards the ability to perform in some of the major classics of the theater, from Shakespeare’s plays through the fast-paced physical comedies of twentieth-century farce. Acting in “big” plays without damaging the voice, working physically with safety, how to research like an artist, and rehearse like a professional are all topics that will be covered. Class culminates in an open Scene Showing of Period Plays.

TAPS 121V. Voice for the Actor. 3 Units.
This course will focus on releasing a voice that effectively reaches the listener and is responsive to the actor’s thoughts and feelings. Through work on breath awareness, alignment, resonance, and muscularity, students will learn to identify habits that help or hinder performance. Students will practice exercises to develop vocal strength, clarity, ease, and expressiveness while exploring the vocal demands of various texts and performing environments. Course will culminate in a presentation of classical and contemporary monologues. This course is a good preparation for auditions, rehearsal, and performance, and is appropriate for all levels. Priority space reserved for TAPS majors and minors.

TAPS 122A. Expressive Techniques in Multimedia Installation And Live Art. 4 Units.
The course focuses on multimedia installation and live performances. The theme of the course will be an offshoot of the campus wide celebration of the 200th year anniversary of the Frankenstein novel written by Mary Shelly. For the course the issues of advance medical science in the areas of artificial life forms, stem cell research, biological ethical questions, fictional and non fictional approaches and mythical creation stories will be included. Students will obtain an understanding of alternative ways to speak to issues using various art forms.
Same as: ARTSTUDI 122A

TAPS 122M. Main Stage Theater Project: Cabaret. 3-5 Units.
The Main Stage Theater Project provides students the opportunity to receive units for participating in a TAPS Main Stage Show. The Spring 2019 Main Stage Theater Project presents Cabaret. Audition required. Preference to majors/minors. May be repeated for credit. 4 maximum completions allowed. If repeated, 20 total units allowed.

TAPS 122P. Undergrad Performance Project: Seagull. 1-9 Unit.
The Undergraduate Performance Project provides students the opportunity to study and perform in major dramatic works. The Winter 2019 Undergraduate Performance Project presents Seagull. Students learn to form an artistic ensemble, develop dramaturgical materials, learn professional arts protocols and practice, devise within the ensemble, and develop live performance ability. Audition required. Preference to majors/minors. Maybe repeated for credit. 3 maximum completions allowed. If repeated, 15 total units allowed.

TAPS 122D. Acting for Non-Majors. 1-3 Unit.
Formerly TAPS 20. Creative play, ensemble work in a supportive environment. Designed for the student to experience a range of new creative skills, from group improvisation to partner work. Introductory work on freeing the natural voice and physical relaxation. Emphasis on rediscovering imaginative and creative impulses. Movement improvisation, listening exercises, and theater games release the energy, playfulness and willingness to take risks that is the essence of free and powerful performance. Course culminates with work on dramatic text.

TAPS 125. Acting Shakespeare. 3 Units.
This course explores the unique demands of playing Shakespeare on the stage. Through deep exploration of language and performance techniques in sonnets, speeches and scenes, the student will learn how to bring Shakespeare’s passions to life through research, analysis, and a dynamic use of voice, body and imagination. This course is designed to increase the actor’s physical, vocal, emotional, and intellectual responsiveness to the demands, challenges and joys of playing Shakespeare.

TAPS 125C. Acting Chekhov. 3 Units.
Playwright Anton Chekhov helped revolutionize the theater with his naturalistic representation of life onstage. In this course, students will explore the creation of character and ensemble by doing scenes from Chekhov’s plays with a particular focus on relationship, subtlety, sensory life, and Russian history and culture in 1900. Students will practice the improvisational technique of Active Analysis to connect with and embody characters and events, as well as exploring various exercises of Michael Chekhov’s such as the Psychological Gesture, and exercises involving tempo-rhythm, physical centers, and archetypes. Prerequisite: Acting 120A. Priority given to TAPS majors and minors.
TAPS 125S. Shakespeare Now: An Actor’s Lab. 3 Units.
This active workshop will provide the actor with skills for performing Shakespeare with clarity, joy and power. Actors work with scenes and monologues to develop ease with scansion, freedom of voice, and to expand their physical and imaginative range. We will also become acquainted with some of the ways that Shakespeare and other classic texts are being re-invigorated at the hands of modern writers and adapters. We will investigate the world of styles and approaches an actor may encounter in new takes on classic plays in our own time. (Priority to TAPS majors-minors. Previous acting class required, or instructor permission.)

TAPS 126. Sound Stories. 4 Units.
This special seminar is designed for students interested in creating stories for radio, podcast, and other sound media. Students will learn both the core principles of telling strong stories, whatever the medium, and the strategies of telling entertaining, persuasive stories for the ear. Just like film or the novel, sonic stories offer a fascinating mix of constraints and opportunities, and you’ll learn how to invite listeners into an experience or insight that combines theories, facts and feelings into a single space of empathy. This is a hybrid class, equal parts classic seminar and creative workshop, and students will create stories from start to finish and learn skills from pitching and interviewing to writing, editing, and digital production. Students will work in small groups to document places through the stories that inhabit them. Recommended for students interested in creative nonfiction, documentary, film, and even sound art. No prior experience necessary. Students wishing to enroll in this course must complete the following survey: http://web.stanford.edu/~jwarga/S17TAPS126.fb (Cardinal Course certified by the Haas Center)

TAPS 127. Movement for the Actor. 3-4 Units.
This course is an exploration of movement techniques for the actor, designed to provide a foundation for performance practice. Students will develop a more grounded sense of ease and breath onstage, learn fundamentals of physical partnership, and acquire an expanded physical vocabulary. Areas of study include Laban movement analysis, observation and embodiment, basic contact improvisation, and physical characterization. Students will also engage a personalized warmup process for rehearsal and performance. All coursework will be entirely experiential, practical, and participatory. No previous experience necessary. Some outside rehearsal/investigation time required.

TAPS 127A. Commedia dell’Arte. 3 Units.
This course is an introduction to the technique and spirit of Commedia dell’Arte: the form which began in Italy in the 16th century and lives on in contemporary comedy. Through the observation and embodiment of archetypes and the use of character masks, students will explore active, physical improvisation and partnership (improvioso), personalized comic routines (lazzi), and ensemble storytelling based on a theme. Areas of study include partnership and status play, timing, audience awareness, improvisation, characterization, size and scale. All coursework will be experiential and practical. Some stage and improvisation experience is recommended but not required. Some outside rehearsal/investigation time required.

TAPS 127C. Introduction to Stage Combat. 3 Units.
A course designed to cover the fundamental techniques to safely and convincingly create the illusion of violence. Stressing safety, storytelling, and partnering, this class will explore the most commonly used unarmed combat techniques, including fighting with found objects, and combat with violence. Additionally, students will explore the essential techniques and vocabulary for theatrical broadsword including parries, cuts, thrusts, footwork and evasions. Students will have the opportunity to take a “skills proficiency test” in both disciplines for recognition as a beginning theatrical combatant with Dueling Arts International. This class will be taught by Dave Maier.

TAPS 127S. Acting Through Song. 2-4 Units.
How does a singer develop the strategies to shape nuanced, emotional performances? What clues does the singer mine from lyrics and a score in order to communicate through song? This is a studio course in acting and movement techniques for vocal performers who want to expand their expressive range, refine multi-faceted performances, and cultivate compelling stage presence. This course is suitable for any vocalist; classical singers, a cappella performers, musical theater actors and others are all welcome. The three foundational underpinnings of our work will be actor personalization technique, basic movement training and text analysis strategies. We will develop flexibility, relaxation and the freedom to follow expressive impulses while also deepening our knowledge of character, narrative and theme. Students should be prepared to engage in intensive work with performance pieces, selected according to each student’s preferred style and tradition. We will focus on close textual analysis and find connections between the ways performers use various written scores (for spoken dialogue, song lyrics and musical composition) as the blueprints for dynamic performances that tell a powerful story. The course will culminate in a public performance of material from a musical performance genre.

TAPS 127W. Introduction to Clown. 3 Units.
This course is an introduction to the world and play of the theatrical clown, constructed for actors to explore truth in size, vulnerability, and a personal sense of humor. Students will develop their ability to play with the audience, a greater capacity for freedom and abandon onstage, and a healthier relationship to failure and human idiocy. Areas of study include partnership and status play, comic rhythm and timing, the structure and development of comic material, and the beginnings of a personal eccentric Clown character. All coursework will be experiential and practical. Some stage experience is recommended but not required. Some outside rehearsal/investigation time required.

TAPS 12N. To Die For: Antigone and Political Dissent. 3 Units.
(Formerly CLASSGEN 6N.) Preference to freshmen. Tensions inherent in the democracy of ancient Athens; how the character of Antigone emerges in later drama, film, and political thought as a figure of resistance against illegitimate authority; and her relevance to contemporary struggles for women’s and workers’ rights and national liberation. Readings and screenings include versions of Antigone by Sophocles, Anouilh, Brecht, Fugard/Kani/Ntshona, Paulin, Glowacki, Gurney, and von Trotta. Same as: CLASSICS 17N

TAPS 131. Lighting Design. 4 Units.
With the tools newly acquired from the previous quarter, this hands-on course features laboratory projects in lighting and designing live stage productions. Prerequisite TAPS 31.

TAPS 132. Costume Design. 4 Units.
This course introduces the goals, directives and techniques of designing costumes for performance. From the first reading of the script to opening night, all aspects will be covered including director/designer relationships, design approach, research, rendering, fabric selection, procurement or construction of costumes, fittings and final dress rehearsals. Each student will work on, or be assigned one main project of their choice. This class can coincide or be taken in advance of a student’s involvement in a campus show, utilizing the campus project as their main project in the class. Smaller exercises will be given throughout the quarter to emphasize principles and invigorate design discussions. All students will be required to attend the performances of their peers’ projects. One field trip to a professional theater may be planned.

TAPS 133. Stage Scenery Design. 3-4 Units.
Craft and Theory of stage scenery design including visual research, spatial organization, basic drafting, sketching and model-building. Prerequisite: 30, or consent of instructor.
TAPS 133D. Set Design Practicum. 3-4 Units.
This course is intended for students who are in the process of designing scenery for a Stanford club or department production and seek guidance in developing and refining their design. It is also open to students who have not yet committed to a fully realized set design project but would like to in the future, or anyone who would like to focus on the practical aspects of set design in general. Each week students present their work on a current or future set design and receive feedback and suggestions from classmates and the instructor. Also, the instructor will create project oriented assignments adapted to the needs and timeline of each individual project and student. Topics include: visual research, sketching, computer and hand drafting, and model making. During the first two weeks of the course students and instructor will determine a final project, such as a color model or design drafting, which will be required for completion of the course.

TAPS 133T. Transgender Performance and Performativity. 4 Units.
This course examines theater, performance art, dance, and embodied practice by transgender artists. Students will learn the history and politics of transgender performance while considering the creative processes and formal aesthetics trans artists use to make art. We will analyze creative work in conversation with critical and theoretical texts from the fields of performance studies, art history, and queer studies. Same as: FEMGEN 133

TAPS 134. Stage Management Project. 3-5 Units.
For students stage managing a production in the Department of Theater and Performance Studies.

