



## CONTEMPORARY THEATRE IN ENGLISH

SHAKESPEARE'S TRAGEDIES

SHAKESPEARE AND FILM

### COURSE CONTRACT

#### Student Responsibilities

- You are expected to be on time. Classes will begin 10 minutes after the stipulated starting time. Please make use of the bathroom before or after the class, not during the class unless absolutely necessary. If you are late, please sit at the back of the class and try not to cause disruption. Similarly, if you need to leave early, please sit at the end of a row so that you can leave the room quietly.
- Although the University of Barcelona is an attendance-based institution, class attendance is not compulsory. Therefore, it is taken for granted that if you decide to be in class it is because you have a clear interest in the subject. That is why you will be expected to show an active disposition to participate in the sessions, contributing to discussions on a regular basis. If you happen to be a shy person who finds it uncomfortable to speak in front of an audience, please make use of the teacher's office hours. In any case, your participation will be taken into account.
- Please refrain from using your mobile telephone in class. You will be expected to turn it off during the sessions. Apart from interfering with the flow of the class, it is extremely irritating and shows a lack of respect to both your teacher and your fellow students.
- It is extremely important that you arrive well prepared for each class, having read the set plays and/or the critical materials and bringing a copy of them to class. In this sense, you are encouraged to read proactively – that is to say, to note down any comments and questions that come to your mind as you read the plays or critical materials.
- “Reading a play is a difficult thing, requiring sensitivity, imagination, intelligence and sympathy” (D. Rebellato). In this respect, please give yourself sufficient time to read the texts instead of quickly skimming through them just before the class, in which case you will not be able to come up with an informed opinion.

- Whenever asked to work in groups, you will be required to contribute substantially to the discussions. Practical work in class is a valuable tool only when those involved are committed to it. Please refrain from discussing private matters not related to the contents of the course.

- You are expected to turn in the different assignments at the dates and times set by the teacher and always follow the instructions given. In this respect, no assignments will be accepted if they are submitted at a later time or if they do not follow the guidelines.

- It is highly advisable that you pick up the different writing assignments once they have been marked by your teacher and read any feedback carefully.

- The course language is English. Therefore, you will be expected to use it at all times.

### **Teacher's Responsibilities**

- I will be on time, prepared, and will strive to clearly express the points of discussion and the purposes of each practical exercise.

- I will make my best to contribute to the creation of a comfortable, intellectually stimulating atmosphere in class by fostering participation from all students in the group, so that all opinions are heard.

- I will be available for general consultation and advice in my weekly office hours. You are encouraged to make use of them whenever necessary.

- I will mark the response paragraphs, the written assignment and the written exam within the period stipulated by the Faculty (fifteen working days).