# Critical Writing Workshop

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The workshop aims to provide students with the basic concepts - historical, theoretical and methodological - of theatre criticism. By the end of the course, students will be able to independently analyse a performance or a theatrical phenomenon and write a critical text based on this.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Since activities on the course are primarily practical in nature, participants will be invited to write reviews of a number of theatrical performances running in Milan, acquiring the necessary tools for a proper understanding of the expressive languages and problems of the contemporary stage. Guidelines will also be provided for other forms of critical text: presentation, interview, report and monograph.

***READING LIST***

During lectures, students will be provided with materials and a reading list to study the subjects covered in the workshop.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures, supervised practical assignments, attendance with guidance from the lecturer of current productions in Milan, and potential meetings with actors, directors, playwrights and theatre organizers.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Ongoing and final assessment of the students' texts. Students will be assessed on: their ability to understand a performance; the logical and coherent structure of their discourse; their use of language; the relevance of the conceptual links identified; the accuracy of the documentation used; the communicative effectiveness of the text.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Students are expected to have textbook-level knowledge of the history of theatre.

Should the Covid-19 health emergency prevent in-person teaching and/or assessment, ongoing or final, remote alternatives will be put in place via the university Blackboard platform, Microsoft Teams and any other means, details of which will be provided at the beginning of the course, so as to ensure the learning objectives set out in the study plans are met in full whilst safeguarding our students’ health.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.