TAPS 135C. Theory & Craft of the Scenographic Model. 3 Units.
Students learn studio techniques for constructing dimensional models for stage designs. Students will work with their hands using common materials such as cardboard, paint and wood. Use of Stanford's Product Realization Lab encouraged for specialty items such as miniature furniture depending on departmental coordination.

TAPS 135M. Introduction to Multimedia Production. 3 Units.
Students will learn filmmaking basics and apply them by creating a number of short multimedia projects to be shown and discussed in class. Hands-on practical instruction will cover the fundamentals of story, cinematography, sound recording, picture and sound editing, directing for camera, and producing. Critical analysis will focus on a variety of uses of prerecorded sound and video in theater productions, podcasts, web series and other digital media, as well as film and television.

TAPS 136S. Hidden Gems: Bay Area Theater Architecture post 1906. 3 Units.
An active investigation of Bay Area theater architecture through a close look at five buildings built specifically for performance and how their use has changed over time. Students uncover building histories by researching drawing plans, photographs and other contextual documents in public and university archives in addition to site visits when possible. Particular attention will be paid to understanding shifting attitudes toward the prosenium arch in American popular culture. Possible buildings to be included: California Theater (San Jose), Memorial Auditorium (Stanford), Lucie Stern Theater (Palo Alto), Fox Theater (Redwood City) and The Curran Theater (San Francisco).

TAPS 137. Hand Drafting for Designers. 3 Units.
Fundamentals of hand-drafting. Standard drawing conventions; the use of line weight, color, composition, and graphic style. Creation of construction documents for real-world applications. May be repeated for credit.

TAPS 138. Introduction to Theater Sound Design. 4 Units.
This course explores the history and aesthetics, of theatre sound design, and provides the basic technical knowledge to create your own work. Learn how to analyze a script for sound design elements, gain practical knowledge of microphones and loudspeakers, sound editing and cueing software, and put your knowledge to work creating your own design. Same as: MUSIC 184F

TAPS 138V. Video Design for Performance. 3 Units.
Students will explore how to film live performances, including theater, dance, music and performance art, in ways that convey the energy and magic of the live performances. The course will be part critical analysis of past professional productions from a variety of disciplines, and part practical instruction as students make videos. Students individually will conceive two performances and design plans for filming both, then will work in pairs with classmates to film and edit the performances using camera phones and basic editing software. Instruction will focus primarily on the conception and design stages. Students are encouraged, but not required, to have a project/projects in mind that they would like to develop during the quarter.

TAPS 139M. Ten Music Videos That Shook Design. 3 Units.
This course uses commercial music videos as a springboard for teaching fundamental concepts in visual design. Students analyze popular music videos for key design elements (such as color, texture or light) and then explore these ideas through interactive assignments both in and out of class. Through class discussion and two written papers, students will build upon these core visual elements to discover meaning and value in the video as a whole. Students will learn a practical design vocabulary as well as visual research methods including online databases available through Stanford. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes: In this course, students will: nn1. Become familiar with fundamental design principles (such as color, texture and shape) through class discussion, group projects, individual creative projects and short written papers focused on a select group of music videos.nn2. Compare and contrast the use of these design principles in specific music videos.nn3. Justify the intellectual validity of pop culture by explicitly connecting music videos to broader historical, political and cultural themes.nn4. Learn how to use the resources of Stanford's Art & Architecture library, including the digital collections, to find historic photographs and art images for academic and design projects of any type.

TAPS 140. Introduction to Projects in Theatrical Production. 1-4 Unit.
A seminar course for students performing significant production work on Theater and Performance Studies Department or other Stanford University student theater projects. Students serving as producers, directors, designers or stage managers, who wish mentorship and credit for their production work sign up for this course and contact the instructor, Laxmi Kumaran. nPrerequisite: consent of instructor.

TAPS 150G. Performing Race, Gender, and Sexuality. 4 Units.
This theory and practice-based course will examine performances by and scholarly texts about artists who critically and mindfully engage race, gender, and sexuality. Students will cultivate their skills as artist-scholars through written assignments and the creation of performance-based works in response to the assigned material. Attendance and written reflection on the TAPS Vital Signs: Performance Art in the 21st Century performance art series are required. The practical component of the class will also incorporate meditation into the process of preparing for, making, and critiquing performance. We will approach mindfulness as method and theory in our own practice, as well in relation to the works studied, while attending to the ethics and current debates concerning its use. Examples of artists studied include James Luna, Nao Bustamante, William Pope-J., Yoko Ono, Cassils, Adrian Piper, Guillermo Gomez-Peña, Nikki S. Lee, and Ana Mendieta. Same as: CSRE 150G, FEMGEN 150G

TAPS 150V. The Idea of Virtual Reality. 4 Units.
What is virtual reality and where is it heading? Was there VR before digital technology? What is the value of the real in a virtual culture? How, where, and when do we draw the line between the virtual and the real, the live and the mediated today? Concentrating on three aspects of VR simulation, immersion, and interactivity this course will examine recent experiments alongside a long history of virtual performance, from Plato's Cave to contemporary CAVEs, from baroque theatre design to Oculus Rift. Same as: TAPS 350V
TAPS 151. Dramaturgy. 4 Units.
This class examines the role of narrativity in live performance. Class topics range from the classics, to contemporary theater, dance, new media, performance art curatorship, and beyond, to grand social narratives. Integration of scholarship and practice is one of basic principles of dramaturgy, and this class follows in that spirit. Exploration of dramaturgical techniques is aimed to help students prepare to work on production dramaturgy. To that end, they will have an option to complete their final course assignment by serving as production dramaturgs on one of TAPS shows. 
Same as: TAPS 315

TAPS 151C. Hamlet and the Critics. 3-5 Units.
Focus is on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* as a site of rich critical controversy from the eighteenth century to the present. Aim is to read, discuss, and evaluate different approaches to the play, from biographical, theatrical, and psychological to formalist, materialist, feminist, new historicist, and, most recently, quantitative. The ambition is to see whether there can be another literature without (a) great (deal of) criticism. The challenge is to understand the theory of literature through the study of its criticism. 
Same as: ENGLISH 115C, ENGLISH 215C, TAPS 251C

TAPS 151T. Global Great Books: Dramatic Dialogues. 3-5 Units.
The most influential and enduring texts in the dramatic canon from Sophocles to Shakespeare, Chekhov to Soyinka. Their historical and geopolitical contexts. Questions about the power dynamics involved in the formation of canons. This course counts as a Writing in the Major course for TAPS in 2016-17. 
Same as: TAPS 351

TAPS 152. Introduction to Improvisation in Dance: From Salsa to Vodun to Tap Dance. 3-4 Units.
This seminar introduces students to Dance Studies by exploring the topic of improvisation, a central concept in multiple genres of dance and music. We will survey a range of improvised dance forms from salsa to vodun to tap dance through readings, video viewings, discussion, and movement exercises (no previous dance experience required). When studying each genre, we will examine how race, gender, sexuality, citizenship, and other power structures affect the practices and theorizations of improvisation. Topics include community and identity formation; questions of technique versus *natural* ability; improvisation as a spiritual practice; and the role of history in improvisers' quest for spontaneity. Course material will focus on improvised dance, but we will also read pertinent literature in jazz music, theatre, and the law. 
Same as: AFRICAAM 52, CSRE 152

TAPS 152G. Cultural Fusions, Global Flows: Dance History and Practice. 4 Units.
This course examines how dance is produced from a confluence of different social, cultural, and historical forces. Focusing on dance practices from Africa, Latin America, and Oceania, we investigate how attention to dance's entangled genealogies can teach us about issues of diaspora, globalization, and trans-indigeneity. Students have the opportunity to engage in stimulating discussion and debate, to participate in practical dance workshops, and to interact with specialist guest artists.

TAPS 153. Revenge: From Aeschylus to ABC. 4 Units.
How has the topic of revenge inspired some of theatre history's most dramatic masterpieces? Covering works from ancient Greek and Roman tragedy to Chinese Opera, from Japanese samurai intrigues to Renaissance drama, and from nineteenth-century comedy to postcolonial plays, this course examines how the powerful impetus to take revenge has spurred or stymied some of theatre's most compelling characters. Blending theory and practice, we will experiment with an array of theatrical forms and styles; we will also discuss the philosophical dimensions and moral implications of revenge, including various cultural understandings of retribution and redress.

TAPS 153H. History of Directing. 4 Units.
In this class, students will examine the work of directors who shaped modern theater. Some of directors we are going to explore are Konstantin Stanislavski, Jerzy Grotowski, and director-choreographer Pina Bausch. In order to engage closely with directorial styles of these and other landmark directors, we will focus on their career-defining productions. The class will include readings, screenings of recorded performances whenever possible, and workshops with professionals in the field. Capped enrollment. 
Same as: TAPS 253H

TAPS 153M. Mechanics of the Theater: The Technologies of Stagecraft. 3-4 Units.
This course explores the history of technologies vital to the theatre: traps, lifts, lights, and sounds have been crucial for creating stage illusion. Divided into three main sections, Mechanics and Machines, Lighting and Projections, and Acoustics and Sound, we will examine the history of technological innovation and theatrical experimentation from the Enlightenment to the present. We will also be conducting case studies for each section with a core text or texts. We will cover Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Ibsen's *Ghosts*, Chekhov's *The Seagull*, and Dreamgirls, *The Musical*. n Technologies such as mechanical traps, electrical lights, and sound machines have been used to create stunning illusions and spectacular theater. Many of these technologies were also significant for the histories of industrialization and modernization. We will ask: How did theater makers develop and innovate using technological innovations? What role does technological aesthetics play in understanding human culture? What are the relationships between theater, technology, and society? In class, we will be reading, experimenting, and performing with various technological artifacts. We will be conducting experiments alongside our reading practice to better understand our historical subjects.

TAPS 153W. Warhol's World. 5 Units.
Andy Warhol's art has never before been more widely exhibited, published, or licensed for commercial use, product design, and publication than it is today. For all Warhol's promising visibility and global cachet at the current moment, there is much we have yet to learn about his work and the conditions of its making. This course considers the wide world of Warhol's art and life, including his commercial work of the 1950s, Pop art and films of the 1960s, and celebrity portraiture of the 1970s and 80s. Of particular interest throughout will be Warhol's photography as it reflects his interest in wealth and celebrity on the one hand and on the everyday life of everyday people on the other. The course will include multiple visits to Contact Warhol: Photography without End, an exhibition co-curated by Prof. Meyer on view throughout the quarter at the Cantor Arts Center. 
Same as: AMSTUD 153, ARTHIST 153, ARTHIST 353, FEMGEN 153, TAPS 353W

TAPS 154G. Black Magic: Ethnicity, Race, and Identity in Performance Cultures. 3-4 Units.
In 2013, CaShawn Thompson devised a Twitter hashtag, #blackgirlmagic, to celebrate the beauty and intelligence of black women. Twitter users quickly adopted the slogan, using the hashtag to celebrate everyday moments of beauty, accomplishment, and magic. In contrast, #blackmagic is used to describe everything from the uncanny to the personal. This course examines the discursive phenomenon of "black magic" and its permutations throughout Anglo-American histories. We will investigate the binaries of black/dark, white/light magic that has entered our contemporary lexicon, reading material on religion, magic performance, and theater. 
Same as: AFRICAAM 154G, CSRE 154D, FEMGEN 154G
TAPS 155. Social Sculpture. 4 Units.
This course investigates the immediacy of the body as material and sculpture in order to investigate private and social spaces. Actions are often used to understand or question the function and psychological aspects of a space and are documented for the perpetuation of these ideas. Throughout the quarter we will investigate the body as material and develop site specific performances enacted for: Private/Domestic and Public Space; Constructed Space & Physical Space; ecological systems; and generate both Individual & Collaborative based Actions, Interventions, & Events.
Same as: ARTSTUDI 155

