Title of the Course: İED 296 (01) American Drama
Instructor: Asst. Prof. Dr. Şebnem Kaya
Year and Term: 2013-2014, Spring
Class Hours: Thursday, 09:00-11:50
Classroom: ZNG

Aim: The objective of this course is to introduce students to the crucial developments of American drama from its beginnings to the present with a special emphasis on the analysis of eight representative plays.

Course Outline:
- Week I: General introduction
- Week II: Eugene O’Neill, Long Day’s Journey into Night
- Week III: Thornton Wilder, The Skin of Our Teeth
- Week IV-V: Tennessee Williams, The Glass Menagerie
- Week VI: 27 March 2014, Midterm I
- Week VII-VIII: Arthur Miller, The Crucible
- Week IX: Edward Albee, The Zoo Story
- Week X: LeRoi Jones, Dutchman
- Week XI: Sam Shepard, The Curse of the Starving Class
- Week XII: 8 May 2014, Midterm II
- Week XIII: Harvey Fierstein, Torch Song Trilogy
- Week XIV: General evaluation

Textbook: There is no set textbook for this course. Students themselves are responsible for obtaining the texts stated in the course outline.

Method of Instruction: Lessons will consist of lectures, student presentations, and in-class discussions.

Requirements:
- Class attendance is necessary; therefore, more than eleven hours of absence will result in F1.
- Since contribution in class discussions is essential, students are expected to attend the classes having read the texts.
- Students are expected to make three- to five-minute presentations, either individually or in groups, on the plays which will be explored during the classes.
- Students are to make ample use of the library and read secondary sources on the course topics.

Assessment: There will be two midterm examinations, a presentation, and a final examination. The evaluation of students’ academic work will be based on:

- Presentation and class participation: 10%
- Midterm examinations: 40%
- Final examination: 50%

It should be especially noted that those who will not be able to take 50 points (out of 100) in the final examination will fail in the course. Moreover, students’ English will definitely be taken into consideration in the grading of examination papers, and up to 25% of the total mark will be taken off for grammatical and writing mistakes.