

“I enjoyed learning ways to fight social anxiety and present myself with acting skills.”

“I particularly liked this class because I became very close to my classmates. I felt safe and comfortable in the class and would gladly recommend it to a friend.”

“I really appreciated all the stuff we did at the beginning that helped with acting later on that was broken down. John is so enthusiastic and well-practiced in theatre.”

“John was an amazing teacher who was super great to us and gave us all interesting and personally tailored assignments.”

“The free-flowing, casual nature of the class allows the students to really explore their own versions of acting, and what works for them to succeed in the class.”

“The instructor was amazing, you can tell he is extremely passionate about acting and making sure that we were comfortable and learning. I appreciated how much he cares about us and made this class about us and not about himself. We did a check in every day to just assess where every one was emotionally and physically and if he noticed that every said something negative then we would do a stress relief activity before beginning class. I learned so

much and this class felt like a family. Also it made me extremely interested in acting.”

“The push for us to be creative and express ourselves. John was an incredible instructor.”

The techniques and strategies to use while acting and building characters. The highlight for me was definitely the physicality work, I loved experimenting with that. I also really, really enjoyed the personality and teaching from the teacher, John Galas. He did a phenomenal job making the class and material interesting and fun to learn.

Creative liberty with assignments was fantastic with this course.

Recorded plays or live-streams for class helped tremendously with visuals.

Group/Partner projects were manageable and not overwhelming.

I like that I can have fun with this class. Acting is a fun subject and it helps me even in everyday life to understand how people interpret my body language and it makes me more aware of my tone.

I love how enthusiastic the teacher was to be teaching this subject. It made me always excited to show up to class and sad on the days I was not able to. I loved being able to work with partners throughout the class and getting to know almost everyone in the class.

I particularly enjoyed being able to experiment with a green screen, being able to observe other and myself in terms of physicality. I also enjoyed being able to work with others (albeit over zoom) to create and flesh out a scene.

I took this class because I was interested in the subject, and it ended up being very interesting and helpful for me. It was also fun and even though it was not directly related to my major, I think that it will help me in the long run because it applied to certain things that I could use.

It was a lot more intimate and personal than my other classes. I got to know my professor and classmates better than what I'm normally used to, and I think that is a very important thing to have for a class of this nature. It allowed me to open up more with my acting/emotions and be a bit more vulnerable and comfortable.

John has a great passion for theater and it really helped me to buy into this online version of theater. It was super helpful that he has a lot of experience in theater and is able to explain material in a clear way.

John was a great teacher. He adapted to the needs of the class for COVID guidelines and he went out of his way to make sure to find ways to creatively give us feedback on our work by letting us send him recorded practices. I personally don't love theatre and I only took this class for a Fine Arts credit to graduate but I think that it pushed me outside my comfort zone in a beneficial way. Also, I think that John adapted well to zoom by teaching us things like camera angles that were relevant to us now but maybe wouldn't have been if we were in person.

At the beginning of the semester John asked us to submit a survey giving any information we were willing about anything in our lives that might be impacting us that we wanted to share. I thought that this was really helpful because I was personally going through a very difficult situation and knowing that at least someone knew made me feel a little less scared and alone in it.

John was fantastic in making sure the students knew the content well enough to perform the assignments given. Very caring for his students and always striving to make sure they succeed.

Professor Galas was very enthusiastic about the material that he taught this semester, which made it very engaging and exciting to learn. He also greatly cared about his students' mental health and well being. To that end, one of my favorite things about this course was that Professor Galas did routine mental health check-ups with his students, and he made sure that students felt comfortable with attention to safe and reasonable boundaries in the exercises that were given. In general, he was very positive, kind, attentive, understanding, and passionate. He also chose very challenging and high-quality pieces and topics to study in class, which made the course very interesting.

The teacher was able to create an extremely engaging classroom environment which fostered relationships between my peers and me that we wouldn't normally have had over zoom. He also did a great job of adapting the course which is usually based on human interaction into a virtual setting. I thoroughly enjoyed each of the assignments we were given and they were all able to push the boundaries of what I thought I was capable of.