TAPS 156. Performing History: Race, Politics, and Staging the Plays of August Wilson. 4 Units.
This course purposefully and explicitly mixes theory and practice. Students will read and discuss the plays of August Wilson, the most celebrated and most produced contemporary American playwright, that comprise his 20th Century History Cycle. Class stages scenes from each of these plays, culminating in a final showcase of longer scenes from his work as a final project.
Same as: AFRICAAM 156, CSRE 156T, TAPS 356

TAPS 156A. Warhol: Painting, Photography, Performance. 4 Units.
This course focuses on the career of Andy Warhol as a means to consider the broader history of American art and culture since 1950. It examines little-studied aspects of Warhol's visual production (e.g. his career as a commercial artist in the 1950s and his everyday photographs of the 1970s and 1980s) alongside his now-canonical Pop paintings of the 1960s. Warhol's critical and scholarly reception will be scrutinized in detail, as will published interviews and writings by the artist. Finally, we will consider Warhol's legacy and wide-ranging influence on American culture in the decades since his death in 1987.
Same as: ARTHIST 156A, ARTHIST 356A, TAPS 356A

TAPS 156V. Vital Signs: Performance in the 21st Century. 1 Unit.
The first decade and a half of the 21st century have been transformative for performance art. On the one hand, it brought an unprecedented cultural acceptance of this art form, which is now featured in most prestigious museums and art festivals; on the other, the most recent generation of performance artists is showing a great awareness of the historicity and complexity of this form. In this class, we will try to recognize and investigate these and other prominent features of performance art produced since the turn of the millennium. We will use as our primary case study performances that will be featured in the series Vital Signs: Contemporary Performance Art Series, hosted by TAPS in 2017-2018. The primary objective of the series is to highlight and showcase underrepresented performance forms such as experimental performance art, durational art, and body art, among others, by artists from communities that remain invisible or underrepresented in mainstream performing arts. The series is curated by the Los Angeles-based artist Cassils, who has been listed by the Huffington Post as ‘one of ten transgender artists who are changing the landscape of contemporary art’ and has achieved international recognition for a rigorous engagement with the body as a form of social sculpture. Cassils’s curatorial vision is to present established performance artists alongside emerging artists. Each quarter, a pair of artists will visit Stanford for two days (Thursday-Friday). On day one of their visit they will offer a workshop or a public performance, and on the second day they will engage in a public dialogue. The class will meet each quarter for three weeks: before, during, and after the artists’ visit. This way, the students will have an opportunity to prepare for the visit, engage with the visiting artists, and reflect on their work. They will receive their grades upon completion of the class, in the spring of 2018.
Same as: ARTSTUDI 256V, TAPS 256V

TAPS 156X. Theater of Dissent: Social Movements, Migration, and Revolution in the Americas. 4 Units.
TAPS 156X is an introductory level course that considers how theatre and performance provide a vital platform to examine political dissonance, the mobilities and (im)mobilities that shape transnational migration, and the formation of Latinx/Chicano identity in the Americas. We will further examine the differences between key terminology in performance, including the notion of Latinidad, by looking at different aesthetic and socio-cultural performance practices and methodologies, re-occuring performance themes, and site-specific performance in the Americas. This course will primarily concentrate on works written in/about the Western Pacific US Southwest, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Cuba, and Colombia through a variety of theatrical play texts, recorded performances, workshops, and creative projects.
Same as: CSRE 156X

TAPS 157. World Drama and Performance. 4 Units.
This course takes up a geographically expansive conversation by looking at modern and contemporary drama from nations including Ghana, Egypt, India, Argentina, among others. Considering influential texts from the Global South will also enable us to explore a range of themes and methodologies that are radically re-shaping the field of Performance Studies. We will examine the relationship between colonialism and globalization, empire and capital, cosmopolitanism and neoliberalism. Re-situating our perspective from the Global South and the non-western world, we will provincialize Europe, and probe the limits of its universalizing discourses.
Same as: TAPS 357

TAPS 157P. Performing Arabs and Others in Theory and Practice. 4 Units.
How deeply must the artist engage to be satisfied with a representation? Is there such a thing as ‘good representation’? When must artists persist and when should they resist? In this class, we will make mistakes, challenge formulaic popular critiques and struggle to formulate our personal manifestos on casting. We’ll let a diverse cast of Arab characters help us in a quarter-long rehearsal of the artist and scholar we wish to be. All course materials are in English, but proficient speakers of Arabic may be given Arabic language texts, if they ask. The majority of the works in our reading list will fit four categories: Orientalist representation, works by Arabs for Arabs, works by non-Arabs for non-Arabs, and works by Arab-Americans. In this class, we learn the theory, practice it, and intelligently attempt to compromise in a deeply flawed and gratifying artform.
Same as: CSRE 157A, TAPS 257P

TAPS 158B. Brecht in Practice and Theory. 4 Units.
Hardly any figure looms as large in the modern theatrical canon as Bertolt Brecht, whose critical rethinking of theater’s social function has inspired political artists around the globe. This course zooms in on this revolutionary spirit to offer students the opportunity to study, apply, critique and transform Brechtian techniques through hands-on activities. With class sessions split between practical workshops and seminars, we will approach Brecht’s writings both his prose and plays from the theater practitioner’s perspective. How do Brecht’s concepts, like Verfremdung, Epic, and Gestus, challenge theater conventions, and to what end? What practical exercises can be developed from his writings, and what are their uses for theater-makers today? How, when, and why might Brechtian techniques be applied to devised work or dramas by other playwrights? What does Brecht’s model of theater overlook, and how can it avoid criticism? This course is aimed particularly at student directors, but will also benefit actors, dramaturgs, playwrights and scholars interested in practice as research. No theater experience required.
TAPS 160. Performance and History: Rethinking the Ballerina. 4 Units.
The ballerina occupies a unique place in popular imagination as an object of over-determined femininity as well as an emblem of extreme physical accomplishment for the female dancer. This seminar is designed as an investigation into histories of the ballerina as an iconographic symbol and cultural reference point for challenges to political and gender ideals. Through readings, videos, discussions and viewings of live performances this class investigates pivotal works, artists and eras in the global histories of ballet from its origins as a symbol of patronage and power in the 15th century through to its radical experiments as a site of cultural obedience and disobedience in the 20th and 21st centuries. 
Same as: DANCE 160, FEMGEN 160, TAPS 260

TAPS 160M. Introduction to Representations of the Middle East in Dance, Performance, & Popular Culture. 3-4 Units.
This course will introduce students to the ways in which the Middle East has been represented and performed by/in the 'West' through dance, performance, and popular culture in both historical and contemporary contexts. A brief look through today's media sources exposes a wide range of racialized and gendered representations of the Middle East that shape the way the world imagines the Middle East to be. As postcolonial theorist Edward Said explains, the framework we call Orientalism establishes the ontological character of the Orient and the Oriental as inherently 'Other'. Starting with 19th century colonialism and continuing into the post-9/11 era, this course will trace the Western production, circulation, and consumption of representations of the Middle East as 'Other' in relation to global geopolitics. We will further examine dance forms produced in mid-twentieth century Iran and Egypt, with particular attention to nation-state building and constructions of gender. Finally, we will examine artistic productions and practices from the Middle East and Middle Eastern diasporic communities that respond to colonialism, war, displacement, secularism, and Euro-American Empire. Using dance studies, postcolonial feminist, and critical race theoretical frameworks, we will consider the gender, racial, political, and cultural implications of selected performance works and practices in order to analyze how bodies produce meaning in dance, performance art, theater, film, photography, and new media. Students will engage in multiple modes of learning; the course will include lectures, engaged group discussions, viewing of live and recorded performance, embodied participation in dance practice, student oral presentations, and a variety of writing exercises. Course assignments will culminate in a final research project related to class themes and methods.
Same as: CSRE 160M, DANCE 160M, FEMGEN 160M

TAPS 161. Dance & Conflict. 4 Units.
This seminar investigates how moving bodies are compelling agents of social, cultural, and political change. Through readings, videos, discussions and viewings of live performances this class questions the impact of social conflict and war on selected 20th and 21st century dances and dance practices. This class asks to what extent dance, in its history as well as contemporary development, is linked to concepts of the political and conflict.

TAPS 161D. Introduction to Dance Studies: Dancing Across Stages, Clubs, Screens, and Borders. 3-4 Units.
This introduction to dance studies course explores dance practice and performance as means for producing cultural meaning. Through theoretical and historical texts and viewing live and recorded dance, we will develop tools for analyzing dance and understanding its place in social, cultural, and political structures. This uses dance and choreography as a lens to more deeply understand a wide range of identity and cultural formations, such as gender, race, sexuality, (dis)ability, (trans)nationality, and empire. We will analyze dancing bodies that move across stages, dance clubs, film screens, and border zones. We will examine dance from diverse locales and time periods including ballet, modern and contemporary dance, contact improvisation, folkloric dance, burlesque, street dance, queer club dance, drag performance, music videos, TV dance competitions, and intermedia/new media performance. In addition to providing theoretical and methodological grounding in dance studies, this course develops performance analysis skills and hones the ability to write critically and skillfully about dance. No previous experience in dance is necessary to successfully complete the course.
Same as: CSRE 61, DANCE 161D, FEMGEN 161D

TAPS 161H. Dance, History and Conflict. 4 Units.
This seminar investigates how moving bodies are compelling agents of social, cultural, and political change. Through readings, videos, discussions and viewings of live performances this class questions the impact of social conflict and war on selected 20th and 21st century dances and dance practices. This class asks to what extent dance, in its history as well as contemporary development, is linked to concepts of the political and conflict. 
Same as: DANCE 161H

TAPS 162H. Baroque Modernities: Dance, Theater, Film, Political Theory. 4 Units.
What do seventeenth-century choreography and dramaturgy contribute to (mean to) choreographic and theatrical modernity? How can we explain the recurrent baroque phenomenon across the twentieth century – becoming particularly prominent in the 1980s – beyond the historicist accounts of theatrical reconstruction? How does the baroque locate itself within cultural modernity? This seminar asks this question of choreography at several junctures: The analysis of seventeenth century baroque spectacle that fashioned dance and theatre into political tools of monarchical sovereignty; Twentieth-century literature on the baroque that destabilizes received notions of subjectivity and political sovereignty; Twentieth-century choreography and film that deploys baroque figures and techniques. Thus, our material shall range from seventeenth-century dance and theater to contemporary dance, film and literature.
Same as: DANCE 162H

TAPS 162I. The Idea of a Theater. 5 Units.
Examines the idea of a theater from the religious street theater of Medieval York, through Shakespeare's Globe, and onto the mental theater of the Romantic reader and the alienation effects of Brecht's radical playhouse in the 20th cent.

