

BAAS502: Character Development

Status	Approved
Module Name	Character Development
Module Code	BAAS502
Credit Value	30
Level	5
Pre-requisites	
Named Module Leader	Collins, Amanda

Module Aim

In this module, learners will acquire knowledge and critical understanding of the role that analysis and research play in the development of compelling screen characters.

Summary Module Description

In this module, you will further enhance your ability to develop characters for visual storytelling. This module builds on the foundational theories and techniques established in the previous semesters, particularly Acting 1. Students will lean further into script analysis, focusing on units (or beats) and learning how to employ personalisation & substitutions. The use of action verbs introduced in Acting 1 is reinforced to clarify intentions and objectives. Further exploration of the given circumstances within the scenes leads to more imaginative, complex, and detailed world-building. You will acquire knowledge and critical understanding of the role that analysis and research play in the development of compelling characters. You will also have the opportunity to examine the importance of cultural context and practices such as non-traditional and integrated casting, and how this impacts inclusion and diversity in the Screen industries.

Exercises may be taped for in-class critique and evaluation to inform your summative assessment, a critical evaluation of a character development.

Module-Specific Employability Skills

Industry & Business Knowledge: You will develop an ability to recognise and apply relevant terminologies, technologies and processes to your creative practice or evaluation of others' work.

Critical Thinking & Analysis: You will develop an ability to look below the surface of screen-based performance, make connections and reflect on different social and creative perspectives. Through this process, you will build a more profound understanding not only of screen acting but also of values and attitudes in contemporary global societies that influence what you see on the screen.

Expanded Worldview: You will appreciate a range of diverse creative practices and modes of expression. You will also develop social and political sensitivity, especially regarding representation.

Ethical and Legal Responsibilities: You will progress your understanding of how to work professionally within industry-standard ethical and legal frameworks.

Health and Safety: You will enhance your awareness of health and safety guidelines and apply them in professional settings.

Problem Solving and Innovation: You will grow your capability to logically and critically evaluate the currently available screen performance practices and progress your creativity towards innovation by applying conceptual models to practical challenges.

Imagination and Creativity: You will gain confidence to determine your potential contribution to the creative industries, finding the courage to use artistic solutions and produce unique and original work.

Collaboration and Team Working: You will develop a positive attitude when working with others in a respectful, organised and collaborative manner. Your ability to forge productive relationships with others and to understand the essential elements of how creativity is fostered in team environments.

Organisation: You will advance your project and time management skills.

Entrepreneurial skills: You will learn to identify and take advantage of professional and personal opportunities. You will develop your business awareness and understand what is required working within the performing arts.

Communication skills: You will practice an ability to articulate your ideas in writing, speech and performance in a coherent and clear manner that can be understood by non-specialist audiences.

Personal Development: You will define your priorities, manage your time effectively, develop an understanding of personal strengths and weaknesses and find ways of responding to constructive criticism and feedback.

In addition to its subject focus on Screen Acting, the course will prepare you for other types of creative industry careers. All the above skills are transferable, which means that they can be adapted and deployed in a variety of fields and careers.

Learning Outcomes

LO #	Learning Outcome Name	Learning Outcome Description	Assessment Criteria Category
BAACFSIFU01 BA(Hons) Acting for Screen with Integrated Foundation Year v1.0			
1	Technical	Demonstrate ideas, creative elements, processes and techniques appropriate to a project	None
2	Collaboration	Demonstrate constructive relationships and work effectively in the conception and delivery of a team project	None
3	Communication	Demonstrate professional communication and presentation skills	None
4	Professionalism	Demonstrate self-management skills and set priorities for personal and professional progression	None
5	Research	Demonstrate the use of research, resources and methodologies that inform a project	RESEARCH
6	Analysis	Demonstrate the ability to analyse specialist information and practices	ANALYSIS
7	Innovation	Demonstrate problem solving techniques, independent enquiry, practice and experimentation in the realisation of a project	None
8	Industry	Demonstrate industry vocabulary and knowledge to support your engagement with the commercial marketplace	None
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Assessment Methods

Assessment Method	Description of Assessment Method	%	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Compulsory or Compensatable
CE	Critical evaluation of character development	100	CLO: 5 , 6 , 5 , 6	Compulsory

The following codes for assessment methods apply

CE	Critical Evaluation
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Modes of delivery

Module Target Learner Hours: 300	
Activity	Hours
Lecture	30
Seminar	30
Tutorial	15
Guided independent study	225

Indicative list of resources

Constantin Stanislavski. (2013). **Building A Character**. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

Uta Hagen. (1991). **A Challenge For The Actor**. New York, NY: Scribner.

Marina Caldrón & Maggie Lloyd Williams. (2004). **Actions The Actors' Thesaurus**. London: Nick Hern Books.

Stanislavski, K. Benedetti, J (2009) **An Actor's Work on a Role**. London: Routledge

Bruehl, B. (1996) **The Technique of Inner Action**. Oxford: Heinemann.

Named Awards

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