1. **Title of the module**

DRAM8800 (DR880) Ensemble Devising and Performance

1. **School or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

School of Arts

1. **The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 7

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

45 (22.5 ECTS)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

Spring

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

None

1. **The programmes of study to which the module contributes**

MA Physical Acting

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**
   1. Demonstrate essential skills in the autonomous and independent composition of a collaborative performance process, with particular emphasis on the generation of physical and vocal scores, as well as on its dramaturgical and directorial dimensions
   2. Demonstrate knowledge about various contexts (historical, ethical, and terminological) that characterise ensemble composition and performance
   3. Demonstrate essential skills in a rehearsal process that links training with collaborative composition and performance
   4. Demonstrate skills in the documentation of an artistic work as an integral part of the compositional and performance process
   5. Demonstrate current discourses of and around ensemble performance and the contextualisation of their own work within these contexts
   6. Demonstrate skills to reflect on their own performance practice, demonstrating how this relates to relevant contexts and theories [informed by the forefront of professional discipline]
2. **The intended generic learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**
   1. undertake autonomous and independent research and creative investigations as well as develop artistic ideas in original and critically reflective ways
   2. work autonomously on a performance project within set parameters, negotiating the various creative and administrative aspects of a performance process
   3. demonstrate sophisticated communication skills, both oral and written, negotiating, communicating, discussing and documenting ideas, visions, critique, and argument in a coherent, productive, and effective way
   4. exercise initiative, take personal responsibility and discipline to define, set up, support, manage and realise a project over a sustained period of time within specified resource allocations of time, space and/or budget
   5. identify Health & Safety issues and undertake risk assessment
3. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

This spring term module is aimed at developing advanced skills in the composition, rehearsal, and performance of an ensemble theatre piece. Students will work collaboratively to: identify a starting point, generate physical and vocal scores, and construct and act a performance score. The module will be complemented by the spring workshop and seminar sessions of DR891 Physical and Vocal Training for Actors which focus on collaborative training techniques.

Students will document the ongoing group work as an integral part of the compositional process; they will comment and reflect on their work as collaborative artists involved in an autonomous practice.

Students will demonstrate their learning towards the end of term by an Ensemble Performance Presentation. This will be accompanied by the DR891 Ensemble Technical Presentation which will take the form of a lecture-demonstration on the subject of the training processes that influenced their Ensemble Performance. In this way, students will be encouraged to link training process with artistic result.

1. **Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

**Books**

Barba, Eugenio, and Nicola Savarese, eds., *A Dictionary of Theatre Anthropology: The Secret Art of the Performer*, second edition, London: Routledge 2006

Britton, John, ed., *Encountering Ensemble*, London: Bloomsbury Methuen Drama, 2013

Govan, Emma, Nicholson, Helen and Normington, Katie, *Making a Performance: Devising Histories and Contemporary Practices*, London: Routledge 2007

Bogart, Annd and Landau, Tina, *The Viewpoints Book*, New York: Theatre Communications Group 2005

Graham, Scott, and Steven Hoggart, eds., *The Frantic Assembly Book of Devising Theatre*, London: Routledge 2009

Murray, Simon, and John Keefe, eds. *Physical Theatres: A Critical Introduction*, London: Routledge 2007

1. **Learning and teaching methods**

Supervised Rehearsals: 33

Private Study Hours: 267

Total Study Hours: 300

1. **Assessment methods**
   1. Main assessment methods

* **60%** Ensemble Performance Presentation (approx. 40 minutes)
* **40%** Performance Portfolio (to include a repository of the creative and dramaturgical process, and a **4,000** word post-event evaluative critique of the whole process)

13.2 Reassessment methods

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1. ***Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section12) and methods of assessment (section 13)***

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| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 |
| **Learning/ teaching method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private Study | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Supervised Rehearsals | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| **Assessment method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Performance Presentation | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Performance Portfolio | **x** | **x** |  | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  |  |

1. **Inclusive module design**

The Schoolrecognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

1. **Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered**

Canterbury

1. **Internationalisation**

The content of the module engages with a range of theatre practices, drawn from the UK performance field as well as international theatre practice, and students are encouraged to explore these in their own practice. Students on the module will also benefit from the international network of practitioners brought to Kent through the SoA European Theatre Research Network.

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**Revision record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

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