TAPS 162L. Latin/x America in Motion: An Introduction to Dance Studies. 3-4 Units.
This course introduces students to the field of Dance Studies by examining the histories of Latin American and Caribbean dances and their relationship to developing notions of race and nation in the Americas. We will study the historical emergence and transformation of indigeneity, blackness, whiteness, and Latin/o/x and consider how dance practices interacted with these identifications. No prior experience with Dance or Latin America and the Caribbean necessary.
Same as: CHILATST 162, CSRE 162D, DANCE 162L, TAPS 262L
TAPS 163D. Shakespeare: The Ethical Challenge. 3-5 Units.
Was the eighteenth century right in proclaiming Shakespeare to be the greatest moral philosopher? What are the ethical challenges Shakespeare's major plays still pose for us? Can we divorce ethical decisions from the contingencies of experience? We will ask a series of normative ethical questions (to do with pleasure, power, old age, self-sacrifice, and truth telling) and attempt to answer them in relation to the dramatic situation of Shakespeare's characters on the one hand and our own cultural situation on the other. The ethical challenge of Shakespearean drama will be set against selected readings in ethical theory.
Same as: ENGLISH 163D

TAPS 164H. Performance and Gender. 3-5 Units.
The intersectionality of race, sex, gender, and class in the formation of gendered performance. Readings from the work of Judith Butler, Eve Sedgwick, David Savran, Judith Halberstam, and David Eng. Case studies include: M. Butterfly, The Crying Game, Paris is Burning, Angels in America, and American Idol.
Same as: FEMST 164, FEMST 364, TAPS 364H

TAPS 164T. Queer Art and Performance. 4-5 Units.
Examines the late 19th, 20th and 21st century forms of performance— including examples from drama, theater, cabaret, and performance art — through the perspectives of contemporary critical gender and queer theories. Texts and movements range from early avant-garde (Dada, Futurism) to gay and lesbian drama (Lillian Hellmann, Joe Orton, Tony Kushner) to post-liberation Queer performance and video (Split Britches, Carmelita Tropicana, Kalup Linzy). Theorists include Judith Butler, Michel Foucault, and Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick.
Same as: TAPS 364T

TAPS 165. Introduction to Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. 5 Units.
How different disciplines approach topics and issues central to the study of ethnic and race relations in the U.S. and elsewhere. Lectures by senior faculty affiliated with CSRE. Discussions led by CSRE teaching fellows. Includes an optional Haas Center for Public Service certified Community Engaged Learning section.
Same as: CSRE 196C, ENGLISH 172D, PSYCH 155, SOC 146

TAPS 165C. Ancient Dance and its Modern Legacy. 3-5 Units.
Descriptions of dance in the Greek and Greco-Roman world; theories about dance in antiquity; dance and the senses; modern and modernist dancers and choreographers discussing ancient dance.
Same as: CLASSICS 137, CLASSICS 237, TAPS 265C

TAPS 167. Introduction to Greek Tragedy: Gods, Heroes, Fate, and Justice. 4 Units.
(Formerly CLASSGEN 110.) Gods and heroes, fate and free choice, gender conflict, the justice or injustice of the universe: these are just some of the fundamental human issues that we will explore in about ten of the tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides.
Same as: CLASSICS 112

TAPS 167H. Revolutions in Theater. 4 Units.
This course surveys the period from the turn of the 20th century until WWI, during which the European avant-garde movements transformed modern art. This period in history is marked by dynamic political events that had a deep impact on experimental art and on culture in general. This interaction between poetics and politics makes the first decades of the 20th century the formative period of western and global theater.
Same as: TAPS 267

TAPS 168H. Poor Theater. 4 Units.
The goal of this class is not to offer a survey of Happenings and other happening-related art of the late twentieth century. Instead, we will use Happenings as a paradigm of “poor theater” and “poor art” - umbrella terms for a number of experimental performance and art practices that emerged in the aftermath of the WWII. We will use the idea of poor theater as an organizing principle in our investigation of the main currents in the experimental performance in the last five decades. The class has a tripartite structure. First we will outline the paradigm of happenings, then trace the origins of Happenings in music, visual arts and theater of the mid twentieth century, and finally look at Happenings' immediate impact, as well as at its ripple effects that continued to reverberate long after the disappearance of this new art form. This course counts as a Writing in the Major course for TAPS in 2016-17.
Same as: TAPS 268H

TAPS 169. Hysteria and Modern Culture. 3-5 Units.
The term “hysteria” has been used for centuries to categorize the mysterious ailments of others. This course will focus on the history of hysteria’s representation and production from the late nineteenth century through WWI. Readings will include medical writings (Charcot, Bernheim, Freud), plays (Ibsen, Strindberg, Toller), and feminist theory (Cixous, Clément, Diamond). We will also devote some attention to the ongoing influence of the discourse of hysteria on contemporary medical and popular cultures.

TAPS 170. Directing and Dramaturgy: Composition and Adaptation for Theatre. 4-5 Units.
This course explores dramaturgy and directing in the research and production of theatre primarily through practical creative projects with secondary readings on dramaturgy as a discipline. In this course we will consider the role of the dramaturg in its broadest sense, running across theatrical production from research to playwriting, adaptation, choreography, devising and directing. Students will work individually and in small groups researching, adapting, crafting and workshop material.
Same as: TAPS 370

TAPS 170A. The Director’s Craft. 4 Units.
This workshop class guides students through the directing process from investigating the big ideas of a play and analysing the action to organizing and running rehearsals to building up the world of the play through character work and visual composition. Over the quarter we will look at the use of creative visualization and improvisation alongside working with actors on ideas, emotions, relationships, textual analysis and blocking. This course also attends to the process of communicating with designers and production teams as well as structuring rehearsals, run-throughs and technical and dress rehearsals. Each student will select a theatrical text to work from across the quarter. In many cases the student’s text will be a play that they are planning to direct in future, such as productions for student groups like Ram’s Head or Stanford Shakespeare Company, TAPS capstone projects, TAPS 2nd year grad shows and/or TAPS Second Stage productions. No previous directing experience in necessary.
Same as: TAPS 370A

TAPS 170B. Directing Workshop: The Actor-Director Dialogue. 4 Units.
This course focuses on the actor-director dialogue. We will work with actors and directors developing approaches to collaboration that make the actor-director dialogue in theater.
Same as: TAPS 372
TAPS 171. Performance Making. 4 Units.
A studio course focused on creative processes and generating original material. Students will be encouraged to think critically about the relationship between form and content exploring the possibilities of site specific, gallery and theatre settings. Students will reflect throughout on the types of contact and communication uniquely possible in the live moment, such as interaction or the engagement of the senses. The emphasis is on weekly experimentation in the creation of short works rather than on a final production.
Same as: TAPS 371

TAPS 173D. Theater Production Lab: Dramaturgy and Development. 4 Units.
173/373: In this course students will explore general dramaturgical history and methodology as well as engaging in applied dramaturgy from evaluating works for a productions seasons, to developing dramaturgical materials for specific productions. Students will agree the focus of their course-work with the instructor depending on their specific interests. The TAPS 2nd year grad students enrolled in this course will act as a dramaturgical team, supporting the TAPS winter production of The Tempest in Pigott theater March 2-11 2017, directed by Amy Freed. Students will support the actors and the creative team through providing research materials and presentations and helping actors with guided research, write program essays for general audiences, attend rehearsals and provide constructive notes, and curate and/or present on a Preface panel prior to opening night.
Same as: TAPS 373

TAPS 174V. Staging Change: from A Doll's House to Votes for Women!. 4 Units.
A practice-led exploration of women in theater at the rise of feminism and realism: 75% workshop 25% seminar with 2 public table reads and a class production (play TBD depending on class size and constituency) to be staged in Roble or Pigott theater at the end of Fall quarter. Students will use Hill's new book Sex, Suffrage and the Stage (2017) for historical context in their readings and scene work on 12 iconic plays. Students will help to collaboratively perform, direct, and rewrite the script of one of these plays, which is about the intersection of class and race. The class will involve acting for students who want to act, directing for students who want to direct, and writing for students who want to write. The current character breakdown is as follows: 2 black women, 1 Asian-American woman, 1 Colombian woman, 1 Mexican-American man, 2 black men, 2 white women, 2 white men.
Same as: TAPS 177W, TAPS 377
**TAPS 178A. From the Page to the Stage: Intensive Playwriting Lab. 3 Units.**

A playwright’s process begins in solitude, develops in collaboration, and culminates in the public arena. Writers often find this difficult and contradictory, as inspiration meets reality and dramatic ideas change once they start taking shape in rehearsal. Add to that limited time and high stakes of theater practice, and for many writers, it is a time of shutting down right when their contribution can be most powerful. This is why theater collaborations – particularly that of writer, actor, and director – play such a powerful and necessary part in delivering a successful production. Not only does a writer need to write, they have to think like a director and actor, as well. This lab aims to strengthen both creative and collaborative skills for the aspiring dramatist, and provide the student with something of the process of script development in the rehearsal room, where a play finds its feet and takes its first steps. Class will function as a creative ensemble in which each writer will also serve as an actor and director in a limited “festival” format. Culminates in an invited showing of selected portions of work developed during the quarter.

**TAPS 178B. Intensive Playwriting. 4 Units.**

Intermediate level study of fundamentals of playwriting through an intensive play development process. Course emphasizes visual scripting for the stage and play revision. Script analysis of works by contemporary playwrights may include: Suzan-Lori Parks, Tony Kushner, Adrienne Kennedy, Edward Albee, Maria Irene Fornes and others. Table readings of full length work required by quarter’s end.

Same as: CSRE 178B, TAPS 278

**TAPS 178C. Writing a Full-Length Play. 2-4 Units.**

TAPS 178C: Writing a Full-Length Play (TAPS 278C) In 2018, instructor Young Jean Lee became the first Asian-American female to have had her play produced in Broadway. This workshop will guide students through the process of writing a full-length play and will focus on helping students to find their own voices. Students will be required to write every week and give feedback on each others’ work, completing a full-length draft by the end of the term. This class will be geared towards generating new material, rather than on editing in response to critiques (which will be covered in my spring class, Editing a Full-Length Play).

Students must email the instructor at yjl@stanford.edu for permission to enroll in the class.

Same as: TAPS 278C

**TAPS 178D. Editing a Full-Length Play. 1-4 Unit.**

To participate in this workshop, students must bring in a draft of a full length straight play for revision, which was written in part one of this course, WRITING A FULL-LENGTH PLAY. In conjunction with a variety of other editing techniques, students will focus on editing in collaboration with others. They will learn how to edit in response to hearing their plays read aloud; how to give and solicit the most useful kinds of feedback; how to cope with harsh criticism; what to do when people are offended by what they have written; how to know which notes to pay attention to and which notes to ignore; and how to let go of ideas and text that are not working. Other topics to be discussed: getting your work produced vs. self-producing; directing your own work vs. working with a director; and starting your own theater company. Enrollment for this course is closed.

Same as: TAPS 278D

**TAPS 178E. Advanced Playwriting/Screenwriting Workshop. 2-4 Units.**

In 2018, instructor Young Jean Lee became the first Asian-American female to have had her play produced in Broadway. She has written a screenplay commission for Plan B Entertainment with Paramount Pictures, is currently working on a screenplay commission for Cinereach, and has shown her short films at Sundance, Locarno, and BAMcinemaFest. This class is for students who have completed a draft of a full-length play or screenplay that they wish to develop. The course will involve reading work aloud and giving feedback. Students should email the instructor at yjl@stanford.edu for permission to enroll in the class.

