SYLLABUS: THEATRE 110 -  
*Theatre & Society* (3 credits)  
Fall 2010  
Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-10:50  
Credits: 3  
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**NOTE:** Students with documented disabilities that may require special accommodations to participate fully in the course are encouraged to speak with the instructor within the first two weeks of the course so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The intent of this course is to examine the nature and practice of theatre through the ages with an emphasis on theatre as a reflection of the society in which it serves. Through text, film, invited guests, lectures and discussions, this course will provide an introduction to the art of theatre and the continuing role it plays in our society.

**REQUIRED TEXT**  
**WAY OF SEEING W/CLICKER REBATE COUPON Author:** BARRANGER  
**ISBN:** 9781111193980  
You are REQUIRED to have a “clicker” You will need access to a computer with REAL PLAYER media player. You can download and install this on your computer by going to:  
(make sure you pick the FREE player option)  
http://www.real.com/realplayer

**HOW THIS CLASS WILL WORK:** Each day in class we will start with attendance. This will be done using your “clicker” If you have not “signed in” by 9:35 you will be counted as absent. During each class there will be a number of questions that you will answer with your “clicker” Every question answered will earn you points for your grade. Some questions have no “correct” answer. They will be used to “poll” the class about their opinion on an issues being discussed. REMEMBER each question has value, so make sure you answer EVERY question.  
On many days we will start with some questions based on readings or video’s assigned. Some days I will lecture and will have questions based on that lecture. We will also have guests in to talk about various aspects of theatre or social issues and topics inherent in the plays. Expect questions
ATTENDANCE: I believe it was Woody Allen who said: "70% of being successful is just showing up."
Obviously most of the points earned in this class will be IN CLASS activities. You earn points for attendance as well as clicking in your answers.

If you miss a class there will be no opportunity earn the points from that day.

GRADES:

There will be approximately 4000 points from in class and Web CT assignments.
There will be a comprehensive midterm and final.
See the class schedule for more details.
Here is the grade scale: A 90-100%

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You may also earn points by attending live theatre events. (ISU Theatre, ACTOR's, StageWest, Season at Stephens) Please check with me in advance to see if your event qualifies.