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Georgia Southern University
GSU to Host: Georgia Theater Conference

Georgia Southern University has the privilege of hosting the Georgia Theater Conference: Southern Fried Theater October 13th-15th. Over 800 students from high schools attending and approximately 400 college students. This is a great opportunity for the university, the Comm Arts Department particularly, to showcase our facilities and talent. Lisa L. Abbott, Vice-President for Programming and GSU Professor of Theater, said “Bringing the GTC to your campus is a great chance for us to show off the incredible facilities we have here.”

The Performing Arts Canter, The Black Box, the Carter Recital Hall in Foy will be used for the event. Many people are volunteering to make this a success. Dr. Lisa Muller’s PR Events Class is helping in a big way with everything from logistics to publications.

The week’s events will have playwriting competitions for college and high school students and a variety of workshops taking place throughout the conference. Screening auditions will be held for 200 college students with 90 passed on for professional auditions.

If you would like to be a part of this event through volunteering or to register yourself for the auditions and workshops, visit the conference website at georgiatheaterconference.com or visit them on Facebook at Georgia Theater Conference.

Abbott said, “We are excited about this year’s theme and celebrating the rich history of Southern Theater Artists like Ossie Davis.” Davis’ son, Guy, will be at the conference and performing.

Changes in Grammar Exam, Begin

This semester there have been changes to the Grammar exam and these changes directly affect you. The grammar exam not has been integrated into Area F writing courses such as Introduction and Journalism. As such, students can move into their majors if they have the required hours earned and GPA.

Look to see if these changes apply to you.

Please contact Cameron Rocker, Academic Advisor, for additional questions or go to the CLASS, Advisement Center online to schedule. Look to right to see if changes apply to you.

BA Comm Arts: 2.35 & 20 hrs
BS Comm Studies: 2.35 & 30 hrs
BS MMC (prod): 2.5 & 30 hrs
BS MMC (info): 2.5 & 30 hrs
BS MMC (Film): 2.5 & 30 hrs
BS in PR: 2.35 & 30 hrs
BA in Theater: 2.35 & 30 hrs
BS in Journalism: 2.35 & 30 hrs
Reminder to be Peer Advised

Advisement is right around the corner and there are a few things to remember when making an appointment.
The number one thing is to be Peer Advised. This is something very helpful.
Going to a peer advising session can help you make a road map for your classes. You are given a chance to talk to current students who are knowledgeable about scheduling and class requirements.
They can help you pick classes and times that will work best for you so that you are prepared and a step ahead when you go for your appointment with your academic advisor.
They can also help determine questions for academic advisor to make your meeting with him or her even more helpful.
So, remember to visit the Peer Advising Office in room 3024 before advisement week which is October 24th-28th.

Reformatted GSU Coach’s Show Airs Regionally

The Georgia Southern University Communication Arts Department, in collaboration with GSU Athletics and GSU Academic Technology Support, now produces Inside Georgia Southern Football with Jeff Monken. Academically administered and produced by Multimedia Faculty Tyson Davis and Dr. Susan DeBonis, the show is also produced by graphics expert Art Berger with the GSU Center for Academic Technology Support, and Matthew Taylor, the Director of Marketing for GSU Athletics and Executive Director of Inside Georgia Southern Football with Jeff Monken. In the surrounding area(s), the show airs at 10 p.m. every Sunday on The CW out of Savannah, seven days a week on GSU’s Channel 97, and regionally the show airs throughout the entire Southern Conference on SportSouth, Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

For our production crew, the show allows students to gain practical, applications-based knowledge and experience using competitive equipment.

This semester, the multimedia students participating as crew members are MMC Information students Skyler Henry and Patrick Griffin, and Production students Ian Reese and Jim O’Donnell.

“We’ve never really had an opportunity like this that I know of,” said Davis, “and there was simply no way to pass up the chance for our students to have this kind of exposure to the profession. But besides that, we’re the #1 FCS team in the nation. It’s only right that our products come from our own house this season.”
Davis said, “As a faculty member and alumni, Inside Georgia Southern Football is one of the best opportunities I’ve ever seen made available to our multimedia students, and the opportunities are endless”. They (the students) co-produce a post-production regional broadcast showcasing the #1 FCS team in the nation. We are very thankful for the opportunities we’ve been given.” Davis said his upper-level multimedia students will continue to produce these shows even after football season ends. He says 16 more baseball and basketball shows are planned for this winter and spring.