Same as: TAPS 278E

**TAPS 179P. Professional Development. 3 Units.**

The goal of this class will be to prepare students in their final year to launch a career in film and television. We’ll look at ways that successful professionals got their starts, explore entry-level jobs that can lead to work as a writer, director and/or producer, examine how Hollywood recruits talent from the theater world, and discuss ways to create, distribute and publicize independent projects from shorts to features. The class will focus heavily on pitching ideas for narrative and documentary television series and films. We’ll study the types of materials used to make pitches and each student will generate and develop three ideas for film or television, then pitch their projects in a professional setting.

**TAPS 17N. Acting for Activists. 3 Units.**

Acting for Activists is designed for students who are interested in combining acting with activism, performance with politics. We will work with theater that responds to specific political events and crises such as hate crimes or war through the performance of activist texts. We will also explore works that challenge structures of income, race, gender and sexual orientation. By the end of the course students will cultivate a critical vocabulary for discussing and critiquing work within acting/activist contexts and develop new strategies for creating theatre in relation to issues they are passionate about. Acting for Activists encourages students to think about what they want to say and helps them craft how they want to say it.

**TAPS 180P. Color. 3-4 Units.**

Hands-on study of color to develop color sensitivity and the ability to manipulate color to exploit its expressive potential. Guided experimentation and observation. Topics include color relativity, color and light, color mixing, color harmony, and color and content. (lower level).

Same as: ARTSTUDI 180

**TAPS 180Q. Noam Chomsky. The Drama of Resistance. 3 Units.**

Preference to sophomores. Chomsky’s ideas and work which challenge the political and economic paradigms governing the U.S. Topics include his model for linguistics; cold war U.S. involvements in S.E. Asia, the Middle East, Central and S. America, the Caribbean, and Indonesia and E. Timor; the media, terrorism, ideology, and culture; student and popular movements; and the role of resistance.

**TAPS 183C. Interpretation of Musical Theater Repertoire. 1-2 Unit.**

By audition only. Contact instructor prior to enrolling (bries1@gmail.com). Ability to read music expected, but students with experience singing in musical theater can be accepted. For singers and pianists as partners. Performance class in a workshop setting along with lecture/discussion of important eras of musical theater history. Composers include Kern, Porter, Gershwin, Rodgers, Sondheim, Lloyd Weber, Jason Robert Brown and others. May be repeated for credit a total of 2 times. Enrollment limit: 20 (ten singers maximum). Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Recommended prerequisite: 170 (pianists).

Same as: MUSIC 183C

**TAPS 183E. Singing for Musicals. 2 Units.**

Do you love singing in musicals? Do you know how to sing in musicals? This course provides training in vocal technique and acting for students interested in performing musical theater. Students will learn about the physical process of singing, including posture, breath support, and vocal exercises. They will incorporate vocal technique with the study of phrases in different styles of Broadway repertoire, and apply both to the art of acting the song. Each student will work on solo selections and ensembles, and sing in most classes. Through understanding vocal technique, students will become more confident and joyful performers. The course will culminate in a final public workshop performance. Admission to course by audition or permission of the instructor.

Same as: MUSIC 183E
TAPS 184C. Dramatic Vocal Arts: Songs and Scenes Onstage. 1-2 Unit.
Studies in stagecraft, acting and performance for singers, culminating in a public performance. Repertoire to be drawn from the art song, opera, American Songbook and musical theater genres. Audition or consent of instructor required. May be repeated for credit a total of 4 times. Zero unit enrollment option available with instructor permission. See website: (http://music.stanford.edu) for policy and procedure. By enrolling in this course you are giving consent for the video and audio recording and distribution of your image and performance for use by any entity at Stanford University.
Same as: MUSIC 184C

TAPS 190. Special Research. 1-4 Unit.
Individual project on the work of a playwright, period, or genre. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

TAPS 192. Nitery Board Practicum. 1 Unit.
Credit given for student board members of the Experimental Nitery Studio. Undergraduate students should enroll in TAPS 192. Ph.D. students should enroll in TAPS 292. Same as: TAPS 292

TAPS 200. Senior Project. 2-4 Units.
All TAPS Majors must complete a Senior Project that represents significant work in any area of theater and/or performance. The project must be an original contribution and can consist of any of the following: devising a performance, choreographing a dance, stage managing a production, designing a large theater work, performing a major role, writing a play, directing a show, or researching and writing a senior essay. Work for this project normally begins in Spring Quarter of the junior year and must be completed by the end of the senior year. Students receive credit for senior projects through TAPS 200. A minimum of 4 units is required, but additional units are available for larger projects. Students pursuing senior projects must submit a two-page proposal to a faculty advisor of their choice, which must be approved by the Undergraduate Advisor and the department faculty no later than the end of Spring Quarter of the junior year.

TAPS 201. Theater History. 4 Units.
A survey of the history of theatre and dance from the ancient Greeks to the modern world. While primarily intended to help TAPS graduate students prepare for their Comprehensive Exam, this course may also be taken by undergraduates or non-TAPS graduate students in order to gain a broad understanding of some of the seminal plays, dances, theories, and performance practices of the past 2500 years.

An advanced written project to fulfill the requirements for the Honors degree in TAPS. There are two ways to undertake an honors thesis. The first is to write a 40-50 page essay, which presents research on an important issue or subject of the student’s choice. The second option is a 30-page essay that takes the student’s capstone project as a case study and critically analyzes the creative work. Students are expected to work consistently throughout the year with their advisor, whom they identify at the time of application. Advisors can be selected from Academic Council faculty or artists-in-residence. Students should enroll in TAPS 202 each quarter during the senior year (1 unit in Autumn; 1 unit in Winter; 2 units in Spring).

TAPS 20N. Prisons and Performance. 3 Units.
Preference to Freshmen. This seminar starts with the unlikely question of what can the performing arts, particularly dance and theatre, illuminate about the situation of mass incarceration in America. Part seminar, part immersive context building, students will read and view a cross-section of dance and theater works where the subject, performers, choreographers or authors, belong to part of the 2.4 million people currently behind bars in US prisons. Class includes conversations with formerly incarcerated youth, prison staff, juvenile justice lawyers and artists working in juvenile and adult prisons as well as those who are part of the 7.3 million people currently on parole or probation. Using performance as our lens we will investigate the unique kinds of understanding the arts make possible as well as the growing use of theater and dance to affect social change and personal transformation among prison inmates. Class trips will include visits to locked facilities and meetings with artists and inmates working behind bars.

TAPS 21. StoryCraft. 2 Units.
StoryCraft is a hands-on, experiential workshop offering participants the opportunity, structure and guidance to craft compelling personal stories to be shared in front of a live audience. The class will focus on several areas of storytelling: Mining (how do you find your stories and extract the richest details?), Crafting (how do you structure the content and shape the language?), and Performing (how do you share your stories with presence, authenticity and connection?).

TAPS 210V. Vocal Production and Audition. 1-3 Unit.
An introductory study of the vocal mechanism and the development of voice and articulation for the stage. Students will be introduced to the actor’s tools of phonetics, verbal action and text analysis. Vocal technique will then be applied to the actor’s process in preparation for audition. Actors will fully participate in the audition process, from beginning to end. Emphasis will be on relaxation, selection of appropriate material, and versatility to show contrast and range.

TAPS 21N. The Idea of Virtual Reality. 3 Units.
What is virtual reality and where is it heading? Was there VR before digital technology? What is the value of the real in a virtual culture? How, where, and when do we draw the line between the virtual and the real, the live and the mediated today? Concentrating on three aspects of VR: simulation, immersion, and interactivity this course will examine recent experiments alongside a long history of virtual performance, from Plato’s Cave to contemporary CAVEs, from baroque theatre design to Oculus Rift.

TAPS 21S. StoryCraft: Athlete Relationships. 2 Units.
What is intimacy like as an athlete? What are the stereotypes and the realities? In this class, athletic-identifying students will learn about relationships from the inside out: through an examination and telling of their lived experiences. We will explore various perspectives on intimacy and relationships that illuminate different aspects of our lives and then dive into our own stories to discover the many facets of intimacy. Due to the personal nature of the topic, we will emphasize safety, trust, and confidentiality throughout. The class offers the structure and guidance to 1) mine your life for stories, 2) craft the structure and shape of your stories, and 3) perform with presence, authenticity, and connection. nThis class will be held in Kingscote Gardens 140. Please email boothbk@stanford.edu to get on the waiting list.
Same as: FEMGEN 21S
TAPS 21T. StoryCraft: Sexuality, Intimacy & Relationships. 2 Units.
What are the roles of sexuality, intimacy, and relationships in my life? How do I tell a compelling story? In this class, students will learn about these topics from the inside out. We will explore various perspectives on sexuality, intimacy, and relationships and then dive into our own stories to discover the richness and vibrancy of this part of our lives. Due to the personal nature of the topic, we will emphasize safety, trust, and confidentiality throughout. The class offers the structure and guidance to 1) mine your life for stories, 2) craft the structure and shape of your stories, and 3) perform with presence, authenticity, and connection. Students will be selected from this class to tell their stories in Beyond Sex Ed Part 1 during NSO 2019. Please fill out this short application for enrollment: bit.ly/Spring2019StoryCraft. Class will be held in KINGSCOTE Gardens 140.
Same as: FEMGEN 21T

TAPS 220. Academic Publishing. 3-5 Units.
This course offers systematic opportunities for students to develop a publishable article for a scholarly journal. We will examine a range of successful articles in journals and carefully consider a variety of effective writing techniques and styles.

TAPS 220A. Being John Wayne. 5 Units.
John Wayne's imposing corporeality and easy comportment combined to create an icon of masculinity, the American West, and America itself. Focus is on the films that contributed most to the establishment, maturation, and deconstruction of the iconography and mythology of the John Wayne character. The western and war film as genres; the crisis of and performance of masculinity in postwar culture; gender and sexuality in American national identity; relations among individualism, community, and the state; the Western and national memory; and patriotism and the Vietnam War.
Same as: AMSTUD 220B, FILMSTUD 220

TAPS 231. Advanced Stage Lighting Design. 1-4 Unit.
Individually structured class in lighting mechanics and design through experimentation, discussions, and written reports. Prerequisite: 131 or consent of instructor.

TAPS 232. Advanced Costume Design. 1-5 Unit.
Individually structured tutorial for costume designers. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: 132 or consent of instructor.

TAPS 233. Advanced Scene Design. 1-4 Unit.
Individually structured workshop. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: 133 or consent of instructor.

TAPS 234. Advanced Stage Management Project. 2-4 Units.
For students stage managing a Department of Theater and Performance Studies production. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: 134.

TAPS 248. Family Drama: American Plays about Families. 5 Units.
Focus on great dramas about family life (Albee, Kushner, Shephard, Vogel, Kron, Nottage, Parks). Communication in writing and speaking about conflict central to learning in this class.
Same as: ENGLISH 148

TAPS 25. Acting Short Narrative: From Shakespeare to YouTube. 2 Units.
This course will help beginning students understand basic dramatic structure for acting short scenes. Using classic models (Euripides, Shakespeare, Noel Coward, Stephen Sondheim), we will explore how compelling dramatic scenes are constructed. Students will work with the instructor and with professional actors from Stanford Repertory Theater to come to grips with what makes these scenes successful and how best to bring them to life. As a final project, students will work together to develop and write their own short dramatic scenes, suitable for posting on YouTube.

TAPS 250J. Baldwin and Hansberry: The Myriad Meanings of Love. 4 Units.
This course looks at major dramatic works by James Baldwin and Lorraine Hansberry. Both of these queer black writers had prophetic things to say about the world-historical significance of major dramas on the 20th Century including civil rights, revolution, gender, colonialism, racism, sexism, war, nationalism and as well as aesthetics and politics. Same as: AFRICAAM 250J, AMSTUD 250J, CSRE 250J, FEMGEN 250J

TAPS 251C. Hamlet and the Critics. 3-5 Units.
Focus is on Shakespeare's Hamlet as a site of rich critical controversy from the eighteenth century to the present. Aim is to read, discuss, and evaluate different approaches to the play, from biographical, theatrical, and psychological to formalist, materialist, feminist, new historicist, and, most recently, quantitative. The ambition is to see whether there can be great literature without (a) great (deal of) criticism. The challenge is to understand the theory of literature through the study of its criticism. Same as: ENGLISH 115C, ENGLISH 215C, TAPS 151C

TAPS 252. Objects and Things: Theater, Performance, and Material Culture. 4 Units.
Objects, devices, machines, technologies--how do we engage with the material things that come across our research, into our performances, and out of our lives? This course examines how various scholars, theorists, and practitioners have defined and engaged with material culture. We will read popular theories of thing-ness including but not limited to object-oriented ontology (Bill Brown and Jane Bennett), commodity things (Arjun Appadurai), actor-network theory (Bruno Latour), scriptive things (Robin Bernstein), and prop theory (Andrew Sofer). The course will use their theories as lenses on the objects of our own research, counteracting the Western historiography through case studies, alternative readings, and in-class presentations. New work from performance studies (Uri McMillian etc.) will also provide current case studies in scholarship. Focusing on theater and performance studies, this class will also draw on sociology, anthropology, the history of technology, and art history.

TAPS 253H. History of Directing. 4 Units.
In this class, students will examine the work of directors who shaped modern theater. Some of the directors we are going to explore are Konstantin Stanislavski, Jerzy Grotowski, and director-choreographer Pina Bausch. In order to engage closely with directorial styles of these and other landmark directors, we will focus on their career-defining productions. The class will include readings, screenings of recorded performances whenever possible, and workshops with professionals in the field. Capped enrollment.
Same as: TAPS 153H

TAPS 253T. Virtual Realities: Art, Technology, Performance. 2-4 Units.
Contemporary virtual reality extends a long-standing quest to create a fully immersive, multisensory environment, a quest that may go back to the earliest cave paintings and includes such projects as cathedrals, operas, panoramas, theme parks, video games, and multimedia "happenings." What is VR's relationship to this long and varied history? What are the ethics, aesthetics, promises, and perils of this new medium? What is meant by "immersion," "interactivity," and "presence," and how is VR changing those terms? How might VR relate to contemporary immersive theater and installation art - as well as to the mediatization of society more generally?.
TAPS 256V, Vital Signs: Performance in the 21st Century, 1 Unit.
The first decade and a half of the 21st century have been transformative for performance art. On the one hand, it brought an unprecedented cultural acceptance of this art form, which is now featured in most prestigious museums and art fests; on the other, the most recent generation of performance artists is showing a great awareness of the historicity and complexity of this form. In this class, we will try to recognize and investigate these and other prominent features of performance art produced since the turn of the millennium. We will use as our primary case studies performances that will be featured in the series Vital Signs: Contemporary Performance Art Series, hosted by TAPS in 2017-2018. The primary objective of the series is to highlight and showcase underrepresented performance forms such as experimental performance art, durational art, and body art, among others, by artists from communities that remain invisible or underrepresented in mainstream performing arts. The series is curated by the Los Angeles-based artist Cassilis, who has been listed by the Huffington Post as ‘one of ten transgender artists who are changing the landscape of contemporary art’ and has achieved international recognition for a rigorous engagement with the body as a form of social sculpture. Cassilis’s curatorial vision is to present established performance artists alongside emerging artists. Each quarter, a pair of artists will visit Stanford for two days (Thursday-Friday). On day one of their visit they will offer a workshop or a public performance, and on the second day they will engage in a public dialogue. The class will meet each quarter for three weeks: before, during, and after the artists’ visit. This way, the students will have an opportunity to prepare for the visit, engage with the visiting artists, and reflect on their work. They will receive their grades upon completion of the class, in the spring of 2018. Same as: ARTSTUDI 256V, TAPS 156V

TAPS 257P, Performing Arabs and Others in Theory and Practice, 4 Units.
How deeply must the artist engage to be satisfied with a representation? Is there such a thing as ‘good representation’? When must artists persist and when should they resist? In this class, we will dare to make mistakes, challenge formulaic popular critiques and struggle to formulate our personal manifestos on casting. We’ll let a diverse cast of Arab characters help us in a quarter-long rehearsal of the artist and scholar we wish to be. All course materials are in English, but proficient speakers of Arabic may be given Arabic language texts, if they ask. The majority of the works in our reading list will fit four categories: Orientalist representation, works by Arabs for Arabs, works by non-Arabs for non-Arabs, and works by Arab-Americans. In this class, we learn the theory, practice it, and intelligently attempt to compromise in a deeply flawed and gratifying artform.
Same as: CSRE 157A, TAPS 157P

TAPS 258, Black Feminist Theater and Theory, 4 Units.
From the rave reviews garnered by Angelina Weld Grimké’s lynching play, Rachel to recent work by Lynn Nottage on Rwanda, black women playwrights have addressed key issues in modern culture and politics. We will analyze and perform work written by black women in the U.S., Britain and the Caribbean in the 20th and 21st centuries. Issues include: sexuality, surrealism, colonialism, freedom, violence, colorism, love, history, community and more. Playwrights include: Angelina Grimke, Lorriane Hansberry, Winsome Pinnock, Adrienne Kennedy, Suzan-Lori Parks, Ntozake Shange, Pearl Cleage, Sarah Jones, Anna DeVeare Smith, Alice Childress, Lydia Diamond and Zora Neale Hurston.
Same as: AFRICAAM 258, CSRE 258, FEMGEN 258X

TAPS 260, Performance and History: Rethinking the Ballerina, 4 Units.
The ballerina occupies a unique place in popular imagination as an object of over-determined femininity as well as an emblem of extreme physical accomplishment for the female dancer. This seminar is designed as an investigation into histories of the ballerina as an iconicographic symbol and cultural reference point for challenges to political and gender ideals. Through readings, videos, discussions and viewings of live performances this class investigates pivotal works, artists and eras in the global histories of ballet from its origins as a symbol of patronage and power in the 15th century through to its radical experiments as a site of cultural obedience and disobedience in the 20th and 21st centuries.
Same as: DANCE 160, FEMGEN 160, TAPS 160

TAPS 262, Performance and the Text, 5 Units.
Formal elements in Greek, Elizabethan, Noh, Restoration, realistic, and contemporary world drama; how they intersect with the history of performance styles, character, and notions of action. Emphasis is on how performance and media intervene to reproduce, historicize, or criticize the history of drama.

TAPS 262L, Latin/x America in Motion: An Introduction to Dance Studies, 3-4 Units.
This course introduces students to the field of Dance Studies by examining the histories of Latin American and Caribbean dances and their relationship to developing notions of race and nation in the Americas. We will study the historical emergence and transformation of indigeneity, blackness, whiteness and Latin/x and consider how dance practices interacted with these identifications. No prior experience with Dance or Latin America and the Caribbean necessary.
Same as: CHILATST 162, CSRE 162D, DANCE 162L, TAPS 162L

TAPS 265C, Ancient Dance and its Modern Legacy, 3-5 Units.
Descriptions of dance in the Greek and Greco-Roman world; theories about dance in antiquity; dance and the senses; modern and modernist dancers and choreographers discussing ancient dance.
Same as: CLASSICS 137, CLASSICS 237, TAPS 165C

TAPS 267, Revolutions in Theater, 4 Units.
This course surveys the period from the turn of the 20th century until WII, during which the European avant-garde movements transformed modern art. This period in history is marked by dynamic political events that had a deep impact on experimental art and on culture in general. This interaction between poetics and politics makes the first decades of the 20th century the formative period of western and global theater.
Same as: TAPS 167H

TAPS 268H, Poor Theater, 4 Units.
The goal of this class is not to offer a survey of Happenings and other happening-related art of the late 20th century. Instead, we will use Happenings as a paradigm of "poor theater" and "poor art" - umbrella terms for a number of experimental performance and art practices that emerged in the aftermath of the WII. We will use the idea of poor theater as an organizing principle in our investigation of the main currents in the experimental performance in the last five decades. The class has a tripartite structure. First we will outline the paradigm of happenings, then trace the origins of Happenings in music, visual arts and theater of the mid 20th century, and finally look at Happenings' immediate impact, as well as at its ripple effects that continued to reverberate long after the disappearance of this new art form. This course counts as a Writing in the Major course for TAPS in 2016-17.
Same as: TAPS 168H
TAPS 275T. Collaborative Theater-Making. 1-4 Unit.
Instructor Young Jean Lee has written and directed ten shows with her theater company and toured her work to over thirty cities around the world. In 2018, she became the first Asian-American female to have had her play produced in Broadway. In this workshop, students will collaborate on the creation, development, and performance of an original short play directed by Young Jean, culminating in an invited performance during the last class. The students will be responsible for researching, writing, designing, and performing the play. This class will teach the basics of creating a play, the process of theatrical collaboration, and the tools of devised ensemble work. Students must email the instructor at y jl@stanford.edu for permission to enroll in the class.
Same as: TAPS 175T

TAPS 277. Dramatic Writing: The Fundamentals. 4 Units.
Course introduces students to the basic elements of playwriting and creative experimentation for the stage. Topics include: character development, conflict and plot construction, staging and setting, and play structure. Script analysis of works by contemporary playwrights may include: Marsha Norman, Patrick Shanley, August Wilson, Suzan-Lori Parks, Paula Vogel, Octavio Solis and others. Table readings of one-act length work required by quarter’s end.
Same as: TAPS 177

TAPS 277W. Workshop with Young Jean Lee. 2-4 Units.
Instructor Young Jean Lee is a playwright and director who will have two plays premiering on Broadway in 2018-2019. In this workshop, students will help to collaboratively perform, direct, and rewrite the script of one of these plays, which is about the intersection of class and race. The class will involve acting for students who want to act, directing for students who want to direct, and writing for students who want to write. The current character breakdown is as follows: 2 black women, 1 Asian-American woman, 1 Colombian woman, 1 Mexican-American man, 2 black men, 2 white women, 2 white men.
Same as: CSRE 177I, TAPS 177W

TAPS 278. Intensive Playwriting. 4 Units.
Intermediate level study of fundamentals of playwriting through an intensive play development process. Course emphasizes visual scripting for the stage and play revision. Script analysis of works by contemporary playwrights may include: Suzan-Lori Parks, Tony Kushner, Adrienne Kennedy, Edward Albee, Maria Irene Fornes and others. Table readings of full length work required by quarter’s end.
Same as: CSRE 178B, TAPS 178B

TAPS 278C. Writing a Full-Length Play. 2-4 Units.
TAPS 178C: Writing a Full-Length Play (TAPS 278C) In 2018, instructor Young Jean Lee became the first Asian-American female to have had her play produced in Broadway. This workshop will guide students through the process of writing a full-length play, and will focus on helping students to find their own voices. Students will be required to write every week and gives feedback on each others’ work, completing a full-length first draft by the end of the term. This class will be geared towards generating new material, rather than on editing in response to critiques (which will be covered in my spring class, Editing a Full-Length Play). Students must email the instructor at y jl@stanford.edu for permission to enroll in the class.
Same as: TAPS 178C

TAPS 278D. Editing a Full-Length Play. 1-4 Unit.
To participate in this workshop, students must bring in a draft of a full length straight play for revision, which was written in part one of this course, WRITING A FULL-LENGTH PLAY. In conjunction with a variety of other editing techniques, students will focus on editing in collaboration with others. They will learn how to edit in response to hearing their plays read aloud; how to give and solicit the most useful kinds of feedback; how to cope with harsh criticism; what to do when people are offended by what they have written; how to know which notes to pay attention to and which notes to ignore; and how to let go of ideas and text that are not working. Other topics to be discussed: getting your work produced vs. self-producing; directing your own work vs. working with a director, and starting your own theater company. Enrollment for this course is closed.
Same as: TAPS 178D

TAPS 278E. Advanced Playwriting/Screenwriting Workshop. 2-4 Units.
In 2018, instructor Young Jean Lee became the first Asian-American female to have had her play produced in Broadway. She has written a screenplay commission for Plan B Entertainment with Paramount Pictures, is currently working on a screenplay commission for Cinereach, and has shown her short films at Sundance, Locarno, and BACinemaFest. This class is for students who have completed a draft of a full-length play or screenplay that they wish to develop. The course will involve reading work aloud and giving feedback. Students should email the instructor at y jl@stanford.edu for permission to enroll in the class.
Same as: TAPS 178E

TAPS 279C. Chroniclers of Desire: Creative Non-Fiction Writing Workshop. 3-5 Units.
This course emphasizes the study and practice of personal memoir writing and literary journalism. The class will explore those writings that contain a public and private story, navigating an intimate and institutional world. Student writers will serve as public chroniclers whose subjective point of view and experience attempt to provide a truth greater than what the facts can offer.
Same as: CSRE 179C, CSRE 279C, FEMGEN 179C

TAPS 28. Makeup for the Stage. 2 Units.
Techniques of make-up application and design for the actor and artist utilizing make-up for development of character by the actor. Limited enrollment.

TAPS 284. Empathy Lab. 5 Units.
This lab-based class examines the ways in which various disciplines and art forms conceive of, and tell stories about, the experiences and stories of others. With permission of instructor.
Same as: ANTHRO 379

TAPS 289. Buechner and Wedekind. 3-5 Units.
Modern theatre owes an incalculable debt to two German playwrights: Georg Buechner (1813-1837) and Frank Wedekind (1864-1918). We will read their still-shocking portraits of sex, madness, and social brutality in plays such as Woyzeck and Spring’s Awakening, and explore the international journeys these works have made from stage to film and from opera to musical theatre.

TAPS 29. Theater Performance: Acting. 1-3 Unit.
Students cast in department productions receive credit for their participation as actors; 1-2 units for graduate directing workshop projects and 1-3 units for major productions (units determined by instructor). May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

TAPS 290. Special Research. 1-4 Unit.
Individual project on the work of a playwright, period, or genre.

TAPS 292. Nitery Board Practicum. 1 Unit.
Credit given for student board members of the Experimental Nitery Studio. Undergraduate students should enroll in TAPS 192. Ph.D. students should enroll in TAPS 292.
Same as: TAPS 192
TAPS 30. Introduction to Theatrical Design. 4 Units.
Introduction to Theatrical Design is aimed at students interested in exploring the fundamentals of design for the stage. Students are introduced to the practical and theoretical basics of design and are challenged to answer the question: What makes good design? Students should expect to try their hand at communicating their ideas visually through research, drawing, sketching and model making. Readings, field trips, guest lecturers and class discussion will complement these projects. This course is intended as a gateway to more specialized courses in set, costume and lighting design and is also an excellent primer for actors, directors and scholars who wish to know more about design. Collaboration will be emphasized. No prior experience in these areas is necessary.

TAPS 31. Introduction to Lighting and Production. 4 Units.
Good visual storytelling begins and ends with good lighting. All visual storytelling forms—from photos to films to stage productions—provide a canvas in which lighting paints the scene. Lighting sets a mood, a tone, and can shape character and stories. This course teaches critical thinking, how to conduct thorough research, practical skills, and a mindfulness for live artforms.

TAPS 311. Performance and Historiography. 4 Units.
This graduate seminar focuses on questions of historiography and the archive as they relate to studies of theater, dance, and performance. It blends rigorous discussion and theoretical exploration with practical experience in libraries, museums, and other local archival repositories. Throughout the course, we will explore representation, memory, repertoire, and narrative through examples in theatre and performance history. We will examine how events have been historicized, how absence has been represented, and how individuals are remembered and refigured. Important principles and practices of documentation will also be addressed throughout our discussions and activities. Our discussions and field trips will examine the status of data and various forms of evidence in constructing critical performance history (including prompt scripts, set designs, costumes, publicity material and other ephemera, actorly life-writing, video and digital documents, artifacts, visual material, and embodied traces). TAPS 311 also functions as a gateway course for TAPS PhD students in your first quarter of study at Stanford, familiarizing you with resources at the university and in the broader Bay Area.

TAPS 313. Performance and Performativity. 5 Units.
Same as: ENGLISH 313, FEMGEN 313

TAPS 314. Performing Identities. 4 Units.
This course examines claims and counter-claims of identity, a heated political and cultural concept over the past few decades. We will consider the ways in which theories of performance have offered generative discursive frameworks for the study of identities, variously shaped by vectors of race, gender, sexuality, religion, class, nation, ethnicity, among others. How is identity as a social category different from identity as a unique and personal attribute of selfhood? Throughout the course we will focus on the inter-locking ways in which certain dimensions of identity become salient at particular historical conjunctures. In addition, we will consider the complex discourses of identity within transnational and historical frameworks. Readings include Robin Bernstein, Ann Pellegrini, Tavia Nyong’o, Jose Munoz, Michael Taussig, Wendy Brown, Talal Asad, Jasbir Puar, among others.
Same as: FEMGEN 314

TAPS 315. Dramaturgy. 4 Units.
This class examines the role of narrativity in live performance. Class topics range from the classics, to contemporary theater, dance, new media, performance art curatorship, and beyond, to grand social narratives. Integration of scholarship and practice is one of basic principles of dramaturgy, and this class follows in that spirit. Exploration of dramaturgical techniques is aimed to help students prepare to work on production dramaturgy. To that end, they will have an option to complete their final course assignment by serving as production dramaturgs on one of TAPS shows.
Same as: TAPS 151

TAPS 319. Modern Theatre. 1-5 Unit.
Modern theatre in Europe and the US, with a focus on the most influential works from roughly 1880 to the present. What were the conventions of theatrical practice that modern theatre displaced? What were the principal innovations of modern playwriting, acting, stage design, and theatrical architecture? How did modern theatrical artists wrestle with the revolutionary transformations of the modern age? Plays by Büchner, Ibsen, Strindberg, Shaw, Chekhov, Wilde, Wedekind, Treadwell, Pirandello, Brecht, Q’Neill, Beckett, Smith, Parks, and Nottage.
Same as: GERMAN 319, TAPS 119

This course-series brings together leading scholars with critically-acclaimed artists, local teachers, youth, and community organizations to consider the complex relationships between culture, knowledge, pedagogy and social justice. Participants will examine the cultural meaning of knowledge as “the 5th element” of Hip Hop Culture (in addition to MCing, DJing, graffiti, and dance) and how educators and cultural workers have leveraged this knowledge for social justice. Overall, participants will gain a strong theoretical knowledge of culturally relevant and culturally sustaining pedagogies and learn to apply this knowledge by engaging with guest artists, teachers, youth, and community youth arts organizations.
Same as: AFRICAAM 32, AMSTUD 32, CSRE 32A, EDUC 32, EDUC 432

TAPS 321. Proseminar. 3 Units.
Prepares PhD students for the academic profession by honing skills in presenting and publishing research, navigating the job market, and managing a career.

TAPS 32F. Godiva to Gaga: A Survey of Western Fashion and Societal Implications. 4 Units.
The evolution of fashion and costume with an emphasis on the relationship between social, cultural, and political events and clothing style. Attention to major designers and creators and their shaping of resultant fashion and artistry in clothing.

TAPS 33. Introduction to Technical Theater and Production. 2-3 Units.
A fun, collaborative, hands-on course subjecting students to the basics of scenery, props, painting, rigging, sound, lighting, costumes, and other production elements used in theater. This class is good for all types of theater students interested in producing theater at Stanford and beyond.

TAPS 335. Introduction to Graduate Production. 1 Unit.
This course introduces first-year TAPS PhD student to the TAPS production process and resources. Meetings will be scheduled ad hoc.

TAPS 336. Comprehensive 1st Year Exam. 2 Units.
Required course for first-year Ph.D. students in Theater & Performance Studies. Credits for work toward the Comprehensive 1st-year Exam taken in late February or Early March.

TAPS 34. Stage Management Techniques. 3 Units.
The production process, duties, and responsibilities of a stage manager. Skills needed to stage manage a production.
TAPS 341E. English Drama Before Shakespeare. 5 Units.
English dramatic and theatrical culture from the mystery cycles of the
late medieval period to the establishment of professional playhouses
in late sixteenth-century London. Different dramatic genres (interludes,
morality plays, fables, tragedies, comedies, histories, pastoral plays),
performance venues (streets, households, inns, schools, universities,
court, playhouses), and dramatic traditions (classical, native, continental
European) will be represented. Authors (of those who have names) range
from Medwall, Skelton, Heywood, Preston, and Edwards to Lyly, Kyd,
Greene, Peele, and Marlowe.

TAPS 344A. Gender and Performance. 5 Units.
This seminar seeks to investigate relationships between performance,
gender, and the body politic through a discussion of embodiment,
body cultures, queerness, desire, representation. Through a weekly
engagement with film texts from across the world as well as theoretical
perspectives on gender and performance in various geo-political
contexts, we will explore the intersections of gender with race, class,
national discourse, and performance traditions. The seminar is conceived
to be interdisciplinary and participants are encouraged to introduce and
work with texts from other disciplines, including visual arts, theatre,
dance, literature etc. No prior engagement with film studies is required.
Screening times may range from 90 to 180 minutes.
Same as: FEMGEN 434

TAPS 350V. The Idea of Virtual Reality. 4 Units.
What is virtual reality and where is it heading? Was there VR before
digital technology? What is the value of the real in a virtual culture? How
where, and when do we draw the line between the virtual and the real,
the live and the mediated today? Concentrating on three aspects of VR
simulation, immersion, and interactivity this course will examine recent
experiments alongside a long history of virtual performance, from Plato’s
Cave to contemporary CAVEs, from baroque theatre design to Oculus Rift.
Same as: TAPS 150V

TAPS 351. Global Great Books: Dramatic Dialogues. 3-5 Units.
The most influential and enduring texts in the dramatic canon from
Sophocles to Shakespeare, Chekhov to Soyinka. Their historical and
géopolitical contexts. Questions about the power dynamics involved in
the formation of canons. This course counts as a Writing in the Major
course for TAPS in 2016-17.
Same as: TAPS 151T

TAPS 353W. Warhol’s World. 5 Units.
Andy Warhol’s art has never before been more widely exhibited, published,
or licensed for commercial use, product design, and publication than it
is today. For all Warhol’s promiscuous visibility and global cachet at the
current moment, there is much we have yet to learn about his work and
the conditions of its making. This course considers the wide world of
Warhol’s art and life, including his commercial work of the 1950s, Pop art
and films of the 1960s, and celebrity portraiture of the 1970s and 80s. Of
particular interest throughout will be Warhol’s photography as it reflects
his interest in wealth and celebrity on the one hand and on the everyday
life of everyday people on the other. The course will consider Warhol’s
legacy and wide-ranging influence on American culture in the decades since his death in 1987.
Same as: ARTHIST 156A, ARTHIST 356A, TAPS 156A

TAPS 356T. Intro to Psychoanalysis as a Critical Method. 3-5 Units.
Secondary readings in film theory (Mulvey to Silverman), art history
(Bryson, Bersani) and poststructuralism (Derrida, Foucault, Butler).
Same as: ENGLISH 356T

TAPS 357. World Drama and Performance. 4 Units.
This course takes us on a geographically expansive conversation by looking
at modern and contemporary drama from nations including Ghana,
Egypt, India, Argentina, among others. Considering influential texts from
the Global South will also enable us to explore a range of themes and
methodologies that are radically re-shaping the field of Performance
Studies. We will examine the relationship between colonialism and
globalization, empire and capital, cosmopolitanism and neoliberalism.
Re-situating our perspective from the Global South and the non-
western world, we will ¿provincialize Europe¿ and probe the limits of its
universalizing discourses.
Same as: TAPS 157

TAPS 359. The Other Body/The Body Other. 4 Units.
Writing creatively through critical thinking. Writing critically through
creative imagination. Advanced Creative/Critical Writing course, designed
for those “other” creative writers and thinkers who want to use language
in original, innovative and embodied introspective ways to respond to
(and from) non-dominant cultures, themes and identities. All genres.
Readings, performances, films assigned to provoke an(other) response.
Permission of Instructor.

TAPS 360. Greek Tragedy. 3-5 Units.
The seminar explores the intellectual, political, and cultural background
of 5th-century Athenian tragedy, with special focus on the theatrical
dynamics of the major plays of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides.
Although the seminar emphasizes a close reading of the tragedies
themselves, secondary sources include selections from Homer,
Thucydides, Aristophanes, Aristotle, Hegel, and Nietzsche, as well as
modern and contemporary classical scholars (Jebb, Dodds, Segal,
Talpin, Goldhill, Nourse, Easterling, Foley, Seidensticker, Griffiths,
Rehm, Wiles, Hall, Budelmann, and others). The seminar assigns
the plays in English translation, but students with ancient Greek are
encouraged to enroll, and accommodations can be made to attend to
their interests. Plays include Persians, Prometheus Bound, the Oresteia
trilogy (Aeschylus); Antigone, Oedipus, Oedipus at Colonus, Electra,
and Philoctetes (Sophocles); and Medea, Heracles, Electra, Ion, Helen, and
Bacchae (Euripides).

TAPS 364H. Performance and Gender. 3-5 Units.
The intersectionality of race, sex, gender, and class in the formation of
gendered performance. Readings from the work of Judith Butler, Eve
Sedgwick, David Savran, Judith Halberstam, and David Eng. Case studies
include: M. Butterfly, The Crying Game, Paris is Burning, Angels in America,
and American Idol.
Same as: FEMST 164, FEMST 364, TAPS 164H
TAPS 364T. Queer Art and Performance. 4-5 Units.
Examines the late 19th, 20th and 21st century forms of performance--including examples from drama, theater, cabaret, and performance art--through the perspectives of contemporary critical gender and queer theories. Texts and movements range from early avant-garde (Dada, Futurism) to gay and lesbian drama (Lillian Hellmann, Joe Orton, Tony Kushner) to post-liberation queer performance and video (Split Britches, Carmelita Tropicana, Kalup Linzy). Theorists include Judith Butler, Michel Foucault, and Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick.
Same as: TAPS 146T

TAPS 370. Directing and Dramaturgy: Composition and Adaptation for Theatre. 4-5 Units.
This course explores dramaturgy and directing in the research and production of theatre primarily through practical creative projects with secondary readings on dramaturgy as a discipline. In this course we will consider the role of the dramaturg in its broadest sense, running across theatrical production from research to playwriting, adaptation, choreography, devising and directing. Students will work individually and in small groups researching, adapting, crafting and workshopping material.
Same as: TAPS 170

TAPS 370A. The Director's Craft. 4 Units.
This workshop class guides students through the directing process from investigating the big ideas of a play and analysing the action to organizing and running rehearsals to building up the world of the play through character work and visual composition. Over the quarter we will look at the use of creative visualization and improvisation alongside working with actors on ideas, emotions, relationships, textual analysis and blocking. This course also attends to the process of communicating with designers and production teams as well as structuring rehearsals, run-throughs and technical and dress rehearsals. Each student will select a theatrical text to work from across the quarter. In many cases the student's text will be a play that they are planning to direct in future, such as productions for student groups like Ram's Head or Stanford Shakespeare Company, TAPS capstone projects, TAPS 2nd year grad shows and/or TAPS Second Stage productions. No previous directing experience in necessary.
Same as: TAPS 170A

TAPS 371. Performance Making. 4 Units.
A studio course focused on creative processes and generating original material. Students will be encouraged to think critically about the relationship between form and content exploring the possibilities of site specific, gallery and theatre settings. Students will reflect throughout on the types of contact and communication uniquely possible in the live moment, such as interaction or the engagement of the senses. The emphasis is on weekly experimentation in the creation of short works rather than on a final production.
Same as: TAPS 171

TAPS 371P. Theater and Performance Making. 4 Units.
A creative workshop offering a range of generative exercises and techniques in order to devise, compose and perform original works. Students will explore a variety of texts (plays, poems, short stories, paintings) and work with the body, object and site. Students will be encouraged to think critically about various compositional themes and ideas including: the relationship between form and content, aesthetics, space, proximity, and audience. Students will work independently and collaboratively creating original performances.
Same as: TAPS 101P

TAPS 372. Directing Workshop: The Actor-Director Dialogue. 4 Units.
This course focuses on the actor-director dialogue. We will work with actors and directors developing approaches to collaboration that make the actor-director dialogue in theater.
Same as: TAPS 170B

TAPS 373. Theater Production Lab: Dramaturgy and Development. 4 Units.
173/373: In this course students will explore general dramaturgical history and methodology as well as engaging in applied dramaturgy from evaluating works for a productions seasons, to developing dramaturgical materials for specific productions. Students will agree the focus of their course-work with the instructor depending on their specific interests. The TAPS 2nd year grad students enrolled in this course will act as a dramaturgical team, supporting the TAPS winter production of The Tempest in Pigott Theater March 2-11 2017, directed by Amy Freed. Students will support the actors and the creative team through providing research materials and presentations and helping actors with guided research, write program essays for general audiences, attend rehearsals and provide constructive notes, and curate and/or present on a Preface panel prior to opening night.
Same as: TAPS 173D

TAPS 376. Projects in Performance. 4 Units.
Creative projects to be determined in consultation with Drama graduate faculty and production advisor.

TAPS 379. Chicano & Chicana Theater: Politics In Performance. 4 Units.
This is a practicum course, where the basic tenets and evolving political and philosophies of Chicano and Latin American liberationist theater are examined through direct engagement with its theatrical forms, including, social protest & agit-prop, myth & ritual, scripting through improvisation, in-depth character and solo work, collective conceptualization and more. The course will culminate in an end-of-the quarter play performance in the Nitery Theater (Old Union) and at a Mission District theater in San Francisco.
Same as: CHILATST 179

TAPS 379A. Empathy Lab II: The Potential of Anthropology for the 21st Century. 1-5 Unit.
This interdisciplinary arts/anthropology lab class will study and practice methods from performing arts to expand our understandings of cultural contact and develop methods of thinking more expansively about the creative elements and possibilities for ethnographic fieldwork and critical cultural studies. Prerequisite, by instructor consent.
Same as: ANTHRO 379A

TAPS 39. Theater Crew. 1-3 Unit.
For students working backstage, on run crew, or in the theater shops on TAPS department productions. Night and weekend time required. Pre-approval from Jane Casamajor (janecasa@stanford.edu) is required for enrollment.

TAPS 390. Directed Reading. 1-6 Unit.
Students may take directed reading only with the permission of their dissertation advisor. Might be repeatable for credit twice for 6 units total.

TAPS 39D. Small Project Stage Management. 2-4 Units.
For students Stage Managing a TAPS Senior Project or Assistant Stage Managing a TAPS department production. Pre-approval by Laxmi Kumaran (laxmik@stanford.edu) required for enrollment.

TAPS 40N. Family Drama: American Plays about Families. 3 Units.
Focus on great dramas about family life (Albee, Kushner, Shephard, Vogel, Kron, Nottage, Parks). Communication in writing and speaking about conflict central to learning in this class.
Same as: AMSTUD 41N, ENGLISH 41N
TAPS 41N. Inventing Modern Theatre: Georg Büchner and Frank Wedekind. 3 Units.
The German writers Georg Büchner (1813-1837) and Frank Wedekind (1864-1918). Many of the most important theater and film directors of the last century, including Max Reinhardt, G. W. Pabst, Orson Welles, Robert Wilson, and Werner Herzog, have wrestled with their works, as have composers and writers from Alban Berg and Bertolt Brecht through Christa Wolf and Thalia Field. Rock artists as diverse as Tom Waits, Lou Reed, Duncan Sheik, and Metallica have recently rediscovered their urgency. Reading these works in translation and examining artistic creations they inspired. Classroom discussions and written responses; students also rehearse and present in-class performances of excerpts from the plays. The aim of these performances is not to produce polished stagings but to creatively engage with the texts and their interpretive traditions. No previous theatrical experience required.

TAPS 42. Costume Construction. 2 Units.
Course will cover the basics of costume and garment construction. Includes hand and machine skills as well as basic patterning ideas that may be applied to more advanced projects. Lecture/Lab.

A combination of practical skill-building and discussions with practicing arts professionals, this course will provide students with the foundational skills necessary to produce programs on campus and/or work in the arts. The talks and workshops will cover topics including curatorial practice and programming (for both visual and performing arts); grant writing and other fundraising methodology; budgeting and financial management; contracts and other legal considerations; and public relations and marketing. Every session is open for drop-in attendance, or students may take the entire series for credit. May be repeat for credit.
Same as: ARTSINST 50, MUSIC 50

TAPS 60. Singing: How it’s done, how to learn to do it, and how to work with people who do it. 1 Unit.
A weekly lecture course for singers, pianists, directors, conductors, and anyone who is interested in the art and craft of the voice. Students will learn about the vocal instrument, how to use it efficiently and keep it healthy in all styles from rock to classical, and how to lead and participate in vocal productions and ensembles. Ability to sing and/or read music is not required; this is not a voice class. Required readings. Taught by Music Department Faculty; coordinated by Wendy Hillhouse. Same as: MUSIC 60

TAPS 802. TGR Dissertation. 0 Units.
(Staff).